

FOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2009
30th anniversary (est. 1979)

Membership: 45 Individual Members (as of Dec. 2009)
12 Business members (as of Dec. 2009)

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

January, February, and March were spent 'shutting down' second hand prose using Book Recycler, GotBooks, and special public sale dates. 49 Ferry St. was vacated and materials/supplies put in storage. After being closed 4 months, The Grand Re-opening of SHP took place during the Library Lawn Sale, August 8-9, in a NEW location, the former Children's Room of HML.

March Our name was officially changed to: Friends of the Library of Hudson, NH. The Constitution and By-Laws were amended to reflect the change which had been filed with the NH Department of State.

April National Library Week was celebrated on the last day the Hills Memorial Library was open prior to moving to the new library. Four staff members were given special recognition: Barbara Sanderson (10 years), Amy Friedman, Kristen Paradise, and Bethany Jones (each 5 years). An ad was placed in the HLN thanking our 15 business members.

May Our meeting was held in the Community Room of the NEW Rodgers Memorial Library. We voted to donate \$200 to children's/teen summer programming and \$350 to purchase a movie license for the library. Officers elected were: Rick Lagueux, President; Mary Ann Knowles, Vice-President; John Knowles, Treasurer; Barbara Kurtze and Jane Bowles, Co-Secretaries.

June Leonard A. Smith Memorial Scholarships were awarded to Aaron Fellows (\$500) and Ashley Tomaswick (\$500). They were selected from a pool of 19 applicants. Trustee Scott Slattery presented the Scholarships at the Lions Club dinner 100 RML tote bags were delivered in time (barely) for the official dedication ceremonies of the new library on June 7, 2009. FOL donated several tote bags to the Rodgers Brothers and other people who were instrumental in achieving this milestone in Hudson's history! The original artwork on the tote bag was donated by FOL member, Janice Walsh.
FOL had a membership table set up at the dedication on June 7, 2009
FOL had a table at the 100th birthday celebration of the Hills Memorial Library. On display were our scrapbook and other memorabilia.

July FOL members spent several weeks setting up SHP in the former HML Children's Room.

- August FOL had a table at the Library Lawn Sale (\$20) organized by GFWC Hudson Community Club on the grounds of HML during Old Home Days (August 8-9). Pete Duquette sold Read-the-trees tee shirts. The grand re-opening of SHP was extremely well received during both days of the Library Lawn Sale. Bert Sullivan made and donated American Girl hat and scarves to be sold throughout the Fall at SHP.
- September SHP resumes on a regular monthly basis with ten members serving as the core group of volunteers.
- October
- November FOL sponsored a Hudson Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours on November 10. Approximately 25 different businesses were represented. FOL provided the refreshments and several raffle items (sun catchers, RML tote bag). Trustees and staff conducted tours of the library. Bert Sullivan chaired a committee to decorate the library for the holidays. Donations of large trees, new Santas, and ornaments were received to fill the spacious new library.
- December Santa's visit on December 5, 2009 went off without a hitch. FOL contributed money for the digital photos and printer ink. New this year was cookies and milk in the Children's Program Room. FOL members baked the cookies and helped serve them. Coloring sheets listing FOL business members were prepared by FOL members and distributed to each child who visited Santa, FOL sponsored Pete Duquette who sold Read the Trees T shirts at the GFWC Craft Fair on December 5, 2009. Bert Sullivan donated American Girl hat and scarves.

Fundraising:

- Second Hand Prose: to benefit scholarship, building fund, NLW
- Sun-catchers and Tote bags (100 new RML tote bags)
- Pete Duquette's 'Read the Trees' T shirts
- Bert Sullivan's American Girl hats and scarves
- Library Lawn Sale
- GFWC Jr. Woman's Craft Fair
- Ongoing book sale at the Library
- Membership dues