



2015-2016 Fiscal Year Report

In the Fall of 2015 we hosted a successful Night in the Stacks fundraising gala which included remarks from Ted Everingham, live music and an experience auction.

The second mailing of the 2015-2016 Annual Fund was distributed in November.

The Gift Book Trees were erected the months of November and December, and proceeds doubled last year's total during the same period of time.

In the Spring, I secured the second half of the World Monument Fund grant (\$25,000) that was initiated several years ago. Restoration of the art at Central has been completed, however the Matter mural needs a second repair due to a leak in the business room. We hosted a "sneak peek" donor reception to unveil the newly renovated Central Library.

In April, we kicked off our 2015-2016 fundraising campaign during National Library Week with the first mailing of the annual fund and a weeklong community partner fundraiser.

The Foundation hosted Books on the Lake at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in May in partnership with Wayne County Community College District and the Friends, who both gave \$10,000 grants. The event sold out all 300 tickets for the second year in a row and no longer runs at a deficit.

During the Spring and Summer of 2015 the Foundation coordinated the installation of Mini Libraries in parks in all 5 of the Pointes. Our Mini Libraries are birdhouse-like structures constructed by the End Grain Woodworking Company with wood reclaimed from homes and buildings in Detroit. The Rotary of Grosse Pointe and Rotary International granted us funds in support of the project, and local members stained and weather-proofed the structures. The Foundation coordinator stocks the Mini Libraries with used books generously donated by the Friends, and park patrons are encouraged to "Take one, leave one". Bookmarks promoting Library resources, programs and events are also stocked in the Mini Libraries.

The Foundation took over the administration and promotion of the Gift Book Program in 2014. Near the close of this fiscal year we had raised \$5000. I secured a matching gift from the Casazza Family in order to have the \$10,000 minimum needed to establish a Book Endowment Fund with the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan. Building a Book Endowment will allow the Library to receive an annual disbursement they can count on to supplement their materials budget, rather than an amount that fluctuates year to year. Being able to budget a year in advance gives the Library the ability to respond more thoughtfully and proactively to the needs of their patrons. The Foundation board will vote to recommend establishment of the Book Endowment Fund to the Trustees on September 15.

We continue to coordinate the production and distribution of the Library's printed newsletter three times per year.

Annual Campaign Totals according to the Giftworks Donor Database

2013-2014 Campaign Total: \$84,061

2014-2015 Campaign Total: \$113,825

2015-2016 Campaign Total: \$117,631

The draft Audit Report, prepared by John Rhinesmith, will be presented to the Foundation Board on September 15, 2015.