

Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library

Annual Report - FY 04

The tenth year of activity for the Friends (April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004) was a somewhat challenging one. Community Center construction prevented us from using our usual highly-visible site on the library lawn for book sales, leading to a reduction in income from those sales. We also lost our off-site book storage space, which had previously been provided by Columbia Union College, requiring us to use members' basements to store books in preparation for the sales. Memberships and membership revenues are down, which could have a number of causes but is undoubtedly a problem we need to address in the new year. One potential cause is the resignation of our newsletter editor partway through the year, resulting in decreased contact with the membership.

On a more positive note, we still succeeded in raising over \$6300, due in part to the continuing generosity of Robert Patenaude and Doug Harbit, who invited us to hold a silent auction at the Davis Warner Inn again this year. As before, many Takoma Park businesses participated by donating merchandise and gift certificates.

The Friends funded nearly \$3600 in programming at the library this year, continuing our sponsorship of the Summer Quest summer reading program, the College Bound program, ESL classes, and numerous other events throughout the year. We have also committed to purchasing a digital camera for the library, a new bookshelf for the children's room, and two additional computers during the coming year.

I am very grateful for the support of the rest of the Board as I conclude my second year as President, and am optimistic for the future of the organization.

I would also like to express my appreciation for the membership—your support for our community library has been even more important in the current fiscal climate. Thank you!

Sonja Kueppers, President March 30, 2004

Membership Report

	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004
Total Households	58	86	61
Total People	101	147	107
Total Contributions	\$1812.00	\$3060.00	\$1780.00
Average Household Gift	\$31.24	\$35.58	\$30.00
Average Member Gift	\$17.94	\$20.82	\$16.64

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 30, 2004

Gifts to the Library

Youth Programs

College Bound programs

Summer Quest summer reading program

Tomas Eaglebear Program

Mask-Making Workshop

Halloween Storytelling

Several additional programs

Adult Programs

Takoma Park Film Festival

Dictionaries and materials for ESL program

A total of \$3599 was spent on gifts to the library during the 2003-2004 year.

Since its founding in 1994, the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library has given gifts totaling \$43,099.78 to the library.

Treasurer's Report

March 19, 2003 – March 30, 2004

Income

1. Book Sales	2362.29
2. Membership Dues	2506.00
3. Fundraising	1253.00
4. Bookbag & Lanyard Sales	64.50
5. Interest on CDs	142.42
Total:	\$6328.21

Gifts to the Library

Total Spent on Gifts \$3599.00

Expenses

1.	Event-Related Expenses	25.00
2.	Photocopying	15.15
3.	Web Site	118.00
4.	Taxes	131.08
4.	Bank Fees	22.10
Total:		\$311.33

Account Balances:

1.	SunTrust Checking Account	\$5560.02
2.	E*Trade CD matures April 26, 2004	\$1173.74
3.	E*Trade CD matures July 7, 2004	\$3716.80

Total Balance:	\$10450.56
Available funds:	\$5560.02*

*Note that the Friends have committed to purchasing a digital camera and a new children's bookshelf, total cost not to exceed \$1100. Additionally, the Friends have agreed to purchase two new computers for the library over the coming year, at a total cost not to exceed \$3000. Thus, the total not already committed is \$1460.02.

Jim Kuhn, Treasurer March 30, 2004