



Friends of the Library Annual Report 2016

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The board of the Friends meets at the library on the third Tuesday of each month, September through May to conduct business and plan programs. Interested Friends of the Library are welcome to attend.

Financial Summary

Budget Year 2016

The Friends Board of Directors voted to change the fiscal year of our organization to coincide with the library's fiscal year, October 1 through September 30. This will allow the Friends to better plan their giving and support of the library and its programs. Several items were purchased during this budget year including new shelving for the bookstore and many DVDs and CD audiobooks. In addition, funds were used for the promotion of the new bookstore. Ads were taken out in the newspapers and in some organization yearbooks. Two beautiful outdoor signs were created by Doug Nietubicz of Iron Horse Signs.

Checking Balance	\$3,428
CD #1 Balance	\$60,314
CD #2 Balance	\$39,850

Income	\$9,473	Bookstore, memberships, donations, interest, CD proceeds
Expenses (Library)	\$3,959	Library Materials
Operating Expenses	\$8,880	Annual Dinner, Postage, Promotion and Signage, Sales Tax, Bookstore Shelving

Librarian's Annual Report

Dear Friends,

On behalf of all of the staff and patrons of the Lake Placid Memorial Library, and the entire Heartland Library Cooperative, I would like to thank you for all your hard work and dedication to your library this past year. The Friends aided the library in many and various ways, from selfless volunteerism to financial and material donations. Thanks to the Friends' efforts, the library was able to continue providing in-demand and essential services, including the ever popular Summer Reading Program.

Programming

Arts & Crafts

Thanks to the Friends' generous funding, Deama was able to create various arts and crafts with our youth patrons this year. Children participated in a very successful Easter egg hunt as well.

Santa

Thanks to the Friends' generous funding, we reached twenty children and their families. Children took photos with Santa and were given gifts paid for by the Friends.

Saturday Movie Matinee Series

Your Library continued this faithfully attended series in 2016.

Storytime

With an average attendance of 15-20 children per week, we reached over nine-hundred children and their families this year with many repeat visitors.

Summer Reading Incentive Program

On Your Mark, Get Set, *Read!*

This year's program saw 56 older children age 6+ sign up with 27 younger children between the ages of 6 months and 5 years signing up for the One-Thousand Books Before Kindergarten campaign. Some enthusiastic kids went above and beyond requirements and were awarded donated and purchased prizes from the Friends'. The combined hours read from our eight prize-winners totals three-hundred and thirty-one!

Summer Reading Program Events

Thanks to the Friends' generous funding, we reached over two-hundred and thirty children and their families. Events included a visit from Ronald McDonald, gardening with Mr. David Austin, animal yoga with Ms. Michelle Johnson, Mr. Gerard Tricarico's laser light show, and finished with the Library Olympic Games right here in our backyard.

Youth Gardening

The Lake Placid Garden Club began a monthly youth gardening program for ages 7-10 (and parents) at your library. The first meeting was held in November, and the program will continue until May. Over twenty children have signed up for and participated so far.

Other Friends' Contributions

- Audiobooks and DVDs
- 10 new tables for the meeting room
- Friends' branded plastic book bags



Statistics

Circulation

- 98,653 items were circulated, including 22,655 children's items

Patrons

- 75,565 people visited your library
- 747 people joined your library

Volunteers

- 2,631 valuable hours were donated to your library (combined total)
- \$3,595 was given to your library by the Friends

Your advocacy, support, generosity, and passion for your library is essential to our goal of serving the citizens of Lake Placid, Highlands County, and our six sister libraries' communities. Thank you so much for all you do! Looking forward to a wonderful 2017!

Samantha Gambill, Librarian
Lake Placid Memorial Library