



2022

IMPACT REPORT

**FRIENDS
OF THE
DALLAS PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

Friends of the Dallas Public Library exists **to support the mission of the Dallas Public Library** in its **delivery of resources, services and information** to the Dallas community.

Walking into a library invariably gives me a splash of joy. I know I'm in a special place – a place of peace, of learning and growth and endless possibilities.

I learned this early, as a kid with limited exposure to the wider world. The libraries of my youth opened up that world, and the books they provided unleashed the potential for a meaningful, rewarding life.

Walking into one of Dallas' 30 libraries today is even more special. Because I know about all the great things happening there every day that mean so much to our city. And I'm proud to be part of an organization that makes them even better.

It has been my honor to serve as Friends of the Dallas Public Library Board Chairman this year. Together we have continued the 72-year legacy of supporting and enhancing one of the more important institutions in Dallas.

Despite the continuing challenges of COVID, we – along with the Dallas Public Library – compiled an impressive list of achievements in the past year:

- We celebrated the **opening of two new branch libraries** – the new Vickery Park Library and the replacement library for Forest Green.
- With the reopening of the 6th floor of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, featuring the updated City, Life, Education and Work Skills Division, we **completed the renovation of the entire library** in time for the building's 40th anniversary year.
- Our **advocacy work on behalf of Dallas Public Library continued uninterrupted**, helping to ensure that the library's operating budget remained intact.
- We **funded literacy programs**, both virtual and in person, for readers of all levels and all ages. The Friends also provided key funding to Dallas Public Library as it serves on the front lines of our city's most pressing issues, including resources that bridge educational, digital, economic, and cultural divides.

We may say this every year, but it's still true: we can't rest on those laurels. With all 30 library branches now reopened, we know that more families, students, job seekers, veterans, older patrons, and those with disabilities will need their resources more than ever.

So, while we are truly grateful to our board, our members, and our individual and corporate donors for all you have done, we ask you to stick with us. The Friends depends on your support to help fund library programs and services not funded by the city's operating budget for the many who urgently need them.

I hope you will read this report, but don't stop there. Visit a library, see its wonderful programs for yourself, and meet the remarkable staff who turn a building into a warm, welcoming, invaluable resource. And join me in sharing the special joy of the library.

Sincerely,



Gary Gadson, Chairman
Friends of the Dallas Public Library

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*"All libraries are like a
'second home' to me. I
know that I can walk into
any library that is open
anytime, anywhere and
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given the gift of books,
etc. and it's true today
and forever."*

March 13, 1950 — Friends of the Dallas Public Library (Friends) founded by a group of 23 citizens determined to hold the City of Dallas accountable to expand and improve the Dallas Public Library.

1955 — Grand opening of the new central library, a George Dahl building, on Commerce at Harwood Street.

1961 — Purchased the first edition of Peter Rabbit for the Rare Book collection in the Children's Department.

1961 — Friends promoted the interests of the Library in the City bond election resulting in four new Branch libraries for Dallas by 1964.

1966 — Participated in American Library Association project to encourage formation of Friends groups for 12,000 public and college libraries.

1970 — The Friends continued acquiring treasures including illuminated manuscripts, papyrus sheets, and clay tablets building a museum-quality collection of fine and rare books for the Dallas Public Library.

1974 — Sponsored a series of 14 musical programs given by the Dallas Symphony Orchestra.

1975 — Received \$1.8 million bequest from Virginia Lazenby O'hara to build and furnish a fine and rare books area in the new Central Library.

April 18, 1982 — Central Research Library opens and includes the first Friends office.

October 1951 — Friends present the City of Dallas with a new bookmobile increasing library services to underserved neighborhoods.

1957 — Friends commissioned a survey to assess the need for branch libraries resulting in a master plan that called for 10 new branches by 1970.

1969 — Urged Dallas legislators to support the Library Systems Act, successfully passed by the legislature.

1978 — Mayor J. Erik Jonsson worked with the Friends to secure \$10 million in private funds, matched by City funds, for the proposed Central Research Library.

1984 — As beneficiary of the Neiman Marcus Fortnight Gala, the Friends raised an unprecedented \$260,000 to fund Dallas Public Library's mainframe computer improving access to library materials.

FASCINATING LIBRARY FACTS

Between October 2020 and September 2021

(Dallas Public Library's fiscal year)

458,846 people visited Dallas Public Library locations in person and another 6 million visited virtually

The number of registered cardholders grew to **713,652**, an increase of nearly **16,000**

7,762,561 library items circulated (3.6 million physical items and more than 4 million digital materials)

The library's collection increased 50.6% from 3 million to **4.5 million** items

Library staff managed **107,353** curbside appointments

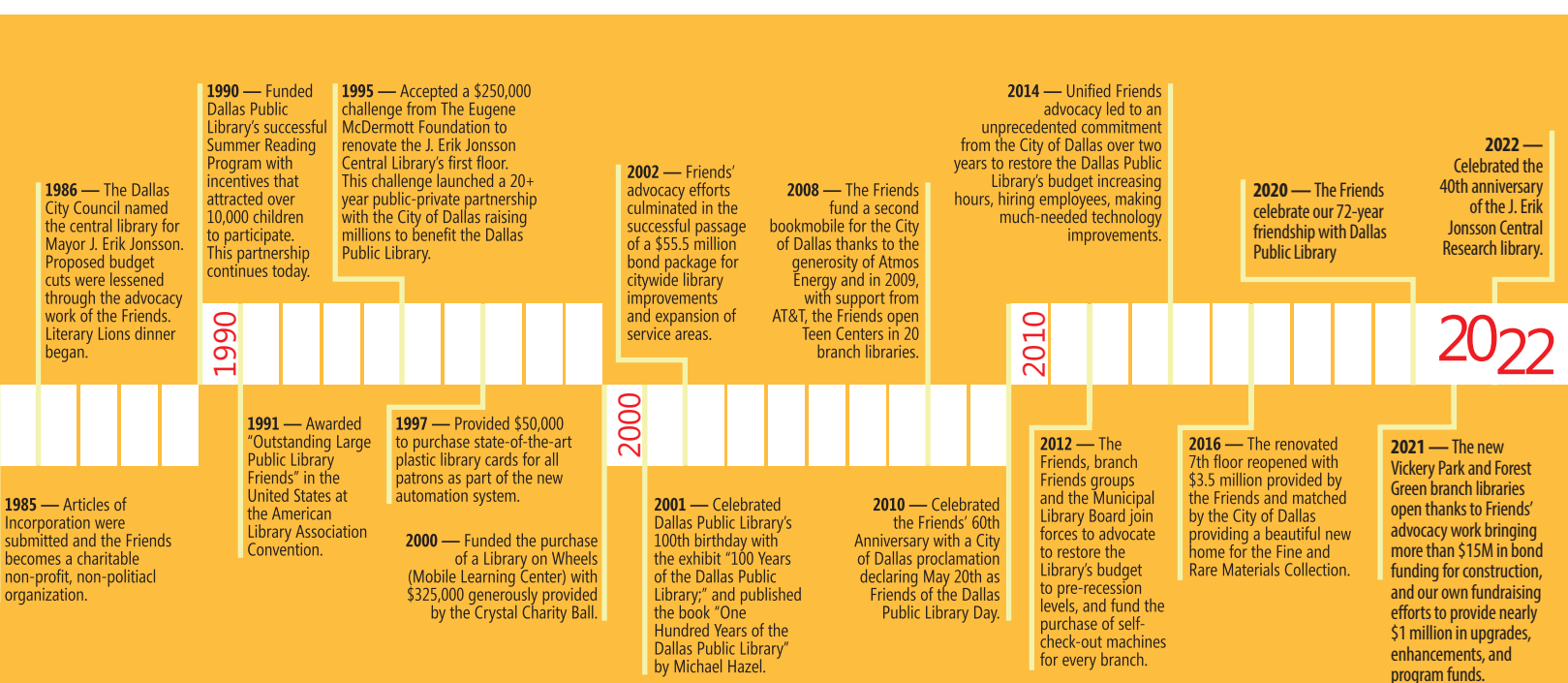
In-person and virtual programs included:

- **5,969** children's programs
- **26,672** adult education programs
- **39,090** online programs

Library customers logged **44,000** computer hours

Library branches served as **warming locations** during winter storms

More than **14,000** people checked out Dallas Public Library's Wi-Fi hotspots and Chromebooks to access the internet



THE FRIENDS' POWERFUL IMPACT

Between July 2020 and June 2021, Friends of the Dallas Public Library provided more than \$500,000 in direct program funding and materials acquisition, of that \$246,721 was for capital projects. Total funding from Friends of the Dallas Public Library is decided prior to the beginning of each new fiscal year. Specific amounts are designated to each of the priority funding areas.

EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY

Books for Dallas Babies at Parkland Health and Hospital System, pre-school storytimes, concerts, activities and programs at Bookmarks at NorthPark Center and take-home early literacy kits. **\$23,289**

SMART KIDS

Providing free quality educational programming for school-age children. SMART Kids connects youth with opportunities that inspire curiosity in Science, Math, Art, Reading and Technology at the library, ensuring that they have the skills needed to succeed in the 21st Century. Youth Services staff, community volunteers and community partners work collaboratively to develop SMART Kids programs focusing on ages 6 – 17. **\$69,233**

ADULT EDUCATION

High school equivalency and GED Testing Center; digital literacy and work skills programs; Readers Advisory, Literacy Centers, Shakespeare, Genealogy and Inspired Aging programs for seniors. **\$50,409**



INNOVATION GRANTS

Providing funding to inspire library staff to create new programs and projects. **\$13,447**

BRANCH SUPPORT

The Friends fund materials, staff events, supplies, and programs at all 29 Dallas Public Library branches and the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library. **\$1,866**

LIBRARY STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Library staff appreciation, advocacy, scholarships and career development opportunities. **\$24,621**

CAPITAL/MATERIALS ACQUISITIONS

Since 1950, Friends of the Dallas Public Library has provided more than \$50 million in capital funding and materials acquisitions. In 2020-21, **\$262,677** was provided for materials acquisition and capital projects.



FINANCIAL POSITION

2020-21 Audited Financials, July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

	Unrestricted	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Memberships	66,663		66,663
Investment Income, net	456,045	334,898	790,943
Contributions	2,595	532,169	534,764
Book Sales	33,947		33,947
In-kind Contributions	16,525		16,525
Other Income	19,223		19,223
Net assets released from restrictions	227,394	(227,394)	
TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT	\$822,392	\$639,673	\$1,462,065

EXPENSES

	Unrestricted	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Program services	508,191		508,191
General and administrative	165,525		165,525
Fundraising	39,055		39,055
TOTAL EXPENSES	712,771		712,771

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

	109,621	639,673	749,294
NET ASSETS – BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	2,783,228	1,693,332	4,476,560
NET ASSETS — END OF YEAR	\$2,892,849	\$2,333,005	\$5,225,854



LIBRARY LEGACIES, ESTATE GIFTS, PLANNED GIVING

Friends of the Dallas Public Library knows from history that the next chapter may be more challenging, and now more than ever, having a world-class public library is critical to rebuilding post pandemic. We're dedicated to helping our library stay on the cutting edge with new and renovated facilities, technology, collections, and programs that make possible the library's continued role as an essential guarantor of the quality of life in our community.

Since 1950, Friends of the Dallas Public Library has been a positive influence in meeting the special needs of the library. This organization of dedicated men and women has promoted bond elections through which the library has benefited; it has raised funds in support of facilities and programs beyond City of Dallas budgets; it has recognized library volunteers and staff who have advanced the impact of the library System on a broad population.

Private gifts and bequests must continue – as they have historically – to be an important part of the total funding structure of the library, making possible those special things that public funds don't provide. Things like those that maintain and expand the library's holdings in books and materials; but also vital in securing new technologies arming the library to better serve its patrons.

Friends of the Dallas Public Library encourages and solicits contributions of cash and other forms of property in the development of our programs and operations. Contributions are accepted either as outright gifts or through planned gifts permitted by the Internal Revenue Code and the laws of the State of Texas.

Consider an endowment gift or bequest.

Gifts of any size are appreciated. Endowment gifts help fund operations as well as library programming in the areas of:

- Early Childhood Education
- SMART Kids
- Adult Education/Workforce Development
- Vibrant Neighborhoods & Multicultural Programming
- Staff Development
- Branch Support
- Innovation Grants
- Capital & Materials Acquisition

"There is no place in Dallas that compares with the Public Library. Free books by the thousands! Dozens of friendly, helpful, and knowledgeable staff to help you and make your visit, be it in person, telephone, or computer! What a wonderful place! Truly the best bargain in town!"

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Friends of the Dallas Public Library welcomes donations made in honor and in memory of others and acknowledges these appropriately.

Create Your Legacy

To create your legacy, call 214-670-1458

Friends of the Dallas Public Library is a 501(c)3 charitable organization registered with the IRS and the State of Texas. All gifts are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

MEMBERSHIP

In 1950, Friends of the Dallas Public Library was established by 23 far-sighted individuals including Stanley Marcus, Leon Harris, Everette Lee DeGolyer, and Rabbi Levi Olan, who took up the charge to be the library's friend in good times and in challenging ones.

This has been our mission ever since.

We invite everyone who recognizes the importance of an exceptional FREE public library to join us – at whatever level of time, energy and financial support possible – to fight for this wonderful institution that we love.

Libraries need Friends – it's that simple. Friends members make the difference between a budget cut or an increase.

Our job is far from done. The current economic and social challenges are sure to bring pressure for budget cuts, and our members' role as advocates will once again be put to the test.

Thank you for joining in this quest. To become a member or to increase your support, call 214-670-1458 or visit our website www.supportdpl.org

"I love Dallas Public Library, and not just because I'm a bookaholic. I would not have made it through graduate school without it. During the pandemic, contactless pickup made the extremely hard couple of years a little less dark. Our librarians are amazing, and I really appreciate everything they do."

IN MEMORIAM

With fondness and gratitude, we remember these special Friends who left us in the past year:



Rosalie Alexander, a beloved music teacher, cantorial soloist and founding member of the Temple Emanu-El choir. She was preceded in death by her husband James.



Mona Munson, a Hockaday valedictorian and Wellesley graduate who graciously included the library in her many civic contributions. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, David, two sons and eight grandchildren.

Jane Pak, a lifelong educator and tireless volunteer for many organizations, including school PTAs, the Camp Fire organization and the League of Women Voters. Among her many interests were children's educational programs at Preston Royal branch library. She is survived by her husband Charles, three children and five grandchildren.



We also are grateful to the friends and family of **Margaret "Peggy" Olsson**, who passed away in 2018, but whose memory inspired many gifts to the Friends in the past year. A longtime librarian at UT Dallas, Margaret is survived by her husband John, five children and three grandchildren.

Warren Gould, former Director of Development and University Relations at the University of Texas at Dallas and former Director of Development for the Dallas Symphony passed away on April 11 in Austin. He was 93. Warren dedicated his career to raising funds for prominent non-profit institutions, and worked with Friends of the Dallas Public Library on capital campaigns, annual giving, corporate and foundation grants, and planned giving programs.

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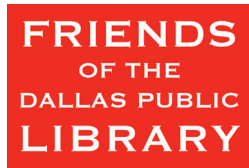
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