

## **Annual Friends of the Wakefield Libraries meeting June 13, 2018**

June 2017-May 2018 was another busy year for The Friends of the Wakefield Libraries, aka FOWL.

Many thanks to Jen Rich, who is retiring after 17 years of outstanding service as library assistant for the Gafney Library. We will miss her but wish her many happy and fun-filled days in her retirement.

We also welcome Lynn Shaffer who will be our new library assistant. We look forward to having her as part of our library family.

Many thanks to our wonderful library staff, Beryl Donovan, Diane Cassidy, Jan King, Lynn Shaffer, and Susan Dansereau

**Election of officers:** Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer

**Treasury report:** June 2017 \$4873.90 June 2018 \$3528.59

### **Youth Library**

- FOWL has continued our support for the many wonderful programs and presentations put on by Diane Cassidy and her staff. A few examples are the always successful summer reading program, presentations in the Opera House, the Lego Club, creative writing group, Mad Scientist Club, AWWA presentations, (in conjunction with the Adult library), an art program, and many more wonderful programs for the youth of our community. Diane continues to emphasize STEAM (Science, technology, engineering, art and math) activities for our youth. The library Pride Day float is always a great contribution to the parade. Of course, we can't forget "Nessie" our library dog who graced the library once a month giving young patrons a chance to read and entertain her.
- Teen Advisory Board, (TAB), continue to be a very independent group, but we are there if they need any help. Gift certificates were given out to the 2017 graduating seniors along with a pizza party.

### **Adult Library:**

- Art Raffle at the Gafney is always a big event that the Friends support. Thanks to Judy Dec the outgoing chairperson, and to Julie Kessler and Teresa Farina for being the current chairpersons. Without their hard work and dedication this event would not happen.
- Annual August book sale, thanks to our two organizers, Stephanie Thornton and Jackie Winckler as well as all the volunteers who make this possible.
- Pride Day book sale
- Support for Sara Cook to promote her book, "The Good He Brings About." She has agreed to donate the proceeds to the library.
- Establish a "Little Free Library" with help for the project from Sara Cook
- Presented a Candidate's Night Forum in coordination with the Lion's Club for candidates running for local offices. The Friends help to organize this event and provide refreshments.

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- Helped organize and assist in the wreath sale and basket raffle although the monies raised went to the Gafney Library, not to FOWL. \*\*
- Thanks to Anne Prest and Donna Worthington for doing a thorough cleaning and organizing of the furnace room items as well as sorting through documents and storing those of importance. Check out the furnace room, it looks great!
- FOWL members organized and provided refreshments for the launching of Titia Bozuwa's newest book "Defiance".
- Denine Foulks proposed establishing a "Story Walk" for our town. It will be located on the trail behind Turntable Park. The Boy Scouts and TAB have agreed to help with the project.

### **Fund raising:**

- Book sale in August and Pride Day
- Annual appeal letter
- Lilac Consignment, (income from donated items)
- Amazon smile program, (don't forget to sign up for FOWL when you buy from Amazon).
- Paint Party was discussed but at present in "on hold."
- \*\* Christmas Wreath sale
- \*\* Basket raffle

### **Expenditures:**

- Purchased passes for: Children's Museum in Dover, the Remick Museum in Tamworth, The Farm Museum in Milton, The Wright Museum and the Libby Museum in Wolfeboro
- Air conditioners
- Sara Cook publishing of her book and setting up the "Little Free Library"
- Youth library requests
- Library sign for in front of the library
- Book page, monthly book review magazine
- Newspapers
- Shelving for organizing library materials
- Dolly to help with the book sales
- Material for the "Story Walk"
- Funded "Good Night New Hampshire" books for newborns
- The Gift cards for TAB graduates
- Bulletin board for Youth Library hallway
- Stamps for annual appeal letter and fee for the Post Office box

Check out our webpage, thanks Julie Kessler

FOWL website - <https://fowlwakefieldnh.wixsite.com/website>