

Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library

Annual Report - FY 06

The twelfth year of activity for the Friends (April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006) has been an exciting one, seeing the continuation and expansion of long-time activities, as well as the establishment of new initiatives.

Fund-raising went well this year despite the challenges faced by our book sales due to Community Center construction and continuing struggles with book storage space. In addition to book sale revenue and membership dues, the Friends also received extremely generous donations in memory of Mike Morrissey and Gene Nomovicz.

Membership figures have remained fairly steady, though retaining and recruiting new members is an area of concern to the Board. Several initiatives are planned for the coming months to enhance awareness of the organization in the community. Better communication with current members may also enhance retention. A bright spot in the membership picture is that 10 new households joined the Friends in the 2005-2006 year.

The Friends began sponsoring two exciting new initiatives, the Spanish Language Circle Time program for preschoolers, and the Friends Reading Group for adults. Spanish Language Circle Time complements the popular and long-running Tuesday morning English-language preschool program, providing outreach to the Spanish-speaking community and an opportunity for English-speaking families to expose their children to another language. The Friends Reading Group is a public book club meeting every other month. The books to be read are chosen by the group's attendees, and the Friends provide several copies of the book at the Library. The discussions so far have been quite interesting, as one would expect in a group of Takoma Park residents!

The Friends have also expanded their involvement in the Takoma Park Film Festival, working more closely with the Film Festival Committee. We have received a number of donations specifically earmarked for the Film Festival, and increased our financial support accordingly.

As my time in the office of President draws to a close, I am optimistic about the future of the organization, and confident that new leadership will bring new ideas and energy. I am thankful for the terrific board members with whom I have served, and for the support of the membership over the last four years.

Sonja Kueppers, President March 27, 2006

Membership Report

	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006
Total Households	61	60	58
Total People	107	107	96
Total Contributions	\$1780.00	\$2386.50	\$2288.00
Average Household Gift	\$30.00	\$39.78	\$39.45
Average Member Gift	\$16.64	\$22.30	\$23.83

Note that there are discrepancies between the membership contribution amounts reported 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. Additionally, the Membership Chair does not take into account any employer matching contributions which may be received.

Sonja Kueppers, Membership Chair

March 27, 2006

Gifts to the Library

Youth Programs

Spanish Circle Time

College Bound programs

Summer Quest summer reading program

Winter Solstice Program

Arianna Ross Storytelling

Several additional programs

Adult Programs

Takoma Park Film Festival

Friends Reading Group

Program Support

Lanyards for Childrens' Library Cards

A total of \$5,465.45 was spent on gifts to the library during the 2005-2006 year.

Since its founding in 1994, the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library has given gifts totaling \$57,047.29 to the library.

Treasurer's Report

March 22, 2005 – March 28, 2006

Income

1. Book Sales	1757.75
2. Membership Dues (incl. matching gifts)	2417.00
3. Fundraising	
a. Redskins	500.00
b. Donations in memory of Gene Nomovicz	1050.00
c. Fourth Annual Mike Morrissey Mulligan Madness Golf Tourney (in memory of Mike Morrissey)	5000.00
d. Other donations	<u>54.50</u>
Fundraising total	6604.50
4. Bookbag & Lanyard Sales	48.50
5. Interest on CDs	183.87

6. Film Festival Income

a. Donations from individuals	652.35
b. Grants (Takoma Foundation)	500.00
c. Concessions Sales	<u>95.00</u>
Film Festival total	1247.35

Total: \$12258.97

Gifts to the Library

Total Spent on Gifts \$5465.45

Expenses

1.	Event-Related Expenses	45.00
2.	Photocopying	134.38
3.	Web Site	108.00
4.	Taxes	81.40
5.	Promotional	285.76
6.	Postage	19.11
7.	Film Fest	385.79
	Total:	\$1059.44

Account Balances:

1.	SunTrust Checking Account	\$12108.63
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2.	E*Trade CD matures April 26, 2006	\$1221.64
3.	E*Trade CD matures July 7, 2006	\$3883.41
Total Balance:		\$17213.68
Available funds:		\$12184.61*

*This number differs from the checking account balance due to \$534.75 in uncleared incoming deposits, and \$458.77 in uncleared outgoing checks for expenses and gifts to the library.

Jim Kuhn, Treasurer March 28, 2006