

The Golden Library, the oldest library in Jefferson County was incorporated on February 7, 1914, after a year of planning by four local women's organizations: Bay View, Fortnightly, Progressive, and Thursday Musicales. Members of the four groups incorporated as the "Golden Library and Improvement Association." The group bought property at 713 13th St., improved the existing building with the help of the men and boys of Golden and opened the Library. It remained at that site for 49 years.

The Jefferson County Commissioners authorized the formation of a county library in 1952. In 1961 the Golden Public Library merged with the Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL), and in so doing, set a standard of cooperation between city and county which continues in the present.

In May, 1961, both the Golden Library and the Jefferson County Public Library administration moved to the the "new" Golden Civic Center at 911 10th St., using quarters donated by the city. Those quarters now house the Golden Police Department.

In 1966, in another example of city-county cooperation, a site next to the city hall was set aside by the city for the county to build a new library. The library moved into its new home in June of 1970 and the JCPL administration moved to temporary quarters in the Applewood Grove shopping center (eventually moving to the Lakewood Library). This building, located at 923 10th St. and designed by local architects William Coppock and Robert Dunham, marked the first time the Golden Library was housed in a facility specifically designed for library use.

In the mid 1990's, when it became apparent that the library was outgrowing its quarters, the city and county once again worked cooperatively to rehouse the library. The result was a trade between the city and county, with the county receiving a former recreation center, and the city receiving the library building.

The newest Golden Library opened on May 4, 1996, and is twice the size of the previous structure. Architect David Anderson, of Andrews and Anderson,



designed a totally renovated structure which combines the flexibility and functionality of a modern library with traditional Golden themes. The building is designed to provide up-to-the-minute library service to the growing Golden area population.

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Statistics

- Staff: 15 salaried employees, 20 shelvers. Total: 35
- Access to the shared collection of 1.2 million items held by JCPL. In addition, high tech information sources available on site.
- Square footage - 13,500 square feet
- Cost of renovation and furnishing: \$1.8 million

<i>Architect</i>	<i>Andrews and Anderson</i>
<i>Contractor</i>	<i>Centerre Construction</i>
<i>Interior Design</i>	<i>Unter Design</i>
<i>Project Manager</i>	<i>ACR Engineering</i>
<i>Funding</i>	<i>Citizens of Jefferson County</i>

Special thanks to the Board of County Commissioners for a one-time funding grant, to the Golden City Government and the citizens of Golden for making the building swap possible.

Golden Library

1019 10th St.
Golden, CO 80401
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Hours

Mon-Thu	10 am - 9 pm
Fri & Sat	10 am - 5 pm
Sun	Noon - 5 pm

Kim Tobler, Library Manager