



Annual Report 2021

The Year in Review
Prepared by Jan Stevens
President, 2021 - 2022

Our Mission

The mission of the Solano County Library Foundation (SCLF) is to support the programs of the Solano County Library and the literacy and lifelong learning needs of the community it serves. Since its establishment in December 1994, the Foundation has raised more than \$5 million dollars.

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President's Message

Despite the second full year of the Covid-19 Pandemic the Solano County Library Foundation in 2021 continued to fulfill its mission. Board Meetings were held via Zoom, and much Board interaction was done via email, but as indicated in the following report, the work of the Foundation continued. The highlights of 2021 were "How Poetry Heals", our first virtual poetry event in April, and the 21st Annual Authors Luncheon which was held in person in November. It was wonderful to see so many of our faithful supporters in attendance for what was such an enjoyable event!

As life creeps toward "normal" in 2022 we hope to present several other occasions for enjoyment-- again in person. Our thanks to our donors, large and small, and to everyone who helps the Foundation light the path to Literacy.

Sincerely,

Jan Stevens, President

History

Since its inception in 1994, the Solano County Library Foundation has raised more than \$5 million dollars for Library literacy programs. We raise funds for library programs not supported by tax dollars.

Solano County Library Literacy Programs We Supported in 2021

- **Reach Out and Read Pediatric Clinics Gave Out Over 16,000 Books in 2021!**



Pediatricians at 15 partnering clinics joined us in fostering a love of reading by including stories in all well child visits for kids 5 and under. Medical providers talk with parents about the benefits of reading aloud and sharing stories with their young children beginning at birth. This makes for unmatched access to families during the years from birth to age five—a period of critical brain development. Parents are shown how to best engage their children with the text and images and make the stories come alive. Families gain a deeper understanding of why they should make reading a daily habit and leave inspired to cuddle up with their young one and a book.

We provide sibling books and maintain a bookstand with free books for parents and children to access while they are waiting to be seen by the Pediatrician.

- **Book to Action – New Program**

Book to Action is a fairly new Library program which allows book distribution to schools/groups. Book to Action is a statewide grant program administered through the CA State Library.

- **Students had 11,475 Sessions with Tutor.com**

While we are aware that much of the increase was in response to the pandemic, the number of sessions held on Tutor.com in 2021 is still impressive. It is heartening to see that so many students took advantage of this program, at a time when learning live became learning digitally.

Tutor.com is a Learning Suite that combines live online tutoring, homework help, and test preparation with highly qualified tutors in a variety of subjects from algebra, calculus and statistics to English, chemistry, and physics. Every session is one-to-one and personalized to the student's subject and questions. Students access this free site using their Solano County Library card via the Solano County Library website. SCLF and other major donors fund the sessions.

- **Summer Reading Program**

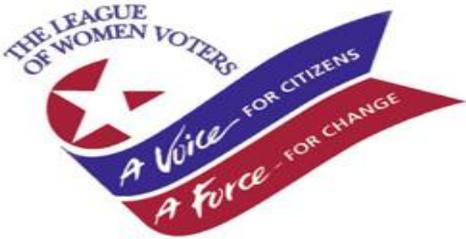
The Foundation supports this annual program by providing funding for prize books during the Library's contest period. In 2021 we provided \$12,000 to help keep this program going strong!

- **Adult Literacy**

This literacy program served 396 adult students in 2021 including one-on-one tutoring, group tutoring and independent learning opportunities while waiting for a tutor. Total number of instructional hours received by students: 3747, Literacy Tutor/Volunteers: 82 , Total Volunteer Hours provided: 4081.25

Our Year in Events and Activities

National Women's History Month Celebration Cancelled



Of course, we had hoped that the pandemic would retreat in 2021, but it was not to be, therefore the Women's History Month Luncheon was again cancelled, with hopes of returning in 2022.

- **How Poetry Heals – Virtual Event**

This virtual event brought together a number of Northern California's celebrated poets, including Dr. Genea Brice (Vallejo's 1st Poet Laureate), Mary Susan Gast, Johanna Ely, Jeremy Snyder, Michael Wyly and of course, our very own Suzanne Bruce! Suzanne acted as our MC in addition to reading her own poetry. It was a wonderful, one-of-a-kind event and received nothing but positive reviews with our poetry fans and supporters!

- **21st Annual Authors Luncheon**

2021 was the 21st anniversary of the Solano County Library Foundation's major fundraiser, the annual Authors Luncheon. Because the pandemic

abated somewhat in October and November of 2021, the Foundation was able to hold a live event. We were entertained by authors: Alice Wilson Fried, Michelle Richmond, Bubba Paris, Alexandra Boiger and Clare Splan.

Suzanne Bruce, who has become our regular (and much beloved) MC agreed to help us yet again and provided the framework and timing for the event, as well as an introduction to each author. Jan Stevens, the acting chair of the event and her committee of the Board, thank our sponsors and donors for their generous support during these challenging times.

Distinctive 2021 Literacy Gifts

NorthBay Healthcare

A special thank you to Steve Huddleston, Dr. Judy Yang, and all at NorthBay Healthcare for their enduring, early literacy support through Reach Out and Read (ROAR) for many years.

Genentech

Thank you to Genentech for your deeply appreciated \$10,000 contribution to help fund Tutor.com. We are so grateful for your support over the years, but this last year, especially so. Tutor.com has continued to increase its sessions, and Genentech helped to make that possible.

Thanks for Exceptional Literacy Support!

Our Financial Well-Being (Year-End for 2021)

Prepared from the books and records of Solano County Library Foundation

Assets

\$ 158,465 in restricted funds securely held for Solano County Library programs

\$ 192,687 unrestricted (bank accounts, deposits, and investments)

\$361,765

Liabilities: None

Revenue

\$ 16,200 for Grants and Memorials

\$ 83,299 for Fundraising, Events, Membership

\$ 99,499

Disbursements and Expenses

\$ 40,574 to Solano County Programs and Memorial Funds

\$ 15,039 to Event Expenses

\$ 27,783 to Operating Expenses

\$ 83,396

Total Net Revenue

\$ 10,613

Our Supporters



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Thank you for your generosity and belief in our work. Every donation made to the Solano County Library Foundation makes a difference. Following is a list of supporters who contributed \$250 or more in 2021.

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