

The Holiday Book Sale in December raised more than \$8,000. To donate books, bring them to the reference desk at the Main Library, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Other Friends revenue came from memberships, gifts and memorial gifts. The Friends has nearly 900 members. Memberships are tax deductible. To join, pick up a brochure at the library or visit the Friends page at www.concordlibrary.org.

If you love the library, the Friends offer many volunteer opportunities. Volunteers sort donated books for sale; publicize, set up and staff the book sales; and handle publicity, marketing, membership, database management and finances. To volunteer or learn more, email friends@concordlibrary.org.

To keep up with Friends activities, you can follow the Friends on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn as well as at www.concordlibraryfriends.org. Everyone is welcome.

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This year was marked by the beginning of a new era for the Library with a new Director, Kerry Cronin, as well as the renovation of the Fowler Branch Library.

The primary task of the Trustees is to maintain the two Library buildings and grounds – the Main Library in Concord Center and Fowler Branch in West Concord. This year we were able to also financially support library services with funds totaling over \$100,000.

The community embraced the Fowler project by supporting the Library with \$3,300,000 in contributions, including \$375,000 given by the Town through the Community Preservation Act. We are optimistic about raising the remaining \$200,000 by the time the Library opens in the spring. We encourage citizens to support this exciting project since the newly-renovated Library

promises to be a Town treasure, preserving the intimacy of the original building while bringing the facility into the 21st century with state-of-the art technology, “green” systems and accessibility. Highlights include an expanded Children’s Room, Young Adult space, quiet study areas, collaborative working spaces and a large community room. (Contact the Development Director Sue Gladstone at 978-318-3355.) We are also pleased to report that the project is on-time and on-budget!

A newly-renovated space was also added to the Main Library with the Morss Classics Alcove on the second floor adjacent to the Art Gallery. If you haven’t had the opportunity, we encourage you to visit this beautiful and reflective space created in memory of Chuck Morss.

We also did some work on the grounds of the Main Library by replacing three maple trees that had died or rotted on the front lawn. These new red maples promise to provide much pleasure through shade and rich autumn color for many years to come.

As Trustees of the Williams Scholarship Fund, made possible by a bequest from Charles H. S. Williams, we continue to award grants to several college students currently pursuing studies in the arts.

This past year and decade have been busy and productive for the Library and the next decade promises to be equally full and exciting, especially with the re-opening of the Fowler Branch.

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The Concord Cultural Council (CCC), whose members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen, supports community cultural projects through its grant program. Funds are received from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) whose mission is “to promote excellence, access, education and diversity in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences in order to improve the quality of life for all Massachusetts