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Friends Director Update
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2017 Annual Gala

The Friends Annual Gala, Kids at Heart—A Celebration of Children's Literature—was a great success and the Friends will be giving a grant of $30,000 to Ramsey County Library to add 1,500 items to the lending collection of the library branches located in Maplewood, Mounds View, New Brighton, North St. Paul, Roseville, Shoreview, and White Bear Lake.

The Friends would like to express our sincere appreciation to the following generous sponsors of the 2017 Gala: Platinum Sponsors, Metropolitan State University and HealthPartners; Exclusive Media Sponsor, Twin Cities Pioneer Press, and Gold Sponsors, Andersen Corporation, Applewood Pointe, Carl Bolander & Sons, Fairview Wine and Spirits, Falcon Heights-Lauderdale Lion's Club, Goodmanson Construction, Josh's Place, Maguire Agency, Northeast Bank, the Aplikowski Family, Cathy Croghan & Kathy Robbins, Mary & Wayne Carter, Pamela M. Harris, and John W. Harris. We also extend a hearty thank you to all of the attendees, volunteers and auction and game donors who helped to make this event a big success!

Reading Friends Volunteers

The Friends extend sincere and deep thanks to Reading Friends Literacy Project volunteers who gave of their time and talent in the past 2016-2017 school year: Aleli Balagtas, Carol Diemert, Brad Larson, Nancy Lee, Gretchen Needham, Marilyn Pope, Beth Warren, and Jeannine Wiegert. These volunteers traveled to our Community Partners with Youth (CPY) partner site to work with K-5 children one-on-one to reinforce literacy skills, assist with homework assignments, and help build children's self-esteem. The lives of many children were enriched this year because of our dedicated and generous Reading Friends.

Northeast Metro Expo

Library Board member Jan Rapheal joined Friends director Cyndi Cook and Friends volunteers Dianne Marti and Ellie Nicklawske to meet and greet attendees at the Friends booth at the Northeast Metro Expo on April 30th at the Vadnais Heights Sports Center. Folks who stopped by our booth took home free books and learned about the Ramsey County Library Summer Reading Program, upcoming Friends events, Legacy of Learning opportunities, and how to reserve an engraved garden paver at the Shoreview library.

Shoreview Library Capital Campaign

Slowly but surely, donations continue to come in to support the Shoreview Library Capital Campaign. The total to date is $201, 961 leaving $48,039 remaining to raise in 2017. The garden pavers have been ordered with installation expected to be completed in June.

Upcoming events

- Friends Board of Directors meeting July 24, 2017 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Roseville library.
- Book It! 5K Walk/Run at 9:00 am on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at the Roseville Library.
- Friends Annual Luncheon on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at the North Oaks Country Club.