

Hello Friends and Supporters,

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With the days getting longer we are slowly moving towards spring and our release from the darkness of winter. As is customary in January the library prepared a request with a list of programs for the Friends to fund for the year. This year due to restrictions on gatherings the list is a bit shorter with a couple of new items being added.

The Friends approved the 2021 Library funding request which totaled \$5,600. This year's request includes \$3900 for youth programs: Summertime Delights, Summer Reading program (supplies), fall programs, craft supplies for take home kits, the pet show, Halloween giveaways and decorations, Autumn Gold decorations, a button maker for programs, and money to purchase youth books and audiobooks for the circulating collection. An additional \$1700 is for adult programming: Honorariums for speakers, Adult program promotion and refreshments, community engagement programs, and support for the "Love Your Library" publicity.

In order to generate some fundraising money the Friends have been holding a small continuous unattended book-sale on the main floor of the library to raise funds for the programs the friend support. This has been somewhat successful and has reduced our supply of books. Currently we are looking for small donations of books, recent fiction and nonfiction as well as youth books. Books should be clean and not moldy or mildewed. We also request you to please limit donations to two boxes a week as the library is currently required to quarantine incoming material for a period of 4 days. As always no encyclopedias or older textbooks. Once we start receiving donations we will be needing some help to get the books sorted so please contact Melanie Zador if you feel comfortable to come out to help.

Right now we need your help another way, dues! So please help us by using the enclosed card and envelope to send in your dues to give us the ability to fund current scheduled programming. Current programming is available to attend on line, please check the Library's website, and social media sites for program information and registration. As COVID restrictions are lifted, the Library will explore adding additional programming options and will be looking to the Friends to provide funding. We are hoping to have some additional funding available to fund this programming, so we need your generous contributions to remain flexible and able to fund Library requested programming.

Our future plans include starting to move back to in person meeting once members feel more comfortable gathering and we want to organize and hold a large book sale some time in the future which will be staffed and open to the public. Currently our best guess is it could be done safely later this summer or fall. As always we thank you for your continuing support during these difficult times and hope you are staying healthy.

Gene Pellerano editor