

**Friends of the Coralville Public Library Annual Meeting**  
**April 21, 2016**

Meeting was called to order by President Bill Bensen. Other members present: Jan Cramer, Rachel Porter, Mardell Tinkey, Nancy Cullers, Deb Gill, Sandy Herwig, Melissa Mandernach, and Margaret Mellecker.

**Secretary:** Minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Read and approved. The current balance is \$43,259.33.

**Membership:** The board set and met a goal to increase our members. Membership is now at 138.

**Book Sale:** The book sales have continued to be very successful. There are approximately 60 volunteers involved in the effort. The next sale will be on May 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. This year we started a new program where Friends members get into the sale one hour early.

**Baby Book Bags:** The BBB was started in 1999 by Donna Epley. Mardell shared the books that are distributed, along with the bags and bookmark. A few years ago preschool bags for 3 - 5 year olds were added. There are about 10 - 12 different titles used, many are bilingual English/Spanish. In the last year and a half over 400 books have been distributed. They are given not only at the library, but also at the following locations:

Coralville Central Elementary

Coralville Food Pantry

Grant Wood AEA

Head Start in Coralville

Hills Family Resource

Hometies

Johnson County Empowerment

Kirkwood Elementary

**Community Outreach:**

Food Pantry holiday books - Melissa along with members of the Teen Advisory Board purchased and wrapped approximately 300 books to be given as gifts to children at the Coralville Ecumenical Food Pantry.

Feed your Body Feed Your Mind - Snacks and fruit are provided to children at the library for an extended time with nothing to eat.

Coralville Central - Funded 66 students who would otherwise be unable to purchase books at the book fair.

Kirkwood - Funded books for the school library which are recommended by a 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Advisory Board.

**Librarian Report:** Ellen Hampe Alexander reported the entire wish list was approved by the Friends. The three summer reading programs start in about 5 weeks. There will be about 500 children in the summer program. The staff is currently researching which laptops to be purchased from the wish list. There has been a push for public libraries to checkout laptops. There will be a new program called "Story Time to Go" which has kits that contain several books on a given topic. There will be approximately ten topics and this should kick-off in the fall. Also, the Duplo table has been very popular. The library would like to thank the Friends for all they do.

**Teen Service Award:** The winner of the \$1000 Teen Service Award was Lauren Gray. Lauren will be attending the University of Iowa in the fall.

**Volunteer Awards:** Over 100 hours for the year.

2 teens: Lily Smith Jensen

Lien Zhu

2 adults: Deborah Long Hatz

LouAnn Myers

**Milestone Awards:**

Lily Smith Jensen 500 hours (teen)

Marian Brown 2250 hours (adult)

Deborah Long Hatz 3500 hours (adult)

**T. Patricia Dee Award** goes to Mardell Tinkey. Mardell has held every position on the Friends Board since 1999. Her current position is the Baby Book Bag coordinator. She has greatly expanded the outreach of this program. The Friends would like to thank her for all of her hard work and enthusiasm for the Coralville Library!

**Library Staff:** The library staff led an entertaining game of Concentration which matched staff pictures to profiles.

**Slate of Officers:** The officers for the upcoming year were shared. Bill asked attendees to consider filling the open Vice President and Baby Book Bags positions.

President - Bill Benson

Vice President - Open

Secretary - Margaret Mellecker

Treasurer - Rachel Porter

Historian - Nancy Cullers

Baby Book Bags - Open

Book Sales - Deb Gill

Membership/Volunteers - Jan Cramer

Newsletter/Publicity - Sandie Herwig

At-large member - Melissa Mandernach

Respectfully submitted - Margaret Mellecker