Celebrate our success . . .

Hundreds of Friends volunteers provided more than 55,000 hours of service last year. The Friends gave local libraries more than $303,000 to fund programs, buy books, purchase new equipment and bring the community together!

...and sharing it!

How we made a difference to the Library . . .

Friends were the “face” of the campaign to pass Measure X in June 2016. Approved by more than 78 percent of Sacramento voters, Measure X extends the parcel tax dedicated to libraries for 10 years, maintaining critical services in our city libraries, including children’s programs, hours of operation, online access, quality books and materials, and much more.

Friends’ financial support has enabled the Library to provide programs and services that its regular operating budget doesn’t cover.

Classes
Technology Enhancements
Summer Reading Program
Lucky Day Books
Story Corps
Friends in the Community

The Friends’ Book Den promoted community-wide literacy by providing 2,000 boxes of books to more than 40 separate charities, faith-based groups and government agencies, such as the River City Food Bank, the RAI Dialysis Center, the Grandparents Support Group, Wellspring Women’s Center and youth detained in the Juvenile Hall facility, allowing people without access to libraries to have access to books.

Trying something new

Friends of the Sacramento Public Library raised more than $23,000 in the 2016 BIG DAY OF GIVING. 100% of the funds will be used to support the Library’s new BookFirst program. About 9,000 first-graders attend 116 schools that qualify as economically disadvantaged in the City and County. First-graders in these schools will receive a complimentary book in early Spring 2017, and will be linked with their local library to become library users. For most of these children, it will be their first contact with the Sacramento Public Library.

How can you help?

Become a friend!   Donate!   Volunteer – get involved!

Our Mission: We are a volunteer, community-based organization that advocates for the Library and helps raise funds for its collection, services and facilities.