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**Columbine Library to reopen Saturday, Oct. 21**

*Alternative services location in Bowles Crossing to close down Oct. 17*

**(Lakewood, Colo. – Oct. 11, 2017)** After months of construction, Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL) will host a grand reopening of the Columbine Library on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. In preparation for the grand reopening, alternative services, currently provided from a storefront in Bowles Crossing, will close at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 17. Beginning October 18, book returns will be accepted at the new drive-up book return at the Columbine Library, and full library services will resume on Saturday, Oct. 21.

“The Columbine Library feels like a whole new library – with expanded resources, modern technology, clean, open spaces, and plenty of comfortable places to connect with others,” said Pam Nissler, executive director, JCPL. “We can’t wait to share it with the community!”

The Columbine Library, a 30,000-square-foot library located on West Bowles Avenue in Littleton, was built in 1989. Over the past seven months, Library staff have worked with area residents, Humphries Poli Architects, NV5 (consulting and engineering), and Fransen Pittman Construction Co. to create a progressive, modern library that reflects the unique characteristics of the South Jefferson County community.

Major enhancements to the Columbine Library include:

* A new entryway (from the east-side parking lot)
* A drive-up book return
* Enhanced spaces for children, teens and adults
* Updated technology, including a Makerspace
* An updated community room
* A quiet reading room
* A more open and airy feel
* Updated furnishings and fixtures

On opening day, staff and volunteers will be on hand to welcome residents, sign folks up for library cards and show off the new features of the Library. All Jefferson County residents are welcome to attend.

On October 21, the Columbine Library will return to its preconstruction operating schedule:

* 9-8 Monday through Thursday
* 9-5 Friday and Saturday
* Noon – 5 Sunday

Naming rights are available in conjunction with the Columbine Library remodel. Jefferson County residents are invited to create a lasting legacy by supporting service areas and amenities in the newly remodeled library. For more information, visit Jeffcolibrary.org/columbinenaming.

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