



## **2022 brought more normalized interaction and a sense of relief as COVID became less of a threat.**

For the first time since the beginning of the pandemic, the Friends were able to return to in-person Board meeting, and to offer unrestricted seating and refreshments for activities held in person at the Library.

We were VERY excited when we were able to resume our travel program. We traveled by bus to the Erie Canal side village of Chittenango, New York to visit two fascinating small museums: the Matilda Joslyn Gage Foundation Museum and the All Things Oz museum. At the end of May, a group of 28 travelers boarded a plane and headed to Denver to begin a spectacular 10-day tour through the Rockies focusing on National Parks in Colorado and Utah.

Membership numbers began to climb again; we finished the year with 489 members. With the initiation of a new, more powerful and flexible database made available to us through a grant from SalesForce, we were able to begin using rolling membership dates; from 2023 onward, rather than a single expiration of December 30 for all memberships, membership expiration dates will now fall on the anniversary of each member's previous membership donation.

Our Outreach team continued to collaborate with the Library to supply materials to those unable to leave their homes, and we sponsored another successful Books for Babies campaign with the Library.

Our Used Book Sale team and amazing volunteers were able to hold two four-day sales and a two-day mini sale of children's books spurred by a generous donation from a school that merged with another in 2022. Donations were down somewhat from the extraordinary levels brought on by pandemic-time house cleaning, but we had successful sales in 2022.

We continued to publish The Book Friendly Newsletter, receiving accolades from the Friends Section of NYLA for contents and ease of access.

The Two Towns-One Book project brought Elizabeth Letts, author of the 2022 Book of the Year Finding Dorothy, for an extremely well-received presentation at the Library, and conducted the search for the 2023 Book, resulting in the choice of The Lincoln Highway. TTOB also received support from the Town of Clifton Park and a grant from Stewarts Shops to support activities for children.

The Friends once again awarded two Community Scholarships to high school graduates from the tax district who would be attending two-year or four-year institutions of higher education in the fall.

The Friends support of the Library through our Get Out the Vote campaign was successful in securing voter participation from the community to approve the 2022 Library budget vote and elect Trustees.

Friends support continued for very popular Library programs like the Museum Passes and Storybook Walk, as well as the acquisition of new seating and other improvements for the Children's Library section, plus donations in support of materials acquisition and other important Library functions.

The remainder of the Annual Report focuses on financial information. All of our funds are earmarked to support Library activities not covered by tax district monies. As things continue to normalize, we expect income to slowly return to pre-pandemic levels.

We want you to know that we appreciate the wonderful community and its support for the Library. We are so happy that COVID restrictions are currently relaxing, and we hope to see you back at the Library

Table 1. FOL Revenues and Expenses for Fiscal Year 2022

CATEGORY	REVENUES	EXPENSES	NET
Donation	2,335.12	----	2,335.12
GOTV	----	825.28	(825.28)
Hospitality	----	----	----
Library Support	----	12,352.24	(12,352.24)
Membership	5,462.29	----	5,462.29
Miscellaneous	5,100.00*	----	5,100.00
Museum Pass	----	1,984.00	(1,984.00)
Organization	----	1,051.00	(1,051.00)
Other Fundraising	513.50	----	513.50
Outreach	----	----	----
Pavers	1,100.00	910.00	190.00
Publicity	----	427.00	(427.00)
Scholarship	----	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
Technology	----	533.95	(533.95)
Travel	8,207.70	1,603.00	6,604.70
TTOB	2,135.00	4,843.28	(2,708.28)
Used Book Sale	17,804.79	346.06	17,458.73
Totals	42,658.40	26,875.81	15,782.59

\*5,000.00 of the 5,100.00 is a refund for cancellation of the Heather Morris author event

At the end of 2022, the FOL had \$93,197.15 in its checking account and a total of \$32,469.58 in two Certificates of Deposit.