

FOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2015

Membership: 26 Individual Members (as of December 2015)

10 Business Members (as of December 2015)

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. The Friends approved an expenditure of \$500 to support NH Humanities Council programs. Members supported library warrant articles on the town ballot. Museum passes were purchased for the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, and the Manchester Millyard Museum.

April: National Library Week was celebrated with a well-attended 12:30-1:30 pizza lunch for the staff. Staff member Kate Butler and Kristen Paradise were recognized for their 10 years of service. Glenna Rosenstein was recognized for her 5 years of service. An ad thanking our Business Members was placed in the HLN. FOL donated \$250 for National Poetry Contest prizes. "Eleanor Roosevelt" was the first of several NH Humanities Programs presented.

May: The Friends helped stock Benson's Little Free Library with books from Second Hand Prose. Officers elected for the 2015-2016 year were: Suzanne Richard, President; Ela Ramsey, Vice President; Paul Sullivan, Treasurer; Ellen Baird, Corresponding Secretary; and Ellen Stokinger, Recording Secretary. Paul Sullivan resigned in November and was succeeded by Linda Kipnes.

June: One \$1,000 Leonard A. Smith Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Alvirne's Jana El-Sayed. An Author Talk and Book Signing by Hank Phillippi Ryan were sponsored by the Friends. Monies were approved for the Summer Reading Program, the Evening Karaoke Program at Hills Memorial Library, and the Jazz Trio who performed at the Kickoff BBQ for the summer reading program.

September: "Songs of Old New Hampshire" with Jeff Warner was the second NH Humanities Council program for the year. The Children's Room received monies for Kindergarten Literacy bags, and an illuminated display case.

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 Dash-Dot robot ensemble was purchased for the Children's Room.

December: Once again the Friends supplied cookies, and coloring page bookmarks when Santa visited the library. Refreshments for the Genealogy Club Christmas Tea were provided. 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.