

ST. HELENA PUBLIC LIBRARY FRIENDS&FOUNDATION

Annual Report

2016-2017

A Message from our Board of Directors

St. Helena Public Library depends on both the City and Friends & Foundation to help keep it one of the best small libraries in the country. We believe that every dollar invested in libraries returns significant dividends. According to Greg Lucas, state librarian of California, "Taxpayer dollars keep library doors open to provide anyone who wants it the opportunity to improve their lives—by learning to read, by accessing public services, by getting help with a resume, by connecting to the Internet and online databases, by finding material for the visually impaired...Maybe by even checking out a book for two." We thank all our donors for helping to keep our library strong and vibrant and we hope this annual report will inspire you to continue your support.

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Where your support went

Library Materials

Your gifts helped the library purchase nearly 2,000 items to enhance its collection of English and Spanish periodical subscriptions, books, books on tape, large print books and DVDs.

Staffing

This year, Friends & Foundation continued its support of the library's skilled part-time staffing that helps keep the library open six days a week. Without this funding, library hours would be cut. Staff is there to support the over 100,000 visitors who came to the library this past year and who checked out nearly 218,000 items.

Library Programs

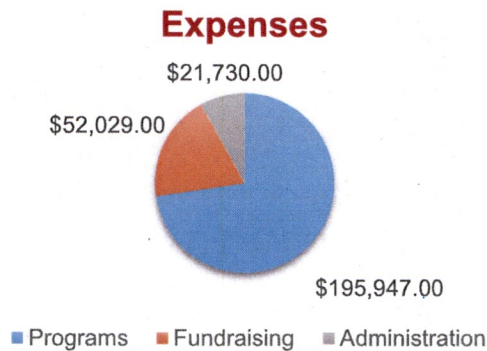
Last year, the library hosted 6,639 attendees at 361 programs, all free to the community. These programs provide opportunities to learn, to explore, and to experience literature, art and music. Local schoolchildren also benefited with classroom visits by Super Hero librarians and class visits to the library—315 programs serving 5,391 children. Here are just a few of the programs supported by Friends & Foundation last year:

- *Let's Lego* activities that provide children and their families an opportunity to express their creativity
- Readings by local authors and poets
- English and Spanish Story Time to promote a lifelong love of reading
- Summer Reading Program which studies consistently show raise student reading levels. This year, nearly 500 children enrolled in the program.
- *Wild St. Helena* programs on beavers, bats and other creatures
- Lecture series on topics including the Norman Conquest of England 1066
- Entertainment including Taiko drummers and a mandolin ensemble



Financials 2016-17

Friends & Foundation's revenue totaled \$614,410 in 2016-17. Revenue comes from individual and corporate donations, grants, planned gifts, our annual fundraiser Bookmark Napa Valley, and book sales and recycling. This year's revenues include a very generous bequest from the estate of Ralph S. Deuer.



Foundation Assets

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| Checking | 15,990.00 |
| Money Market | 104,580.00 |
| Investments | 3,561,543.00 |
| Total | \$3,682,113.00 |

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