

Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library Annual Report – FY 2016

The Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library turns 22 this year and the library becomes 80 years old. As we reflect on our achievements, we acknowledge that they rest on the dedication of FTPML board, members and the library staff. None of what the Friends accomplish could happen without the librarians who bring us ideas for activities that we underwrite in part or whole, and who carry them through to their successful conclusion. FTPML members and the FTPML board bring funding, encouragement, and enthusiasm to the table, and, as a team – librarians, FTPML members and board - we create a library that is an educational resource and creative center for the city. Thank you everyone, so very much.

FTPML favors activities for children as our funding choices illustrate. During the past year, the board has voted to assisted in underwriting popular children's programs like French and Spanish Circle Times. Each hosts between 40 to 60 young participants at each session, Spanish Circle on a weekly basis, French Circle monthly.

FTPML helps support SummerQuest and WinterQuest initiatives, unique in our county, which attract hundreds of young readers annually, and to our Caldecott Club, a monthly book club for kids and parents, which draws 20 to 25 participants to each meeting. FTPML funds make possible special programs such as Comics Jam and Scribblers Cabal, and events that honor diversity and holidays. At a recent Sunday puppet show, there were about 100 delighted parents and children crammed into the children's room for the performance. Initiatives like this along with twice-weekly literacy programs for toddlers and monthly yoga programs enlarge children's vocabulary, strengthen attention spans, and spark imaginations. They also result in a library that is full of kids and families from the time its doors open until closing.

Grown-ups should not feel overlooked! FTPML helps fund our book groups including the impressive roster of lecturers for the Great Big Book Group. In addition to our usual outstanding annual meeting speaker, this year FTPML hosted two additional evening programs – one on Nepal and one on political reporting - that attracted audiences from within and outside Takoma Park. We continue to install and maintain our Little Free Libraries and make sure they are filled. Of course Spring for Poetry remains one of our most beloved and visible projects, dotting the city's neighborhoods with poems and graphic designs that enhance them.

Your generous donations combined with our three annual book sales are responsible for today's healthy bank balance of \$18,049. This allows us to underwrite partially or completely library activities like those described here and others that encourage learning and engage the community. In the coming year, FTPML will maintain its financial commitment to these and similar library programs because they so enrich the lives of the city's residents.

This year we say farewell to board member Emily van Loon who has served as an at-large member for two terms, oversees not one but two little free libraries, and is a dedicated volunteer at our book sales. Thank you for all your work, Emily. We also acknowledge the efforts of our nominating committee whose members organized the elections and are running them tonight. Thank you Faith Stern, Anand Parikh, and Neal Cohen.

Pat Hanrahan, President

March 2016

Treasurer's Report
March 20, 2015 – March 12, 2016

Income:

1. Sales (books and bookbags): \$5739
2. Membership dues and donations: \$6161

Total Income: \$11,900

Expenses:

1. Event-Related, Outreach, and Program Expenses: (\$10,273)
 - a. Spanish & French Programs: \$2737
 - b. Summer Quest & Winter Quest: \$2312
 - c. Local speakers program: \$959
 - d. Lanyards: \$640
 - e. Poetry Programming, incl. Spring for Poetry: \$395
 - f. Storytelling programs: \$1295
 - g. Harry Potter program: \$350
 - h. Big Book Club Speakers: \$385
 - i. Solstice programs: \$400
 - j. Circle Time Music program: \$800

2. Resources for the library: (\$1150)
 - a. Books (early literacy, 3rd grade books): \$1068
 - c. French books: \$82

3. Publicity and administrative expenses (\$657)
 - a. Newsletter, Website & Promotional Expenses: (\$317)
 - b. Sales Taxes: \$ 334
 - c. Bank fees: \$6

Total Expenses: \$12,080

Net Income minus Expenses: -\$180.26

Checking Account

Opening Balance: March 20, 2015: \$ 18,129
Ending Balance March 8, 2016: \$ 18,049*

*current balance does not include pending payments

Walter Mulbry, Treasurer March 12, 2016

FTPML Membership report

	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Number of households	79	74	63
Total membership/donations	7207	7035	6161

Emily van Loon and Walter Mulbry, Membership March 8, 2016