

Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library

Annual Report - FY 01

The seventh year of activity for the Friends (April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001) was busy, productive and enjoyable. We offered a couple new types of events. This past winter, FTPML and Columbia Union College jointly hosted an author's reading and book-signing at the Municipal Building auditorium. Pulitzer prize winning journalist Henry Allen read from his critically acclaimed book, *What it Felt Like: Living in the American Century*. The Library, the Friends and the College have already been co-sponsoring an annual poetry reading, and we are excited about this new collaboration. It promises to bring together different members of the community, and to take advantage of the wealth of local Takoma Park talent. Also this winter, FTPML Board member Fran Tall opened her house for an informal FTPML "book club" discussion. Folks sipped wine and shared their thoughts about David Guterson 's novel, *Snow Falling on Cedars*.

FTPML has also been actively involved in Takoma Park's efforts to build a community center. We believe that, with proper planning, a community center (including a computer learning center) promises to complement the services provided by the Library and offer another positive, welcoming environment for students and other city residents. As FTPML representatives, our primary purpose has been to support the planning process, while ensuring that it remains compatible with the best interests of the Library.

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, and of course, by purchasing books at the sale. In the 2000-2001 membership year, 114 households were members of the Friends, including 21 households that had never previously been members. This represents an increase from 102 households in 1999-2000, and 90 households in 1998-1999. We continue to seek new ways to involve more community members in our organization.

This year we continued to support Library programming, for both youth / family and adult events. We also supported the Library through a number of gifts, including an additional adult reading room Internet workstation.

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

Miriam Szapiro, President

March 29, 2001

Membership Report

	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Total Households	90	102	114
Total People	145	171	185
Total Contributions	\$ 2,542.00	\$ 2,975.00	\$ 3,145.00
Average Household Gift	\$ 28.24	\$ 29.17	\$ 27.59
Average Member Gift	\$ 17.53	\$ 17.40	\$ 17.00

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 only includes amounts that are submitted with a membership form for the current year in her reports, while the Treasurer counts all membership contributions deposited in the current year. For example, some members have already pre-paid for the 2001-2002 membership year, so the amount they gave is not included on the Membership Report but is included in the Treasurer's Report.

Sonja Kueppers, Membership Chair

March 29, 2001

Gifts to the Library

Youth Programs

Philosopher's Club Program

Spanish-Language Preschool Program

Bilingual Storytelling

Mask Making Workshop

Candace Wolf Program

Aztlan Program

Adult Programs

Favorite Poem Project

Service Support

Lanyards for Children's Library Cards

Book Cart

Planned Gifts

Summer Quest Summer Reading Program

Internet Workstation for Adult Reading Room

Bilingual/Non-English Children's Books

A total of \$5,705.03 was spent on gifts to the library during the 2000-2001 year.

Since its founding in 1994, the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library has given gifts totalling \$30,490.53 to the library.

Treasurer's Report

April 1, 2000 - March 28, 2001

Income

1. Lanyard Sales (free to kids)	21.25
2. Donations	85.00
3. Interest on CDs	202.50
4. Street Festival Raffle	333.00
5. Bookbag Sales	340.00
6. Book Sales	2643.05
7. Membership Dues	3845.00
Total:	\$7469.80

Gifts to the Library

1. Total Spent on Gifts*	\$5705.03
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* This amount includes \$3219.00 that has been committed by the Friends for the purchase of a new Internet workstation for the Adult Reading Room, the purchase of Bilingual or Non-English children's books, and the Summer Quest Reading Program.

Expenses

1. Bank Charges	19.00
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2. Event-Related Expenses	99.83
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3. Newsletter Postage	134.00
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4. Newsletter and Other Printing	175.44
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Total:	\$428.07
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Other Withdrawals:

1. Fund Transfer, 1 yr CD	1000.00
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Total Other Withdrawals: **\$1000.00**

Account Balances:

1. SunTrust Checking Account \$5444.19

2. TeleBank CD 6.73/6.91%
matures April 26, 2001 \$1047.16

3. TeleBank CD 6.86/7.1%
matures July 7, 2001 \$3283.98

Total Balance: **\$9775.33**

Available funds: \$2225.19*

* **The difference between the SunTrust Checking Account Balance and the Available Funds is accounted for by the \$3219.00 that has been committed but not yet spent on the following programs and materials: Bilingual/Non-English Children's Books, 2001 Summer Quest Reading Program, New Adult Internet Workstation.**

Jim Kuhn, Treasurer

March 29, 2001