

Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library

Annual Report - FY 05

The eleventh year of activity for the Friends (April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005) has been filled with challenges, but has also been a year of creativity and good fortune.

The success of our highly popular book sales continues to be hampered by the ongoing Community Center construction and lack of available storage space for donated books. However, the annual charity golf tournament held in memory of Mike Morrissey, a former library patron, raised a substantial sum this year.

The number of members of the Friends has held steady since last year, although the generosity of the contributions received increased by nearly \$10 per household. It is exciting that 13 new households have joined the Friends in the last year, due in part to a successful effort to inform people about the Friends and solicit memberships at the Farmer's Market in December. Both retention and expansion of the membership are areas requiring ongoing attention from the Board.

The Friends gave nearly \$9000 to the library this year, including the purchase of 4 new Internet and productivity workstations, a digital camera, and a bookshelf for the Children's Room. Many programs were also sponsored, including the Summer Quest summer reading program, the College Bound program, several storytelling programs, the Winter Solstice program, and the Takoma Park Film Festival.

During my third year as board President, I was not able to be as active as I had been in previous years due to the birth of my daughter Erika in November. I am extremely grateful to the rest of the Board for their hard work all year, and most particularly during the last three months of 2004.

As always, the membership of the organization is its most important asset, and I both appreciate your support and look forward to working with you in the coming year. Thank you for your enthusiasm about our community library!

**Sonja Kueppers, President      March 22, 2005**

## Membership Report

	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
<b>Total Households</b>	86	61	<b>60</b>
<b>Total People</b>	147	107	<b>107</b>
<b>Total Contributions</b>	\$3060.00	\$1780.00	<b>\$2386.50</b>
<b>Average Household Gift</b>	\$35.58	\$30.00	<b>\$39.78</b>
<b>Average Member Gift</b>	\$20.82	\$16.64	<b>\$22.30</b>

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 all 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 22, 2005*

Gifts to the Library

## Youth Programs

College Bound programs

Summer Quest summer reading program

Tomas Eaglebear Program

Halloween Storytelling

Arianna Ross Programs

Several additional programs

# **Adult Programs**

Takoma Park Film Festival

# **Program Support**

Internet/Productivity workstations

Digital Camera

Children's Room Bookshelf

A total of \$8987.23 was spent on gifts to the library during the 2004-2005 year.

Since its founding in 1994, the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library has given gifts totaling \$51,366.84 to the library.

Treasurer's Report

March 30, 2004 – March 21, 2005

**Income**

1. Book Sales	2069.32
2. Membership Dues	2268.00
3. Fundraising	5888.00
4. Bookbag & Lanyard Sales	73.50
5. Interest on CDs	91.67
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$10390.49</b>

**Gifts to the Library**

**Total Spent on Gifts    \$8987.23**

## Expenses

1.	Event-Related Expenses	35.00
2.	Photocopying	74.05
3.	Web Site	108.00
4.	Taxes	163.34
5.	Bank Fees	84.02
6.	Promotional	565.44
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1029.85</b>

## Account Balances:

1.	SunTrust Checking Account	\$7047.74
2.	E*Trade CD matures April 26, 2005	\$1184.82

3.	E*Trade CD matures July 7, 2005	\$3736.36
<b>Total Balance:</b>		<b>\$11968.92</b>
<b>Available funds:</b>		<b>\$6784.40*</b>

\*This number differs from the checking account balance due to \$263.34 in uncleared checks

*Jim Kuhn, Treasurer March 21, 2005*