



Annual Report

2020

2020 WAS THE KIND OF YEAR NONE OF US EXPECTED TO BECOME PART OF OUR HISTORY ...

As it was for many of our community members and other not for profit organizations, 2020 could in some ways be considered a “lost year”. We were unable to continue with our Proctors partnership to offer discounted shows because Proctors had to cancel its entire season. On the fundraising front, we were only able to hold one of our usual three highly popular Used Book Sales, and our entire travel season fell prey to COVID restrictions. Our membership numbers, usually buoyed by people who join to get early entry to book sales, fell precipitously. As a result, our fundraising income was severely impacted.

Through it all, though, we had some successes:

- ☒ In January, at our only Used Book Sale of 2020, the Junior Friend of the Library had a successful food drive for Shen's Bountiful Backpacks Program.
- ☒ We have managed to continue our Board Meetings, albeit virtually, since March (an impressive feat!).
- ☒ Outreach activities have continued at community residences and centers as well as to the homebound.
- ☒ The Little Free Libraries initiated with support from FOL have become somewhat self-sufficient, a testament to our supportive community.

- 📖 We continued to publish our Book Friendly Newsletter, including both retrospective look backs to previous events and activities and a look at how members of our community have been faring during the pandemic.
- 📖 The Friends once again awarded two Community Scholarships to deserving graduates from our tax district who would be attending two- or four-year higher education in the fall.
- 📖 Although membership numbers remain low for the year, creative membership drive initiatives helped level out the decrease.
- 📖 The Friends received The Daniel W. Casey Award from the New York Library Association - for the second time in our over-twenty-year history!
- 📖 The Friends Get Out the Vote Campaign was successful in achieving vote participation from over 650 community members, down only slightly from pre-pandemic numbers.
- 📖 The Friends once again received a grant from Stewart's Shops in support of the Two Towns-One Book program and were surprised with another grant from Stewart's to support the community - funds that were shared with the Library to help in the purchase of Chrome Books and hot spots for community members who do not have access to high-speed internet services.

The remainder of this abbreviated Annual Report contains our financial information. Our three biggest fundraisers are our Used Book Sales, travel, and membership. Membership numbers are down quite a bit and Used Book Sales and travel are still off the table for now and possibly for the remainder of 2021.

All of our funds are earmarked to support Library activities not covered by tax district monies, so decreasing resources in our bank account necessarily means reduced support to the Library.

We want you to know that we appreciate the wonderful community and its support for the Library, and like you, we look forward to a fully open building full of people and activity.

CATEGORY*	REVENUES	EXPENSES	NET
Donation	2,427.14	----	2,427.14
GOTV	----	362.04	(362.04)
Hospitality	----	14.20	(14.20)
Library Support	----	18,408.55	(18,408.55)
Membership	8,484.85	25.00	8,459.85
Miscellaneous	----	31.04	(31.04)
Museum Pass	----	1,335.00	(1,335.00)
Organization	----	971.56	(971.56)
Other Fundraising	206.00	----	206.00
Outreach	----	20.00	(20.00)
Pavers	1,125.00	400.00	725.00
Publicity	----	4,355.10	(4,355.10)
Scholarship	----	1,900.00	(1,900.00)
Technology	----	602.78	(602.78)
Travel	2,735.00	2,735.00	0.00
TTOB	4,090.00	1,159.78	2,930.22
Used Book Sale	7,241.36	53.45	7,187.91
Totals	26,309.35	32,373.50	(6,064.15)

FOL Revenues and Expenses for Fiscal Year 2020

*The Proctors category is not included in this table because it represents a restricted category that is considered to be largely a break even activity with significant year-to-year variation dependent on the shows scheduled and the timing of ticket deposits and payments within the fiscal year. In 2020, Proctors revenue was \$8,474.55 and expenses were \$12,137.95.