

Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library

Annual Report - FY 03

The ninth year of activity for the Friends (April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003) was a successful one by almost any measure. We continued to support many of the same popular library programs and services that have been supported in past years, such as the Summer Quest summer reading program and lanyards for children's library cards. This year we also had the opportunity to help fund the first Takoma Park Film Festival, which was a great success.

This year's fundraising efforts were augmented by the unexpected and very welcome support of Robert Patenaude and Doug Harbit of the Davis Warner Inn, who offered to sponsor a silent auction to benefit the Friends. Many Takoma Park businesses participated by donating merchandise and gift certificates, and Doug and Robert threw a spectacular party. In addition to this special fundraising activity, the Friends also worked with Robert and Doug to give away books to trick-or-treaters at Halloween.

Membership dues were up significantly from last year, and book sale proceeds remained steady, resulting in an overall increase in income of nearly 25% this year, though we still fell \$600 short of the amount raised in the 2000-2001 year.

Membership numbers have also rebounded since last year, with 86 households holding current memberships. While this is still significantly below the 114 households in 2000-2001, it nonetheless represents a significant increase over last year's figure of 58 households.

The Friends were also active on the Internet this year, moving our web site to its own domain, <http://www.ftpml.org/>.

This concludes my first year as President, which I could not possibly have made it through without the support of a fantastic board. Thank you all.

My thanks go also to the membership, which supports the mission of the Friends in many diverse ways. Thank you for continuing to make this organization a success as we enter into our tenth year.

Sonja Kueppers, President

March 17, 2003

Membership Report

	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003
Total Households	114	58	86
Total People	185	101	147
Total Contributions	\$ 3,145.00	\$1812.00	\$3060.00
Average Household Gift	\$ 27.59	\$31.24	\$35.58
Average Member Gift	\$ 17.00	\$17.94	\$20.82

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 16, 2003

Gifts to the Library

Youth Programs

College Bound programs

Summer Quest summer reading program

Candace Wolf program

Aztlan Program

Winter Solstice Program

Adult Programs

Favorite Poem Project

Takoma Park Film Festival

Dictionaries for ESL students

Service Support

Lanyards for Children's Library Cards

A total of \$4360.45 was spent on gifts to the library during the 2002-2003 year.

Since its founding in 1994, the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library has given gifts totaling \$39,500.78 to the library.

Treasurer's Report

March 15, 2002 – March 18, 2003

Income

1. Book Sales	2755.50
2. Membership Dues	3020.00
3. Fundraising	881.00
4. Bookbag Sales	100.00
5. Interest on CDs	144.32
Total:	\$6870.82

Gifts to the Library

**Total Spent on
Gifts** **\$4360.45**

Expenses

1.	Event-Related Expenses	35.00
2.	Photocopying	200.00
3.	Stationery	118.00
4.	Web site	146.00
4.	Taxes	153.81
5.	Bank Fees	6.50
Total:		\$659.31

Account Balances:

1.	SunTrust Checking Account	\$5578.76
2.	E*Trade CD matures April 26, 2003	\$1141.36

3.	E*Trade CD matures July 7, 2003	\$3606.79
 Total Balance:		\$10326.91
Available funds:		\$4956.95*

* The difference between the SunTrust Checking Account Balance and the Available Funds is accounted for by \$621.81 in uncleared checks.

Jim Kuhn, Treasurer

March 18, 2003