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Dear Friend,

2015 was another banner year for the Friends of the Guilford Free Library. With more than \$78,000 raised through book sales and membership dues, the Friends were able to support two new initiatives:

- The Children's Room saw the addition of a Makerbot Mini 3D printer, which enables children to learn the design elements of 3D printing and take home their own creations. This program encourages creativity, problem-solving, and independent thinking.
- Adult and Teen Services now has a collaborative work area with a counter with four workstations and storage shelves, two mobile tables and eight chairs all devoted to advanced technological projects. Programs offered include 3D printing and design, robotics, computer coding, and film editing. Basic services have been expanded - 3D printing on demand, conversion of VHS tapes, and a mobile device charging station.

The Friends' themselves, never resting on past laurels, took on new projects in the bookselling arena. Two very successful "pop-up" book sales were held: one in December featuring books for holiday gift giving; the second in a March snowstorm, celebrating spring, and outdoor activities. In addition to these "books-and-mortar" efforts, our online bookstore increased volunteer staff and expanded offerings, resulting in strong sales.

Friends' hard earned dollars supported additions to the print and non-print collections and funded illuminating programs. Taken together, these contributions help to make the library a vibrant and welcoming hub of community learning.

If you have not yet become a member please return the enclosed envelope with your tax deductible 2016 membership contribution.

We hope you will join us on the first Tuesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. If you wish to participate and work with the Friends on any of our projects, please call me at 203 457-0083. We welcome new Friends as well as old Friends.

Thank you,

Douglas Gregory, President

- If you wish to receive advance notice of library events, plus our print newsletter please give us your email. Check out our Friends of the Library page at www.guilfordfreelibrary.org "Friend" the Friends on Facebook now!

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