

**Treasurer's Report**  
**March 20, 2014 – March 19, 2015**

**Income:**

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| 1. | Sales (books, bookbags, lanyards): | \$6,557.00 |
| 2. | Membership dues and donations:     | \$7,022.00 |

**Total Income:** **\$ 13,579.00**

**Expenses:**

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|----|---|-------------|
| 1. | Event-related, Outreach, and Program Expenses:  | \$12,019.00 |
|    | a. Spanish & French Programs:                   | (\$3820)    |
|    | b. Summer Quest & Winter Quest:                 | (\$1947)    |
|    | c. Local authors programs:                      | (\$1350)    |
|    | d. Little Free Library:                         | (\$1290)    |
|    | e. Poetry Programming, incl. Spring for Poetry: | (\$1094)    |
|    | f. Storytelling programs:                       | (\$1000)    |
|    | g. College Bound Speaker Series:                | (\$600)     |
|    | h. Big Book Club Speakers:                      | (\$417)     |
|    | i. Solstice programs:                           | (\$350)     |
| 2. | Resources for the library:                      | \$1300.00   |
|    | a. Elmo camera:                                 | (\$635)     |
|    | b. Legos:                                       | (\$570)     |
|    | c. French books:                                | (\$95)      |
| 3. | Publicity and administrative expenses:          | \$1335.00   |
|    | a. Newsletter, Website & Promotional Expenses:  | (\$900)     |
|    | b. Sales Taxes:                                 | (\$385)     |
|    | c. Book sale expenses:                          | (\$50)      |

**Total Expenses:** **\$14,654.00**

**Checking Account**

Opening Balance: March 20, 2014: \$16926

Ending Balance: March 19, 2015: \$18,129\*

\*current balance does not include pending payments

*Walter Mulbry, Treasurer*

*March 19, 2015*

## **Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library**

### **Annual Report - FY 2015**

None of the successes of the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library could be accomplished without the dedication and effort each board member has invested in our many projects. Recognition for any success must also go to the library staff for their work, and for the initiatives they have launched that make our library an outstanding community and cultural center. Board members are also deeply grateful to the members and supporters of the Friends of the Library whose financial and volunteer commitment is essential to our many and diverse library programs for children, teens and adults; our technical resources that expand patrons' opportunities for research and communication; the bilingual collections; and our annual book sales. Thank you, one and all.

We recognize Sonja Kueppers, who is retiring from the board after 17 years. Sonja has served formally as the chair of the membership committee and informally as board historian. Her insight and her experience will be missed. And we say au revoir to board member Nadia Pazolis-Gabriel, who brought books for our French adult collection from her trips to Paris.

Since March 2014, we have continued to assist in the funding of French and Spanish pre-reading circle times, Spring for Poetry posters and readings, and Comics Jam. After the demise last month of our first Elmo machine, essential to Comics Jam, Caldecott Club, Scribblers' Cabal, and numerous other presentations, we bought a new one. The board has also contributed to costs for both Summer and Winter Quest reading initiatives, two adult book clubs, the College Bound speakers series, and the expansion of our French book collection. We have helped launch the Sunday handicraft programs and the Lego Club. Each attracts children to the library and encourages concentration and creativity. We have funded speakers for children's programs honoring diversity and special holidays, and speakers for the adults Great Big Book Club.

Your generous donations combined with our three book sales are responsible for today's bank balance of \$18,129.00. This sum allows the Friends to underwrite or help fund Library activities that encourage reading and learning, and that engage the community. One extraordinarily successful project is the Little Free Library initiative. Almost all of the Friends' little libraries are made by board member Walter Mulbry. There is a map on the Friends's website with locations of every little library in Takoma Park, whether erected by the Friends or by book-loving residents of the city. In case you have not noticed them, please visit one, and take a book or leave a book.

This year we continued our successful organizational partnerships. Historic Takoma co-hosts some of our author programs; Montgomery College is an essential collaborator in the Spring for Poetry initiative; Politics and Prose is the other half of our our bookstore-library author programs for children; Cub Scout Troup 33 built assembled and installed 8 little libraries, and oversees one; and the New Hampshire Avenue Community Center relies on children's books we purchased. We are also planning a little free library for the center.

In the coming year, we will maintain our financial contributions for library programs that enrich our community. Furthermore, the Board recently articulated its support for renovating the library, whose current physical plant is extremely limited. We hope you will join us in telling your Takoma Park council representative about your support and by attending an April 13 public meeting on the proposed budget for the project.

*Pat Hanrahan, President*

*March 24, 2015*

## Membership Report

	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
<b>Total Households</b>	73	79	74
<b>Total People</b>	119	131	121
<b>Total Contributions</b>	\$5311.00	\$7207.00	\$7035.65
<b>Average Household Gift</b>	\$ 72.75	\$ 91.23	\$ 95.08
<b>Average Member Gift</b>	\$ 44.63	\$ 55.02	\$ 58.15

*Sonja Kueppers, Membership Chair*

*March 22, 2015*