

FOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2013

Membership: 47 Individual Members (as of December 2013)

13 Business Members (as of December 2013)

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

Accomplishments throughout the year included:

January: Vinyl bags for kits were purchased for the Children's Room. Funds were authorized to purchase framed art posters for the two Study Rooms. A bulletin board illustrating FOL activities was prepared for display at Second Hand Prose.

February: Second Hand Prose at Night was suspended for the months of February and March. Attendance had been low due to Daylight Saving and weather conditions, and it had been difficult to find Friends who were able to staff the book sale on weekday evenings.

April: National Library Week was celebrated with a 5pm Friday reception. Staff service recognition was given to Bob Gagnon (35 years); Christina Sweeney (15 years); Rosemary Petaja (10 years); Megan Ellis (10 years); and Inga Dellea-Messner (5 years). An ad thanking FOL Business Members was placed in the HLN.

Books were donated to Camp Spaulding (NH Child & Family Services) to assist in setting up a library at the camp. A telescope was purchased from the NH Astronomical Society. The telescope may be 'checked' out and will be used for library programs. Friends and Library Staff collaborated on a table at the Kiwanis Yard Sale. \$250 was donated for prizes for the National Poetry Contest.

May: The Friends allocated \$200 for the Summer Reading Program. Coupons for Second Hand Prose were given out to adults participating in the Summer Reading Program.

Officers elected at the May meeting for 2013-2014 were: Suzanne Richard, President; Jessica Magill, Vice-President; Paul Sullivan, Treasurer; Mary Ann Knowles, Corresponding Secretary; and Barbara Kurtze, Recording Secretary.

June: One \$1,000 Leonard A. Smith Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Juliette Miller. It was presented by FOL President, Suzanne Richard, at the Alvirne Scholarship Night. Library Trustees approved a \$5 library fine forgiveness for FOL members. A restaurant gift certificate was presented to Reference Librarian Gayle St. Cyr upon her retirement.

July: Bean bag chairs were purchased for the Children's or Teen Room.

September: At their September meeting the Friends were notified they had been awarded the 'SUE PALMATIER AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT by a FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY GROUP'. The award is given by the NH Library Trustees Association.

A member of the Friends of the Library of Hudson will serve on the library Strategic Planning Committee.

October: FOL members joined library staff manning a table at the Kiwanis Pumpkin Fest.

November: FOL helped put up holiday decorations in the library. The Rodgers Memorial Library was a collection site for the Fairview Nursing Home Holiday Wish List Appeal. FOL donated books for the residents of Fairview. Membership in the Greater Hudson Chamber of Commerce was renewed. A restaurant gift certificate was presented to Circulation Librarian, Barbara Sanderson, on the occasion of her retirement.

December: Friends assisted with Santa's visit by supplying homemade cookies, coloring page bookmarks, and money for 'pictures with Santa'. Approximately 300 people attended this event. Pete Duquette joined the Friends at their table at the GFWC Christmas Craft Fair. He sold Read the Trees T shirts and donated a portion of his sales to the Friends. The library's movie license was renewed by the Friends.