



Membership! Membership! Membership!

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Dear Friend,

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The Friends celebrated an extraordinary year in which we raised over \$100,000.00 for library programs and services. Countless volunteer hours dedicated to online and traditional book sales grossed over \$76,000, and annual membership dues added nearly \$30,000. The Friends' contributions spurred the following initiatives:


- **Technology** – Friends funded a public scanner, portable CD player, two laptops, six WiFi hotspots for home use and three mobile charging stations for in library use.
- **Programs** – Friends funded an amazing array for all ages – from story hours and puppeteers for toddlers to lectures covering literature, operas and Guilford history; from the Sciencetellers to Downton Abbey to the highly successful Comic Con.
- **Equipment** – Friends funded a new lobby digital display screen, replacing a dated TV like format. We are now able to post all programs taking place in the building – which are often 3 or 4 simultaneously!!
- **Print and non-print** – Friends funded hundreds of print and online books requested and read by Guilford citizens.
- **Staff Development** – Friends funded several opportunities for the enrichment and support of the library staff from the CLA Conference to the CEN Conference to Book Expo.
- **“Pop up” book sales** – Friends led two seasonal sales. December featured merchandise for holiday gift giving and May combined paperbacks with books about spring, gardening, and outdoor activities.

Support from friends like you is vital to making the library a vibrant and welcoming hub of community learning. For example, library patrons checked out over 250,000 items and attended over 5,000 programs, with 36,830 attendees.

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 203 453-0573. We welcome new Friends as well as old Friends.

If you have not yet become a member or to renew your membership, please return the enclosed envelope with your tax deductible 2017 contribution.

Thank you,


Shelley Brewer, President

- If you wish to receive advance notice of all library events, please include your email.
Check out our Friends of the Library page at www.guilfordfreelibrary.org