

FRIENDS OF THE PAWTUCKET PUBLIC LIBRARY

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT (March 4, 2017-March 10, 2018)

The Friends of the Pawtucket Public Library had a very active and productive year supporting the Pawtucket Public Library's mission to improve library services. Our treasury continues to be financially sound with funds coming from our endowments, bank CDs, membership dues, book sales and other donations in providing the much-needed financial support to the library.

I am extremely proud of our successes and the list below highlights the Friends' Year in Review:

2017-2018 Year in Review--Friends of the Pawtucket Public Library

- Sponsored four book sales—two-day spring book sale (April 8 & 9) and a two day fall book sale, (Nov. 18 & 19) Sunday was included in book sales.
- Celebrated the Friend's 55th Anniversary honoring staff members with 15 plus years of service. Jon Land was keynote speaker
- Received a City Proclamation from Mayor Donald Grebien honoring our 55 years of supporting the Pawtucket Public Library
- Received a Certificate of Accomplishment from Senator Jack Reed and an official State of RI and Providence Plantations Citation by Attorney General Peter Kilmartin recognizing our 55 years of supporting the Pawtucket Public Library.
- Applied and received grants for the library's literacy/ESL programs using our 501(c) (3) status.
- Supported summer reading programs for teens and children.
- Supported children's book club
- Provided discount passes to area museums, parks, etc.
- Purchased over 100 new books that were distributed to children during the month of December
- Supported the Pawtucket Arts Festival and Pawtucket City Calendar.
- Sorted our donated nonfiction books by subject area and fiction books alphabetically by author to make future book sales more appealing to patrons.
- Sold 500 books to Residential Properties. All proceeds going towards programs benefiting the library.
- Donated \$50 gift card for Library Access Survey.
- Revised new Friend's logo.
- Increased Friends' PR exposure through press releases, web page, Facebook, and newsletters with the help of our new PR chairperson.

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Future Goals

- Provide special programs that will benefit our diverse community economically, educationally, and socially.
- Increase our membership numbers.

I want to thank all of you who have participated in making the Pawtucket Library one of the city's greatest treasures. Special thanks to the dedicated volunteers who help out with book sales; sorting books; patrons who provide financial support; and those who donate gently used books for our book sales.

Respectfully submitted,

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