

TUCKER FREE LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2016

Trustees and staff of the Tucker Free Library make it our goal to bring people and resources together to engage our minds while strengthening our connections in Henniker as well as the larger world. Building a quality library program involves constantly anticipating the needs of the community and seeking input from its members. To that end, the Tucker Free Library applied for a grant that will give us the tools to continue building a program that engages the Henniker community with thought-provoking and creative activities.

As a recipient of Small Libraries Create Smart Spaces grant, we are one of fifteen libraries selected from across the country to participate in this national training program. The grant will help us reimagine our library. Over the next 18 months, trustees and staff will be introduced to the principles of placemaking, community engagement and human-centered space design. After conducting community input studies, action planning and prototype activities, we will be poised to build a learning environment using the knowledge and materials designed to promote an engaged library.

BUILDING PROJECTS TO RESTORE & PROTECT

This year we are applying for another Moose Plate grant to return the iron lamp posts to the front porch. The goal of this project is to restore and re-install these original architectural features to the exterior of the building. Updating the lamps to use new energy efficient technology, we hope to provide a nice soft ambient glow to the front of the building.

At the 2016 Town Meeting the trustees sought your support for the establishment of a Capital Reserve to fund the replacement of the library roof. At that meeting voters established the fund and appropriated \$20,000 for this project. This year we are asking you to appropriate another \$20,000 to this Capital Reserve fund. A final request will be made next year with the project scheduled for completion during the summer of 2018.

Submitted on behalf of the Trustees of the Tucker Free Library by

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DONATIONS RECEIVED

Joanne & Joseph Grady	Currier Museum Pass
Anonymous	General Fund
Jane Andersen	General Fund
Donna & Phil Richardson	Librarian's Wish List
Martha Nemiccolo	Mary F. Kjellman Fund
Henniker Rotary Club	Walter K. Robinson Fund
John V. Kjellman	Mary F. Kjellman Fund

Carolyn & Rodney Patenaude
Garry Kaljian
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Alicia & Dave McLeay
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A BIG THANK YOU TO!

Robert N. Fitch Fund
General Fund
General Fund
Mary F. Kjellman Fund
Memory of Joan Manoli
General Fund

A special thank you to everyone who dropped their spare change in the donation boxes at the circulation desks. We collected \$300.00 this year! Former community members, trustees, and friends have established funds to provide financial support for the library over the years. These named funds include those established by or to honor Marjorie B. Bennett, Scott J. Berry, Helen M. Cammett, Anna L. Childs, D&W and E.L. Cogswell, L.A. Cogswell, Willis Cogswell, Alice Colby, James W. Doon, Robert N. Fitch, Francis O. Holmes A.D. Huntoon, Mary F. Kjellman, Henry Preston, Walter K. Robinson, Ann S. Soderstrom, and George W. Tucker.

TUCKER FREE LIBRARY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS OF 2016

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- 35 STORY TIMES REACHING 654 PARTICIPANTS
- 3 SUNDAY FAMILY PROGRAMS ATTENDED BY 60
- 25 FAMILIES ARE PARTICIPATING IN 1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM, READING OVER 3,100 BOOKS!
- 2,334 YOUTH AT LIBRARY AFTER SCHOOL

6 WEEK SUMMER PROGRAM

- HENNIKER KIDS CHECKED OUT 2,376 ITEMS
- 5 STORY TIMES WITH 65 ATTENDING
- 4 THURSDAY PROGRAMS WITH 47 ATTENDING

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- PARTICIPATED IN THE WHITE BIRCH OPEN HOUSE
- 145 BOOKS BORROWED FOR 14 BOOK CLUBS
- 24 BOOK REVIEWS PREPARED BY STAFF MEMBERS ON THE LIBRARY WEBSITE

ADULTS

- 8 TED TALKS WITH 95 PARTICIPANTS FROM TOWN AND CO-SPONSOR WHITE BIRCH SENIOR GROUP
- 6 SUNDAY PROGRAMS ATTENDED BY 250 ADULTS

IN MEMORIAM

The trustees and staff of the Tucker Free Library would like to honor the memory of former library director Peggy Ward. Peggy's many accomplishments during her tenure include the excellent stewardship of the building, overseeing the construction of the rear hallway allowing for handicapped accessibility, and having the foresight to bring library automation to Henniker in the early days of computerized library service. Hired in 1978 as assistant librarian, Peggy continued in that role until 1984 when she was named director. She served the Tucker Free Library in that capacity until her retirement in 2002.