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Dear Library Supporter,

None of us knew what 2020 had in store for us when we flipped our calendars to the New Year. Even on March 1, it seemed like normal life would continue. Three weeks later, Governor Brown issued the "Stay Home, Save Lives" order and we all entered an extended period of isolation and introspection. Our libraries closed, and we pivoted quickly so we could continue to serve as a community resource and information hub in a virtual world.

Our staff proved that they are creative and resilient, quickly adapting some of our regular programs and services to an online environment. Throughout the spring and summer we have posted virtual storytimes, hosted virtual book clubs, and shared a variety of online programs with diverse audiences. While it's not the same as seeing people in person, it did help keep us connected until we could open our doors again.

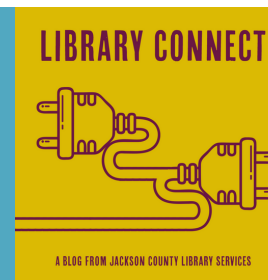
After almost three months closed, branches have reopened with limited services. Our libraries don't look quite the same. You'll see tape on the floor helping guide you to stay a safe distance apart from each other. Plastic shields have been set up at service points. Holds are out on an open shelf for you to pick up, and self-service stations are set up for check outs. While we want to see your smiling faces, please wear a mask in compliance with the statewide mandate effective July 1st. Health and safety are our top priorities.

These changes are difficult, and we have struggled with a new reality that severely limits the services we can provide in person, a hallmark of a community library. So again, we are being asked the question: with everything online, do we really need libraries? Yes. Now more than ever. Critically, we provide computer access to people who do not have access to online resources any other place in our communities.

It's still too early to tell what the long-term impacts of the coronavirus pandemic on library services will be, and it's clear there are tough times ahead. But Jackson County Libraries are resilient. Since we formed the Library District in 2014, we have a secure funding source. While any economic downturn will impact our revenues, we will not close.

This is where you, our donors and supporters, come in. Your donations enhance the quantity and quality of programs we can offer. You help us reach out to underserved communities, lowering barriers to connection. You help us continue to innovate, adapt, and respond to the needs of Jackson County. We will come out on the other side of this pandemic as a resilient contributor to our community and our county because of your support.

Kari May
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Library Director
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Library Services



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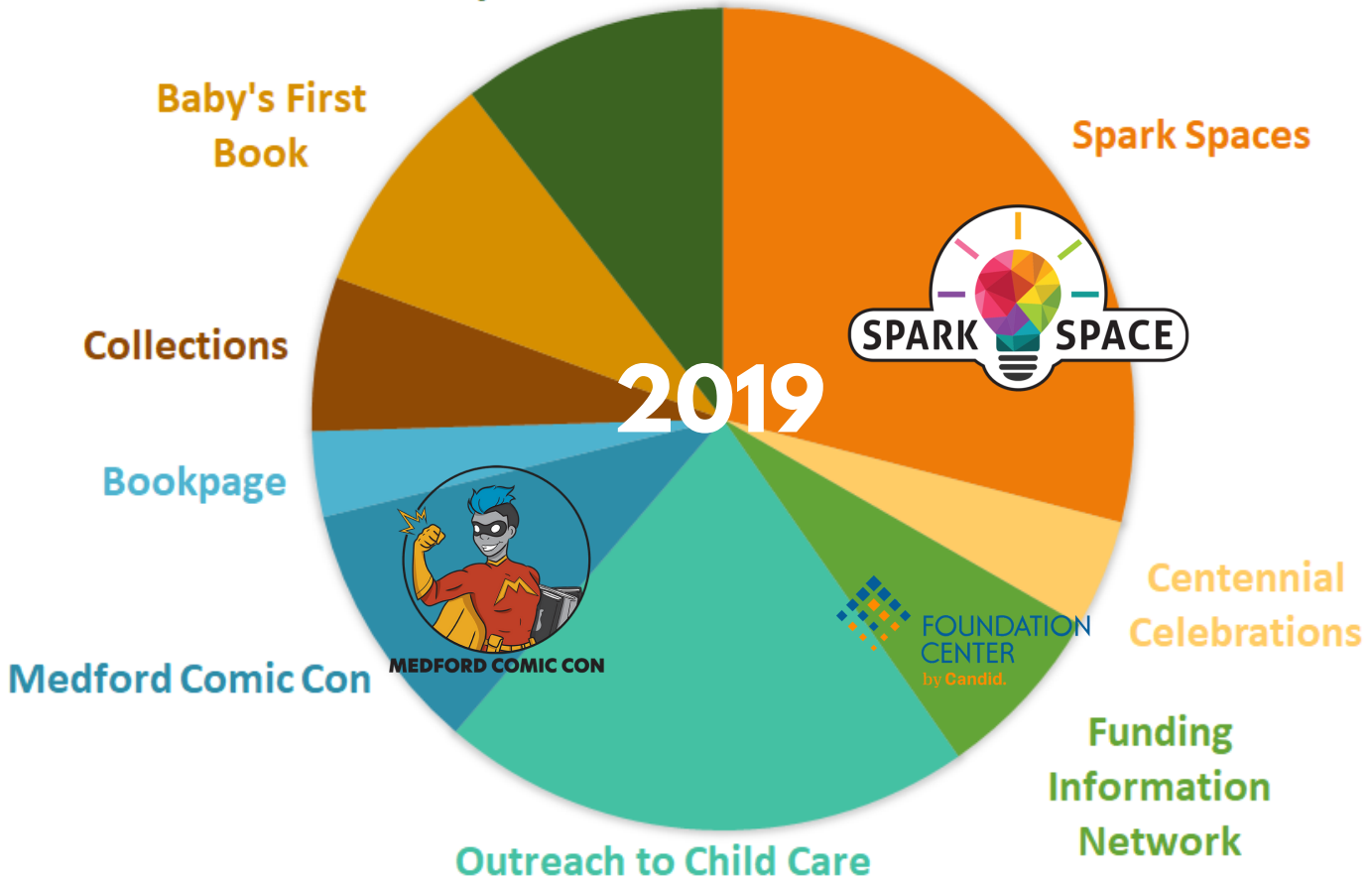
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Growing Our Organization

Please welcome new JCLF Board members Michal Slate and Gabriela Teodorescu



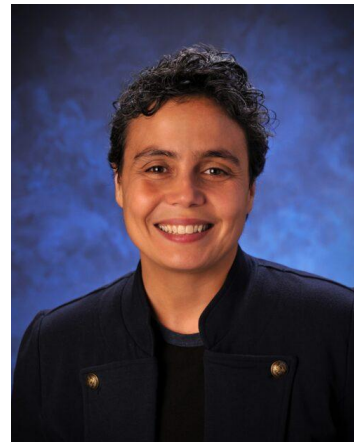
"I joined the JCLF board because I believe that literacy and education are tools for bringing community together and eradicating poverty. The local library provides a bridge for all levels of literacy and affluence without discrimination due to race, religion, ability or background. My hope is that through my volunteer board membership with JCLF, I will be able to partner with other community members who are passionate about the promotion of literacy in our local neighborhoods.

My personal dedication is financial literacy for working class families through comprehensive financial planning. Literacy promotes employment, which promotes specialization and prosperity, which in turn leads to funding government & non-profit work. Together we truly are stronger." - Michal Slate

Michal Slate is a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ and Financial Advisor helping members of our community build wealth since 2005. She and her husband, Travis, moved to the beautiful Rogue Valley in 2005 from Sonoma County, California. She loves helping families, non-profits, and small businesses build financial plans that take a holistic approach. She lives by faith, values, and the appreciation of all the beautiful things that make us different and similar.

"In my professional work within the intersection of health and law, addressing social determinants of health through direct legal services as well as education within Rogue Community Health's Healthcare Legal Program, my focus is on dismantling access barriers and, consequently, reducing disparities in health. A similar focus on assuring broad access to resources and providing meaningful opportunities for upward mobility, both of which lead to the health of the greater community, has led me to serve on the Jackson County Library Foundation Board.

On a personal level, libraries have been an integral part of the rhythm of my life, whether as a child, a graduate student, or a mother striving to open worlds for the next generation. Serving on the JCLF Board is, thus, also a way to express my gratitude and to, in some small way, pay it forward." - Gabriela Teodorescu



Gabriela Teodorescu is a member of the State Bars of California, District of Columbia, and Vermont. She received her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Notre Dame Law School with high honors, serving as Articles Editor for the Notre Dame Law Review and receiving multiple American Jurisprudence awards. Her legal experience spans 17 years both in private practice and as a prosecutor on behalf of the US government. Throughout her legal career, Ms. Teodorescu has dedicated a significant amount of time addressing social justice issues, believing that a legal system cannot be characterized as a just system unless it serves the needs of the most vulnerable and disenfranchised members of a community.

Get to know all our board members by visiting our website - www.jclf.org/board.

Your Libraries. Your Community.

These are challenging times. Needs are great. We're all asking ourselves, what can we do to support our community and each other through this adversity? Investing in libraries is always a good answer. You can make a donation by using the form below or by using our secure website at www.jclf.org/donate.

That's not the only way to contribute, however. We need you to help spread the word about your Jackson County libraries. Let your friends and families know about the great resources they have access to through their library card. Follow JCLS on social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter, engage with library staff, and boost their signal. Read and share the articles posted on the Library Connect Blog. Sign up for Summer Reading. Join a virtual bookclub. Learn a new skill with free online courses through Udemy and CreativeBug and then tell people about your experience. Help us shine a light on the library as a virtual community hub, a neutral source of reliable information, and an essential center for free resources and assistance. Rediscover what your library has to offer now. Connect, learn, and grow with us. Together, we will get through this.

Together, we are resilient.



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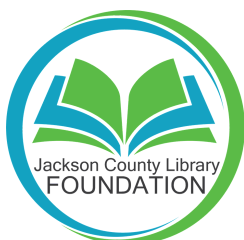


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