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MISSION & VISION

The Lawrence Public Library Friends & Foundation (LPLFF) secures gifts from the community to supplement and strengthen the public’s investment in the Library.

The LPLFF shall establish, promote, maintain, endow, and render aid and assistance for the immediate and long-term needs of the Library through financial support, volunteer service, and advocacy.
To the Lawrence Public Library Board of Trustees:

The Lawrence Public Library Friends & Foundation (LPLFF) continues to do great things for our library. I’m pleased to report our accomplishments for the past year.

In 2022, we celebrated the third year of the united Friends & Foundation organization. We continue to strengthen our relationship and do bigger and better things!

In addition, we recognized the 50th anniversary of the Friends and celebrated in true style with a 1970’s-themed Prom in October.

And thanks to thousands of book buyers, donors, and an army of volunteers, we accomplished the following in 2022:

- Raised a total of $683,761 through book sales, donations, and fundraising events;
- Contributed $375,112 to the library to support programming, technology, collections, and other essential library needs;
- Raised and contributed $119,000 to the library that specifically targets children’s programs and services;
- Involved 650 Seniors in our community through the Retirement Boot Camp Program; and
- Volunteered 15,339 hours of service to the library, valued at $225,000.

It has been wonderful to watch the library bloom again as we emerge from the COVID-19 world and began to do so many needed things TOGETHER and IN-PERSON.

Celebrate Spring and your involvement in and support for the library. You are amazing!

Sincerely,

Rachel Rademacher, Chair
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2022 Annual Meeting
An annual meeting is held each year up on the call of the Chair.
The 2022 annual meeting was held on May 1, 2023.

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The mission of the LPL Friends & Foundation is to support the immediate and long-term needs of the library. Our organization achieves this through community book sales, gifts from generous donors, and earnings from investments managed by the Douglas County Community Foundation (DCCF).

We are pleased to report that fundraising and book sales were very strong in 2022. A total of $684,859 was raised through onsite and online book sales, as well as gifts to the library. This represents a 20% increase from 2021 totals.

Mirroring national trends, our investments were down in 2022. However the 11% decrease in our funds was better than the average decline of 15% reported nationally by community foundations. We are grateful to our partners at DCCF for helping us navigate a year of market uncertainty.

More specific information regarding investments, book sales, volunteer participation, and fundraising are provided in the following pages. Please note that all reported financials are unaudited.
2022 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Friends & Foundation Assets ........................................... $3,479,956
Douglas County Community Foundation funds ............... $2,917,928
Raised through book sales, grants and gifts ................ $684,859
Provided to the library in 2022 ...................................... $375,112

Since merging in 2020, the LPL Friends & Foundation has given the library a total of $1,038,316.
2022 FUNDRAISING TOTALS

Fundraising *
Merchandise Sales .................................................. $4,140
Fundraising Events .................................................. $68,363
Restricted Gifts ......................................................... $242,688
Unrestricted Gifts .................................................... $170,577
Total Fundraising ........................................................ $485,769

2022 INCOME

- Book Sales 29.1%
- Events 10%
- Donations and Merch 60.9%
2022 Book Sale & Volunteer Totals

Book Sales*
Total On-Site Book Sales...........$101,618
Total Online Book Sales...........$97,460
Total Book Sales...................$199,089
Total Items Sold Online..........5,493

Volunteer Hours
LPLFF Volunteer Hours............. 9,258
LPLFF Volunteers.................. 278
Library Volunteer Hours..........6,081
Library Volunteers............... 137

Volunteers donated time to the library valued at $225,000!
2022 GRANT AWARDS

Grants from Community Partners
BNSF Railway Foundation for community literacy programs
Capitol Federal Foundation for Retirement Boot Camp
DCCCA, Inc. for teen programming
Hall Center for the Humanities Stories for All for mural project
Hallmark Cards, Inc for Kansas Reads to Preschoolers
Harrison Family Fund for matching fund challenge
Humanities Kansas for Joy Harjo event
Jedel Family Foundation + Jeff and Mary Weinberg for Kanopy
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Lawrence St Patrick’s Day Parade for Dottie youth outreach
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McGrew Real Estate for Summer Reading Program
MIDCO Foundation for public technology
Salkind Family Fund for digital collections
Simpson Foundation for Dottie
Walmart Foundation for Dottie giveaway books

Grants from Douglas County Community Foundation
Giving for Good match for Dottie
Grant Station subscription
Summer Reading scavenger hunt
2022 HIGHLIGHTS

Fabulous Friends Celebrate 50 Years!
Fifty years ago on December 5, 1972, the Carnegie Association for the Lawrence Public Library (CALL) was created in order to help "develop and advance the operation of Lawrence Public Library." Founded by Chie Craig, Mary Malinowsky Burchill and Evelyn Hastings, this organization grew to become the Friends of the Library.

CALL's very first book sale in 1973 raised $1,748 -- a huge success! Five years later in 1977, the Friends of the Library adopted its new name. By its 10th anniversary, the Friends set a record of $8,500 in sales for the library.

In 2020, the Friends merged with the Library Foundation to become the LPL Friends & Foundation. The name may have changed, but the awesomeness continues, with a thriving online operation, multiple on-site book sales, and the new lobby book store, the Friends’ Express.

All of this was made possible thanks to the vision and hard work of our wonderful library volunteers, generous donors and loyal library advocates. Thank you for being a Friend!

Kids Get a "Book Hug" in Library's New Picture Book Room
Thanks to a generous gift from Don Marquis, children in Lawrence can immerse themselves in a giant "book hug" of picture books at Lawrence Public Library.

"When my brother and I were young, my dad encouraged us to read and took us to the library frequently," said Don's daughter Alison Marquis. "Libraries are such a wonderful community resource and he wanted to help ensure that the Lawrence Public Library would continue to grow and flourish."

Don’s generous support for the library picture book room was given in memory of his late son-in-law, Kevin Meyer. "Kevin was a good father, a good husband, and a terrific son-in-law," he said on multiple occasions.

Sadly, Don died in September of 2022. Completion of the room was a dream he was very excited about, and knew would be fulfilled for the families of Lawrence. Don’s children and grandchildren dedicated the lovely new space on November 27, 2022.
2022 HIGHLIGHTS

Dottie Hits the Road at Last!
After months of delays, "Dottie", the library's new mobile library, made her official debut on August 20, 2022 as part of Lawrence Public Library’s Summer Reading Last Bash. This celebratory evening featured music from Soundwave, a movie on the Library Lawn, and a spectacular fly over when the ribbon was cut! This project was made possible thanks to a partnership with the KU School of Architecture. It was 100% funded through a huge community lift: 60,000+ books sold and many, many generous donors. Look for Dottie out and about in your neighborhood.

Book Sales Surge in 2022
The LPL Friends & Foundation book sale volunteers set the bar high again in 2022. Book sales increased a whopping 33%, totaling $199,089. On-site sales earned $101,618, while online book sales climbed to $97,460. The star of the book sale show was the Friends Express Book Store, a new honor system store in the library lobby that offers gently used books for $1 and $2 each. Launched in June of 2022, Friends Express earned more than $7,800 for the library. This incredible success story is made possible thanks to the tireless work of our wonderful volunteers. The Friends & Foundation’s 278 book sale volunteers worked a total of 9,258 hours in 2022, making it one of the most successful book sale years ever.
2022 HIGHLIGHTS

Beach Author Series Presents Colson Whitehead
The Ross and Marianna Beach Author Series returned in a big way in 2022. MacArthur Genius Grant, National Book Award, and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Colson Whitehead took the Liberty Hall stage in April of 2022 and delighted his Lawrence audience with stories about his life as a writer, and his most recent novel, Harlem Shuffle. Colson Whitehead was the sixth author to visit Lawrence as part of the Ross and Marianna Beach Author Series.

Library Lovefest Supports the Teen Zone
The LPL Friends & Foundation hosted another successful virtual fundraiser for the library on February 10, 2022. The "Library Lovefest" Valentine's Day-themed event raised a total of $73,000 for Lawrence Public Library, of which $25,000 supported improvements to the Teen Zone. These included new furniture, game tables, upgraded technology and large screen TVs, and even a fund for snacks and art supplies. It was one of the most successful LPLFF fundraising events yet!

The 2022 Mary Dalton Murphy Award Winner is...Jan Biles!
Since 2019, Jan has donated 1,300 hours to support the library and she packs a lot in those hours. Jan is a valuable member of our On-Site Sales Committee and works hard at every sale restocking shelves.

Jan takes care of our Military History, Theatre, and Race Relations sections—a whopping 144 feet of shelf space that sees hundreds of books each year. Speaking of shelf space, when our shelves were looking dusty she single-handedly dusted each shelf. That’s three-quarters of a mile of shelves!

If that wasn’t enough, Jan is our go-to donation wrangler for two hours every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. She’s always willing to lend a hand and give great advice. We admire her quiet wisdom and calm approach to life. Thank you, Jan!
2022 HIGHLIGHTS

Advocacy Committee Takes Shape
The Friends & Foundation’s three-part mission supports Lawrence Public Library through fundraising, volunteering, and advocacy. While fundraising and volunteering are well developed, the advocacy component needs more focus. Among the 2022 goals for the LPL Friends & Foundation board was to activate an Advocacy Committee. Thanks to the leadership of Kassie Nieters and Rachel Rademacher, the foundational work of creating a committee charter and an advocacy policy was accomplished. Looking ahead, the Friends & Foundation will work on a public awareness campaign that highlights the importance of keeping Lawrence Public Library a strong and vibrant community anchor.

St Patrick’s Day Parade Committee Delivers Pot of Gold
The Friends & Foundation were delighted to receive a grant of $23,000 from the St. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee in 2022. The funds will be used for Dottie’s youth outreach efforts. We are so grateful to the army of staff and volunteers who joined us for fundraising events and marched in the parade on behalf of the library. A huge shout out goes to Brandon Eisman, AKA Storytime Star Deja Brooks, who went many, many extra miles as our queen candidate. We could not have chosen a more perfect representative for the library.
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