

## FOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2017

Membership: 36 Individual Members (as of December 2017)

10 Business Members (as of December 2017)

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. An expenditure to support two NH Humanities Council programs during the year was approved.

February: The Friends provided refreshments at the dedication and demonstration of the new 3D printer. Members supported library warrant articles on the town ballot. A movie license was purchased. Sunday Second Hand Prose was cancelled due to a snow storm. Greater Hudson Chamber of Commerce membership was renewed.

March: Second Hand Prose at Night re-opened. Monies were allocated for Overdrive Advantage which allows Hudson patrons to 'jump' the hold list for NH State Library e-books. A 3-line brick in memory of Library Friend Mary Ann Knowles was ordered. Monies were allocated for lighting in the 3D printer case.

April: National Library Week was celebrated with a well-attended 12:00-1:30 pizza lunch for the staff. Brian Hewey's name was added to the plaque in the lobby denoting his 20 years of service. During the staff lunch Ann Carle was honored for her 15 years of service; Charlie Matthews was recognized for his 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.

May: The Friends helped stock Benson's Little Free Library with books from Second Hand Prose. Friends were reminded about the Affinity Account at TD Bank. A Humanities Program was sponsored by the Friends. Officers elected for the 2017-2018 year were: Connie Owen & Joan Plummer, Co-Presidents; Dave Jelley, Vice President; Linda Kipnes, Treasurer; Jane Bowles, Corresponding Secretary; and Barbara Kurtze, Recording Secretary. During a discussion of Committee opportunities Sue Gould offered to maintain the Friends Facebook page.

June: The Leonard A. Smith Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Alvirne's Benjamin Desrochers. A new microwave for the Staff Room was purchased with monies previously approved. The new FOL Executive Committee met to develop an action plan for the forthcoming year.

July: The Friends tent was used for outdoor concerts, and many Summer Reading Program events. Second Hand Prose coupons were given to Adult Summer Reading Program participants.

August: Ten Businesses renewed their memberships for 2017-2018. Second Hand Prose remained open twice a month. Book donations from Second Hand Prose were made to Benson's serving as Santa's Little Free Library. 50 Rodgers Memorial Library tote bags were ordered.

September: Many new members were welcomed at our September meeting. Jane Bowles presented a History of the Friends. Sue Gould introduced the revised Facebook page, and presented a Friends Slide show that she and the co-presidents had developed over the summer. Monies were authorized for the renewal of the MPLC movie license. Membership in the Greater Hudson Chamber of Commerce was renewed

October: During National Friends of the Library week the Hudson Friends sponsored the Humanities to Go program 'An Afternoon with Walt Whitman' portrayed by Stephen Collins. Refreshments were served, and FOL membership brochures were available gaining several new members. Thursday night Second Hand Prose was suspended until April 2018.

November: Friends helped decorate the library in preparation for Santa's visit in early December. Light Pole banners for the RML parking lot were purchased. The children's room received monies for Children's Book Tote bags. The bags feature an original design by Janice Walsh of the new mascot, the hedgehog. Monies were authorized for another movie license. A stipend was approved to help defray hotel and transportation costs for 3 staff members to attend the Public Library Association meeting in Philadelphia.

December: Once again the Friends enjoyed acting as Santa's helpers when he visited the library. The Friends baked cookies which they served to the children who had visited Santa. A coloring page recognizing the Friends Business members was designed by Margaret Femia and given to each child to take home. Note cards with original artwork by Janice Walsh depicting the Alvirne Chapel, Alvirne Hills House, and Rodgers Memorial Library were offered at the GFWC Christmas Craft Fair. Several members assisted Library staff at the December 26 Blood Drive.