

Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library Annual Report - FY 2014

Deep appreciation must go first to the Friends board members for the dedication of each to public libraries and the effort each has put into our projects. I want also to recognize the library staff for their creativity and hard work. They make our library one of the best. And I want to thank the many, many Friends and supporters of the library, near and far. Without your financial and volunteer commitment, we would not be here. Finally, let us remember Kay Daniels-Cohen, Friend extraordinaire, whom we miss on all fronts, but particularly tonight because she always managed our elections. It is not the same without her enthusiasm, her love, her many huglets.

This past year was a fruitful one, with our numerous activities supported by funds from three annual book sales (spring, fall and a winter children's book sale), and membership and donor gifts. We were able to maintain French and Spanish circle times, Spring for Poetry, Comics Jam, and Summer Quest initiatives, and this year's newly-created Winter Quest. In addition, Friends of the Library supported two adult Book Clubs, the College Bound speakers series, the acquisition of new French books, and special programs, such as Solstice, Storytelling and Democracy Cafe.

Today, the Friends' bank balance is \$13,352, a sum that allows us to underwrite or help fund library activities that encourage reading and learning and that involve the community in library projects. Here is an example: In front of the Takoma Park Silver Spring Coop sits our first little free library, which we purchased, installed and oversee. Little libraries, like big ones, are full of books. Unlike their larger siblings, they operate 24/7 and

ask readers who borrow a book to return it or to leave another in its place.

This effort is the result of a new collaboration between the Friends and the Takoma Park Silver Spring Food Coop. Building on its success, we have partnered with Cub Scout Troop 33 to construct more little free libraries for installation at sites around Takoma Park. At the same time, we have maintained our close alliance with existing partners like Historic Takoma, host of our winter book sale, Montgomery College, an essential collaborator in the Spring for Poetry initiative, and the New Hampshire Avenue Community Center after school program, for which we provide children's books.

In the coming year, we will continue to raise funds and join with local organizations to respond favorably to Takoma Park Library staff requests for support of programs, like those described here, that so enrich our community.

*Pat Hanrahan, President
2014*

March 25,

Membership Report

	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
Total Households	70	73	79
Total People	123	119	131
Total Contributions	\$5662.50	\$5311.00	\$7207.00
Average Household Gift	\$ 80.89	\$ 72.75	\$ 91.23
Average Member Gift	\$ 46.04	\$ 44.63	\$ 55.02

Sonja Kueppers, Membership Chair

March 24, 2014

Treasurer's Report
March 20, 2013 - March 19, 2014

Income:

1. Sales (books, bookbags, lanyards):	\$5,533.00
2. Membership dues and donations:	\$7818.00

Total Income: **\$ 13,352.00**

Expenses:

1. Event-related, Outreach, and Program Expenses: \$10,281.00	
a. Poetry Programming, incl. Spring for Poetry: (\$615)	
b. Summer Quest & Winter Quest: (\$1869)	
c. Spanish & French Programs: (\$3320)	
d. Solstice programs: (\$550)	
e. Storytelling programs: (\$1390)	
f. Sunday games: (\$72)	
g. College Bound Speaker Series: (\$600)	
h. Books for New Hampshire Ave Recreation Center: (\$513)	
i. Little Free Library: (\$402)	
j. Democracy Café: (\$350)	
k. Big Book Club Speakers: (\$600)	
2. Resources for the library:	\$2141.00
a. French books: (\$320)	
b. Legos: (\$401)	
c. Lanyards: (\$1420)	
3. Newsletter, Website, & Promotional Expenses: \$1099.00	
4. Sales Taxes:	\$870.00
5. Bank Charges:	\$61.00
6. Annual Meeting Expenses	\$488.00

Total Expenses: **\$14,940.00**

Checking Account

Opening Balance: March 20, 2013: \$18,514

Ending Balance: March 19, 2014: \$16,926

Walter Mulbry, Treasurer

March 19, 2014