

FOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2016

Membership: 28 Individual Members (as of December 2016)

12 Business Members (as of December 2016)

Meetings: January, February, March, May, September, November

Accomplishments throughout the year included:

January: Thursday night Second Hand Prose sales were suspended for January and February. Members supported library warrant articles on the town ballot.

March: Second Hand Prose at Night re-opened. Second Hand Prose supplied books to stock Benson's Little Free Library.

April: National Library Week was celebrated with a well-attended 12:30-1:30 pizza lunch for the staff. During the staff lunch Betsey Martel was honored for her 10 years of service; Sarah Levesque was recognized for her 5 years of service; and appreciation was expressed to Library Voluteens & Volunteers. An ad thanking our Business Members was placed in the NLW edition of the HLN. The Children's Room received monies for National Poetry Contest prizes, and the Little Author's program. The Friends sponsored a well-attended Genealogy Club program on 'DNA'.

May: The Friends helped stock Benson's Little Free Library with books from Second Hand Prose. Monies were authorized for the Greater Hudson Chamber of Commerce Networking event on May 24. Refreshments, gift baskets, displays, and information packets were enjoyed by 50 attendees. An Affinity Account at TD Bank was established. Officers elected for the 2016-2017 year were: Suzanne Richard, President; Ela Ramsey, Vice President; Linda Kipnes, Treasurer; Cheryl DeMarco, Corresponding Secretary; and Barbara Kurtze, Recording Secretary.

June: The \$1,000 Leonard A. Smith Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Alvirne's Allison Lantagne. The Friends tent was used for the June 4 Music Fest, and many Summer Reading Program events. Monies approved for the Summer Reading Program were used for: 4 tickets to Six Flags, 4 tickets to Water Country, Indoor mini golf, and the August 19th Summer Reading Program Finale BBQ with Steve Blunt performing. Brox Industries was welcomed as a new Business Member.

August: During the summer Enterprise Bank was welcomed as a new Business Member. Ten other Businesses renewed their memberships for 2016-2017. Second Hand Prose remained open twice a month. Book donations from Second Hand Prose were made to Benson's Little Free Library.

September: The Children's Room received monies for 2 set of Dies (Monsters & Clothes pin Animals). A movie license was renewed, and funds were allocated for a 3D printer, case, and

supplies. Outreach efforts will be implemented on Facebook, with Bookmarks describing FOL programs, with businesses who had attended the Chamber event, and by making contact with Alvirne about getting Teens involved.

November: Membership in the Greater Hudson Chamber of Commerce was renewed. Friends helped decorate the library in preparation for Santa's visit in early December. A new Christmas tree was purchased for the library's lobby.

December: Once again the Friends supplied cookies, and coloring page bookmarks when Santa visited the library. Note cards with original artwork by Janice Walsh depicting the Alvirne Chapel, Alvirne Hills House, and Rodgers Memorial Library were sold at the GFWC Christmas Craft Fair.