

Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library

Annual Report - FY 02

The eighth year of activity for the Friends (March 30, 2001 to March 18, 2002) was productive and enjoyable. We continued our collaboration with Columbia Union College and jointly hosted an author's reading and book signing at the Municipal Building auditorium. Mike Tidwell, former National Endowment for the Arts fellow and the winner of two Lowell Thomas awards, shared his experiences concerning a range of subjects including the environment and his most recent book, *In the Mountains of Heaven: Tales of Adventure on Six Continents*.

FTPML also continues to be actively involved in Takoma Park's plans to build a community center. The community center (including a computer learning center) promises to complement the services provided by the Library and offer invaluable learning and recreational opportunities for students and other city residents. As FTPML representatives in the community center planning process, our primary purpose has been to support the center, while ensuring that it remains compatible with the best interests of the Library, both present and future. We also hope to assist the Library however we can to keep it running smoothly during the construction process, which is set to begin this summer.

Our main fundraising vehicle continues to be our book sales. As always, we are grateful for the generosity of community members who have made these semi-annual events so successful, both through book donations, volunteering, and book purchases. In the 2001-2002 membership year, 58 households were members of the Friends. We continue to seek new ways to involve more community members in our organization.

Since 1994, the Friends have given about \$35,140 in gifts to the Library. This year we continued to support a variety of Library programs, both youth/ family and adult events. These included a series of four College Bound programs; a Candace Wolf program, "The Curse of Heywood Jackson;" a Tomas Eaglebear Aztlan program, "Dances, Stories & Songs from the Xicano & Apache Cultures of the Great Southwest;" two Diane Maclin programs for children in honor of Black History Month; and a series of four bilingual storytelling events for pre-schoolers in Spanish/ English by Andrea Castillo.

We also supported the Library through a number of gifts, including bilingual and foreign language children's books, an adult Internet workstation, a proxy server to permit web access to the library's OPAC, and lanyards for children.

Finally, this completes my term as President of the Board, and I would like to thank all those who have helped make it a successful one for FTPML, and such a gratifying experience for me.

**Miriam Szapiro,
President
19, 2002**

March

Membership Report

	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
Total Households	102	114	58
Total People	171	185	101
Total Contributions	\$ 2,975.00	\$ 3,145.00	\$1812.00
Average Household Gift	\$ 29.17	\$ 27.59	\$31.24
Average Member Gift	\$ 17.40	\$ 17.00	\$17.94

Note that there are discrepancies between the membership contribution amounts indicated by the Treasurer and by the Membership Chair. This is because the Membership Chair counts only the contributions for memberships made since the last annual meeting, while the Treasurer counts all membership contributions deposited during the year.

Sonja Kueppers, Membership Chair

March 18, 2002

Gifts to the Library

Youth Programs

College Bound programs

Black History Month programs

Bilingual pre-school storytelling programs

Candace Wolf Program

Aztlan Program

Adult Programs

Favorite Poem Project

Mike Tidwell Reading

Service Support

Proxy Server to allow access to library card catalog over the Internet

A total of \$4972 was spent on gifts to the library during the 2001-2002 year.

Since its founding in 1994, the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library has given gifts totalling \$35,140.33 to the library.

Treasurer's Report

March 29, 2001 – March 14, 2002

Income

1. Lanyard Sales (free to kids)	12.50
2. Donations	25.00
3. Interest on CDs	248.15
4. Street Festival Raffle	227.00
5. Bookbag Sales	80.00
6. Book Sales	2599.94
7. Membership Dues	2314.05
Total:	\$5506.64

Gifts to the Library

1.	Total Spent on Gifts	\$4972.00
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Note: The 2000-2001 Annual Report stated that we spent \$5705.03 on gifts to the library, which included planned gifts totaling \$3219.00. These planned gifts actually cost \$2896.80, reducing the total gifts for 2000-2001 by 322.20, to \$5382.83

Expenses

1.	Event-Related Expenses	150.04
2.	Postage	87.94
3.	Bookbag Purchases	138.42
4.	Taxes	127.74
	Total:	\$504.14

Account Balances:

1.	SunTrust Checking Account	\$5401.45
2.	TeleBank CD matures April 26, 2002	\$1104.11
3.	TeleBank CD matures July 7, 2002	\$3475.18
	Total Balance:	\$9980.74
	Available funds:	\$2282.45*

* The difference between the SunTrust Checking Account Balance and the Available Funds is accounted for by \$2744 in uncleared checks and \$375 that has been committed but not yet spent.

**Jim Kuhn,
Treasurer
March 14, 2002**