



Auburn Friends of the Library

Annual Report

2023 - 2024

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President's Annual Statement

It has been a busy year for our FOL as we fully engage after the years of COVID. Our year began with a big bang as we received \$300,000 from the estate of Marjorie Kaff to be used for support and expansion of non-fiction books at the Auburn Library. It will be a gift to our library for many years and makes all of us stop and think what we want to leave as our legacy.

Highlights for the year include:

- FOL joining Auburn Chamber of Commerce with ceremony December 7.
- Honoring Karri Samson with the Placer County Historical Society as she posthumously received the history award at a special FOL NOON program.
- Celebrating Auburn Library 50th year on Nevada St. Historian and member Anne Holmes, gathered historical information for a well attended NOON program, Beecher room displays and displays at our annual dinner as well as columns in our Footsteps.
- FOL proudly supported the library's summer reading program by donating \$2000 for support items.
- FOL Board began a high yield \$40,000 CD for post infrastructure library needs
- Honoring our wonderful library staff and our incredible Used Book Sale volunteers in June.
- Attending two "All Friends" meetings for Placer County FOL groups to refine our advocacy for libraries and strengthen our community involvement
- Big Day of Giving profits of \$10,787.

A busy year by a very dedicated group of volunteers.

-Louise Isaacson, President Auburn FOL

Executive Board (Elected)

President: Louise Isaacson
Vice-President Michele Young
Corresponding Secty: Kathy Schwenk
Recording Secty: Kathleen Edwards
Membership: Barbara Jicha
Treasurer: Judy Monahan
Past President: Jacquie Flecklin
Members-at-large: Virginia Parker
Ralene Snow
Janet Paehlig
Delana Ruud
Shawnee Unger

Standing Committees (Appointed)

Beecher Room Art: Charlene Messner
Bulletin Board: Delores Pack
Footsteps: Madonna Anglin
Great Books: Walt/Bonnie Wilson
Library Advisory Board: Jane Hamilton
Noon Programs:
Publicity: Rosie Stilwell
Facebook: Deanna Stilwell
Used Book Sales Team: Kt Baker
Mary Piette
Michele Young

Ad Hoc Committees (Appointed)

Annual Dinner: Michele Young
Raffle: Judy Monahan
Reading In The Classroom: Kathleen Edwards
Big Day of Giving: Judy Monahan
Celebrity Chef: Gerry Suskin
Website: Laura Bracken
Historian: Anne Holmes
Kaff Trust: Judy Monahan
Hospitality: Sherry Couzens

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS and OUTREACH

Reading in the Classroom/Books for the Classroom

FOL researched resuming our community outreach program of sending volunteer readers into our local school classrooms to share the love of reading. Our last Reading in the Classroom (RIC) concluded right before the Covid shutdown in February 2020. We started looking into this in the fall of 2023, and found that it would take more time than any board member had to undertake this for spring 2024.

The FOL board instead voted to present a book to each classroom (TK – 3rd grade) to Bowman, Skyridge, and Auburn Elementary schools. This very successful gifting of books took place during the “Read Across America” week in March 2024. Forty-one books were purchased (\$735) and taken to each school. Book selection was guided by our librarian, Kathryn Cantwell Cole, and her staff. Classroom teachers were delighted by the books.

Plans for 2025 are not formulated yet. To ease the load of chairing the Reading in the Classroom it was suggested we have a chair for each school, reducing the tasks of matching readers to classrooms/dates/times.

Chair: Kathleen Edwards

Auburn Harvest Festival

The Auburn Harvest Festival is sponsored by the Auburn Recreation District and was held Saturday, October 19 on a beautiful fall day. We decorated a booth, handed out candy and about 300 free books. We also provided information about FOL and the Library with information this year about the library’s 50th year.

Chair: Jane Hamilton

Great Books

Great Books meets the second Tues of the month 1-3 PM in the Beecher Room. We all read selections from the same book and discuss them. We also discuss books we are reading on our own. We usually have 4 attendees.

Sept: On Going Home by Joan Didion

Graduation by Maya Angelou

Oct: On Dumpster Diving by Lars Eighner

Beauty: When the Other Dancer is the Self by Alice Walker

Nov: Working at Wendy's by Joey Franklin

Feb: An American Childhood by Annie Dillard

Strangers by Toni Morrison

More Room by Judith Ortiz Cofer

Take the F by Ian Frazier

Mar: Once More to the Lake by E. B. White

Between the Sexes, A Great Divide by Anna Quindlen

Ain't I a Woman by Sojourner Truth

Apr: A Tale of Three Coming Out Stories by Roxane Ga Great Books y

Falling Down is Part of Growing Up by Henry Petroski

On the Fear of Death by Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

May: The Story of Bottled Water by Annie Leonard

Extra Lives: Why Video Games Matter by Tom Bissell

Jun: The Case for Single-Child Families by Bill McKibben

Black Men and Public Space by Brent Staples

Each year, we host a Gold Country Mini-Retreat. This year it is June 1. We are reading "Killers of the Flower Moon" for discussion in small groups and watching the movie. We have 21 from Nevada, the Bay Area and our area.

Chair: Walt & Bonnie Wilson

Beecher Room Art

The Beecher Room at the Auburn Library is a great place to display local art. Patrons of the library can wander in to view the art. Six artists or groups of artists display for two month intervals. Professional artists as well as amateurs show their artwork.

This past FOL year displays included: a local photographer's work.; a library art program featured work by patrons of the library on "Perspectives of Placer"; students of Sonja Hamilton's intermediate and advanced watercolor classes displayed their paintings of "weathervanes"; local watercolorist exhibited paintings; an artist who works in pastels and oils displayed her "Anything Western" artwork. The last exhibit of the year was presented by the Friends Of The Library historian Anne Holmes who displayed posters of the history of the Placer Library in celebration of fifty years at the current location.

Patrons of the library and those who use the Beecher Room look forward to seeing the diverse artwork displayed here.

Chair: Charlene Messner

Celebrity Chef's Cooking for Community Service

March 7 the annual event was hosted at the county fairgrounds. Members made the ever popular meatballs. Attendance was lower this year and it is unclear whether the event will continue.

Chair: Gerry Suskin

COMMUNICATIONS and GIFTS of SERVICE

Volunteers and In-Kind Donations: 2,936 hours and counting!

To collect this data of hours volunteered and donations in support of FOL and the library, we asked Board members to record their hours and in-kind donations at each meeting. What we have is an estimate of hours and in-kind donations.

Our estimated number of volunteers is around 50 putting in an estimated total of 2,936 hours. The Used Book Sale team make-up the bulk of volunteers and volunteer hours, with an estimate of 30 volunteers putting in a total of 120-130 hours per month! We did not attempt to count miles driven for our records.

Footsteps Newsletter, Website, Facebook, and Email Blasts

Our Footsteps Newsletter was sent out five times this year. While a majority were emailed we still continue to send by US Mail about 150 newsletters for each edition. The cost to do so has continued to rise and it is a goal to convert to mostly email communications. This year we sent OUT two email "blasts" to remind our members about the December noon program and another for the Big Day of Giving.

Facebook has over one thousand followers and has helped us communicate events and share

information. Our web page (folauburnca.org) and our email (FOLAuburnCA@gmail.com) also has helped us communicate and stay connected to varied age groups.

Publishing Chairs: Madonna Anglin, Footsteps; Deanna Stillwell, Facebook; Laura Bracken, Website

FUNDRAISING & REVENUES

Membership: 356 members - \$7080.00 donations

Our Membership year began in September with 335 members and as we closed the year in June, 2024 we had 356 members. Our membership remains at \$10 per individual with many members giving a bigger donation. Membership brought in a total of \$7080.00 for the year. We are not at our preCovid membership level which was around 500 members.

Used Book Sales and Donations of Materials: \$12,269.45

The FOL Used Book Sale fiscal year ended with a fruitful and flourishing grand total of \$12,269.45. The Jean Couzens Annex bustles with enthusiastic buyers and donation folks on the first Tuesday and following Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Additional donation days are the second Tuesday and following Saturday of each month from 9 a.m to 1 p.m.

We have 30 fabulous volunteers who work tirelessly each month to make sure that all donated items are received and sorted by genre, cash register table is fully maned, books are shelved, and when necessary culled, duplicates or items not being used by us are sent to other entities that can use them and all damaged , etc., items are placed in the recycle bin near the library where they are turned into pulp. In addition our volunteers put in over 120 hours per month helping our Used Books Sales/Donations thrive.

Annual Dinner: \$10,698.84 net profit

A fabulous evening was enjoyed by 175 Library lovers on Sunday, January 28, 2024. The dining room tables at The Ridge were beautifully decorated and the majority of donated centerpiece books were happily taken home by our guests. In addition the raffle tables were gorgeous and the raffle items were plentiful. The new ticket system worked beautifully according to the attendees.

The dinner/raffle brought in a total profit of \$10,698.84

Chairs: Michele Young, Judy Monahan,

Marjorie Kaff Trust

July 2024 FOL received \$300,000 from the estate of Marjorie Kaff to be used for support and expansion of non-fiction books at the Auburn Library. A committee was formed and \$250,000 was put in a high yield CD earning \$12,942.82 for the fiscal year. These funds were renewed into another 13 month CD in August at 4.85%. The library has asked to receive the funds at \$25,000 per fiscal year. The first distribution was at a February Board of Supervisors meeting and the second one will be September 17 at the Auburn Library.

The library purchased approximately 1,153 items in three waves. They will have special displays when they arrive. Highlights include updating popular sections such as cooking, health, and diets to make sure we carried trusted resources and reflected current trends. The staff balanced the poetry and writing sections with increased representation of BiPOC and gender-diverse authors. Several new series of high-interest historical early readers, such as prehistoric animals and the “history of fun stuff,” were added along with more phonics materials. Additionally, the computer and technology

sections are refreshed with updated materials and an increase in the number of senior-focused training materials.

Annual Budget of Revenues and Expenditures

Treasurer: Judy Monahan

Friends of Auburn Library
Revenue and Expense Summary
July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

REVENUE:

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Fundraising:</u>		
R1	Membership	7,080.00
R2	Used Book Sales	12,269.45
R4	Library Dinner	11,050.00
R4A	Raffle-Dinner	2,398.00
R4S	Sponsors - Dinner	8,740.00
R5	NOON Program	13.00
R7	Donations	7,302.00
R7A	BDOG	10,827.40
R8	Memorials	750.00
R12	Miscellaneous	0.00
	Total Revenue	<u>\$60,429.85</u>

Activity Summary

Total Revenue **\$60,429.85**

Total Expenses **\$29,626.72**

Net Proceeds **\$ 30,803.13**

Beginning Cash Balance 07-01-2023 **\$86,749.05**

Ending Cash Balance 06/30/2024 **\$117,552.18**

KAFF TRUST

Kaff Donation Saving Account \$50,000
Ck 2080to Placer Co Library Trust - \$25,000
Interest YTD \$614.31

Kaff Certificate of Deposit \$250,000
Interest YTD \$12,942.82

LIF (Library Improvement Fund) CD **\$40,000**
Interest YTD **\$956.60**

Submitted 6/30/2024
Judy Monahan, Treasurer

EXPENDITURES:

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Fundraising expenses:</u>		
F1	Membership	22.12
F2	Used Book Sales	264.27
F4	Library Dinner	12,769.72
F4A	Raffle - Dinner	464.34
F5	BDOG Fees	52.72
F7	Annex	159.95
	Total Fundraising Expense	<u>\$13,733.12</u>

Library expenses:

L1	Library Materials	0.00
L2	Literacy program	1,000.00
L3	PCFL Trust	1,000.00
L4	Memorials	\$2,790.00
L5	Library Improvement Fund CD	\$0.00
	Total Library Expense	<u>\$4,790.00</u>

Community Enrichment

CE2	Summer Series Concert	0.00
CE3	Reading In The Classroom	735.07
CE4	Library 50 Year Celebration	451.11
CE5	Noon Program	0.00
CE6	Community Festival	\$79.96
CE7	Summer Reading	\$2,000.00
	Total Comm Enrich Expense	<u>\$3,266.14</u>

Administration expenses:

A1	Hospitality / Courtesy	165.91
A2	Insurance	2,627.33
A3	Newsletter	3,349.70
A4	Office Supplies	803.28
A5	Advertising	371.25
A6	Website	265.00
A8	Miscellaneous	254.99
	Total Administration Expense	<u>\$7,837.46</u>

Total All Expense Catagories **\$29,626.72**

