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# Sacramento Public Library Authority

Agenda Item 5.0: Friends of the Sacramento Public Library  
Annual Report FY 2012-13

**TO: Sacramento Public Library Authority Board**

**FROM: Robert Gorham, President, Friends of the Sacramento Public Library**

**RE: Friends of the Sacramento Public Library – Annual Report FY 2012-13**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

None – Information only.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT – OCTOBER 2013**

The Friends of the Sacramento Public Library started 2013 with an Annual Meeting at the Arden Dimick Library, featuring readings by poets Bob Stanley, Jill Stockinger, Heather Hutcheson and Abe Sass; music by William Mylar and a discussion of Sacramento history by local author Lance Armstrong.

The Friends of the McClatchy Library published the book *McClatchy Memories* using the Library’s I Street Press. Local author and longtime Friends member Maryellen Burns and her brother, Keith Burns, wrote a book, *Lost Restaurants of Sacramento and Their Recipes*, which was published by American Palate, a division of the History Press.

The Friends worked with the Library by donating money to buy books and develop a library for the Sacramento County Juvenile Detention Facility.

Friends members also are working with the Library and News10 to build a library for the new Salvation Army Transitional Living Facility.

Books have been donated by Friends members to more than 100 places in Sacramento County, as well as to food banks in El Dorado County and Placer County. Volunteers also have donated books to libraries in Cancun and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

The Friends assisted in winning a \$100,000 grant from Raley’s for libraries in the area.

In 2012, the Friends collectively donated \$381,415.96 to the Sacramento Public Library. Through June 2013, the Friends have donated \$142,254 to the Library.

The Friends paid \$25,000 for a poll of Sacramento city residents regarding a parcel assessment to maintain funding for Library services.

Joining the Raley’s Something Extra Program, the Friends have received more than \$1,000 from Raley’s for Library children’s programs this year. For more information on Friends’ financials, go to <http://www.saclibfriends.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/2012-990-Tax-forms.pdf>



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The Friends also established the Friends Web page, [www.saclibfriends.org](http://www.saclibfriends.org), in 2013 and would like to offer a big thank-you to Karen Thomas for this accomplishment.

In 2013, the Friends had a table in the lobby for the Paula Poundstone Concert at the Crest Theatre in February.

The March issue of the *Senior Spectrum* had an article on the Friends Book Den and Warehouse.

The Friends held their first annual training with the Affiliate Treasurers. Additional training on developing budgets and understanding the bylaws and duties of officers are being developed for 2014.

A new Friends Membership Brochure was developed for 2013.

The Friends continue to be at community events across the county. Some of these events include:

- Courtland Pear Fair (July)
- Belle Cooledge Library Annual Ice Cream Event (June)
- Big Trucks at the Franklin Library (September)
- July 4 at the Pocket Library (July)
- Chalk It Up on Labor Day Weekend (September)
- Oodles of Noodles at the Orangevale Grange Hall (October)
- Pancake Breakfast at the Colonial Heights Library (March)
- Elk Grove Multicultural Festival (August)
- The Friends Book Stores in Rio Linda and on Belvedere Avenue in Sacramento
- Literacy events at the Sacramento Zoo
- Literacy Events at Fairy Tale Town
- Sacramento MoFo (food truck) events at the North Natomas Library
- Monthly Tea and Coffee at the Rancho Cordova Library
- Monthly Tea and Coffee at the Martin Luther King Jr. Library
- Celebrations at the Sacramento Public Libraries for each branch's birthday.