

## 2012 Report

**Membership:** 50 Individual Members (as of Dec. 2012)  
14 Business members (as of Dec. 2012)

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

**Second Hand Prose:** This year Thursday evening sales were added to the Sunday sales for customers who could not come on Sundays. This occurred in conjunction with planned events in the main room of Hills Memorial Library. The Thursday sales began in April on the third Thursday of the month and continued throughout the year.

A new double sided sign which lists the day and time of the sale along with book prices was purchased rather than trying to attach an addition to the new sign erected by the Trustees.

### **Accomplishments throughout the year included:**

January: FOL purchased commemorative bricks in honor of retiring Library Director, Toni Weller and longtime supporter of the Friends, Pete Duquette. The FOL email address was added to our membership brochures and our page on the Library's website.

February: FOL members attended the Trustees' retirement party for Library Director Toni Weller. They presented her with new Hills and Rodgers tote bags and a certificate telling of the brick that would be placed in her name as mementos of years in Hudson.

April: National Library Week was celebrated in a ceremony honoring staff members for their service. Receiving special service recognition were Ann Carle (10 Years), Carol Giffin (15 years), Barbara Sanderson (15 years), Brian Hewey (15 years) and Gayle St. Cyr (20 years).

FOL funded the prizes for the April Poetry contest.

An ad was placed in the HLN thanking our 12 business members for their continued support.

\$200 was donated for prizes for the National Young People's Poetry Contest.

The Friends shared an information table at the Kiwanis Yard Sale on April 7 with the Trustees.

May: A warm welcome was extended to new Library Director Charlie Matthews at the General Membership meeting on May 15.

Officers elected at the May meeting for 2012-2013 were: Suzanne Richard, President; David Jelley, Vice-President; Paul Sullivan, Treasurer; Mary Ann Knowles, Corresponding Secretary, and Barbara Kurtze, Recording Secretary.

June: One Leonard A. Smith Memorial Scholarships was awarded to Meghan Brown (\$500). Library Trustee, Jennifer Chafe, presented the Scholarship at the Lions Club dinner.

July-August: The Friends once again supported the Summer Reading Program held by the Rodgers Memorial Library. Coupons for free books were accepted at all Second Hand Prose sales.

September: FOL purchased a VMI 2500 disc repair machine that repairs not only dvd's but blue ray and game discs as well, a new art display system for regular art exhibits and an Early Literacy station for the children's room.

October: Donation of books and a DVD for the Chamber of Commerce "After Hours " hosted by the Rodgers Memorial Library.

November: FOL members helped put up holiday decorations in the library. FOL Donated books to the Fairview Nursing home for their Holiday Wish List Appeal. This was done in support of Rodgers Memorial Library as a collection site.

December: Santa visited the Library on December 1, 2012. FOL contributed money for the film. Cookies were supplied and served by FOL members. Over 150 coloring sheets listing FOL business members were distributed to the children who visited Santa. Several FOL members served as Santa's helpers.

FOL sponsored Pete Duquette who sold Read the Trees T shirts and donated a portion of his proceeds to FOL at the GFWC Craft Fair on December 1, 2012.

We were also able to contribute to the game night program by funding the purchase of a variety of games to add to the Library's supply. The Friends purchased a set of wooden steps for in front of the sink, 24 paint smocks and were able to replace parts of the Aqua Cube activity station in the children's room.