

Thank You to the Friends of the Jacksonville Public Library!



As another year draws to a close, the Board of Library Trustees and the Jacksonville Public Library staff want to extend a sincere thanks to the Friends of the Jacksonville

Public Library in their 60th year. Because of your generous support in 2016, \$100,000 was made available to spend on important resources to enhance and enrich the lives of customers of all ages.

Summer Learning (\$35,000)

Summer Learning programs offer extensive entertainment, enrichment and educational activities, and an incentive for reading and logging books. It results in improved literacy skills and a lifelong love of learning to ensure Jacksonville children succeed in school. Last year, Friends' funding helped support the library's EPIC Summer Learning Program, which had nearly 13,000 participants logging more than 139,000 books read.

Makerspace (\$15,000)

Thanks to the Friends, the exciting new Makerspace at the Main Library can get off to a good start, with planning in process for technology needs, furniture, fixtures and equipment. The space is open to anyone who wants to explore, collaborate and create with programs, activities, demos and more that run the gamut from arts and crafts to music and robotics.

Refreshment Fund (\$7,000)

These funds are used to support customer-focused activities as part of our ongoing strategy to build and maintain strong customer relationships, infuse more fun into our programs, and say thanks to customers. Community residents and library supporters were treated to refreshments at a number of programs including the Mandarin Branch Library's 30th Anniversary, other milestone branch anniversaries, DCPS school celebrations at the Library, and much more.

Lifelong Learning Programs (\$6,350)

The Friends helped fund a variety of programs to enrich the lives of adults. These programs included author talks, concerts, Great Decisions series, and many more. Through Friends' funding, the library hosted complementary programs for the month-long Smithsonian exhibition, *I Want the Wide American Earth: An Asian American Story*, and the annual Buffalo Soldiers Historical Society military exhibit and other events. This fund also supported the NEA Big Read – *The Namesake* giveaway books.

Tumblebook Library Database Subscription (\$6,000)

The library's youngest customers gained another year of access to TumbleBook Library, a database of animated, talking picture books that teach the joy of reading through animation, sound, music and narration.

Friends Book Store Light (\$5,400)

The Friends' book store at the University Park Branch Library received some improved lighting fixtures. Costs included removing temporary fixtures and installing permanent lighting fixtures.

Early Learning Toys (\$5,000)

Through the use of this money, the library was able to replenish early learning toys and manipulatives that aid in early literacy activities, as well as support the Play and Learn spaces in the Children's Department areas.

Staff Development/Training (\$5,000)

This money helps underwrite an educational in-service day, which is held every other year for all JPL staff. Planning for the FY 2017 Staff Development Day began in 2016. Funds were used for Youth Services Training Day and other staff training.

Roundabout Books (\$5,000)

Roundabout Books, an existing and successful program for K – 12 students, provides access to high-interest reading materials for youth in afterschool programs and summer camps. The funds were used to expand and refresh the book collection for the program.

Outreach Program – Mobile Devices (\$5,000)

With the Friends' support, the library was able to expand its number of mobile devices such as laptops, iPads and scanners to assist with outreach efforts. The equipment is also used for other internal programs, such as technology related classes in the Jax Makerspace.

Online Stock Photography Subscription (\$2,250)

Using Friends' funding, the library purchased an annual subscription for a wide selection of stock images, which are used in digital and printed materials to promote our library's resources, services and programs.

Volunteer Recognition (\$2,000)

Jacksonville Public Library loves its volunteers and last year, thanks to the Friends, we were able to host a special Volunteer Recognition reception at Main Library for all of our valued volunteers.



Professional Memberships (\$1,000)

This funding goes toward professional memberships for JPL staff whose positions require participation in organizations such as the American Library Association and the Public Library Association.

