

Indian Prairie Public Library
401 Plainfield Road
Darien, Illinois 60561

**Indian Prairie Public Library Foundation Meeting
September 16, 2015 – 6:40 p.m. – Conference Room**

AGENDA

- A. Call to Order/Roll Call
Donald Damon, Beena Deshmukh, Marian Krupicka,
Julia Lacayo, Crystal Megaridis, Diane Ruscitti,
Victoria Suriano

- B. Correspondence - none

- C. Omnibus Consent Agenda Action
 - 1. Minutes of Foundation Meeting 7/15/15 Item C1
 - 2. Treasurer's Report Item C2
 - 3. Bills for Approval Item C3

- D. Reports - none

- E. Unfinished Business - none

- F. New Business Action
 - 1. Proposed Mission Statement Item F1
 - 2. Combining the Friends and Foundation Organizations Item F2 Discussion

- G. Adjournment

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Indian Prairie Public Library
Foundation Minutes
July 15, 2015

**Indian Prairie Public Library Foundation Meeting
July 15, 2015 – 6:45 p.m.**

A. Call to Order/Roll Call

President Suriano called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m.

Present: Donald Damon, Marian Krupicka, Julia Lacayo, Diane Ruscitti, Victoria Suriano

Absent: Beena Deshmukh

Staff Present: Jamie Bukovac, Laura Birmingham, Maria Wlosinski

Others:

President Suriano asked for additions and/or corrections to the agenda. There were none.

B. Correspondence - none

C. Omnibus Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of Foundation Meeting 4/15/15

Lacayo moved, Damon seconded to set the Omnibus Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Krupicka moved, Lacayo seconded to approve the Omnibus Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Reports - none

E. Unfinished Business

1. Fundraiser – Birmingham updated the Board about the Dancing in the Spooky Stacks fundraiser scheduled for October 24. We are in the process of creating an updated logo. Birmingham is currently seeking a liquor sponsor and sponsors to cover the cost of the event. Monetary levels of event sponsorship will be \$5000, \$1000-\$2000 and \$500 or less. Chick-fil-A is very interested in being a higher level sponsor and County Wine Merchant in Burr Ridge may be donating wine. Birmingham will also be asking Whole Foods about donating wine. Krupicka gave Birmingham a list of sponsors from the Darien Women's Club. Once we have liquor and event sponsorship, Birmingham can focus on seeking possible auction items.

F. New Business - none

G. Adjournment

At 6:55 p.m. Damon moved, Krupicka seconded to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

Donald Damon, Acting-Secretary



Indian Prairie Public Library Foundation

August 2015 Treasurer's Report

Bank Balances at The Community Bank of Willowbrook as of 08/31/2015

| | General | Chan | Dimpy | Leban | Total |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Checking | \$38.03 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$38.03 |
| Money Market (97% General, 2% Chan, .05% Dimpy, .05% Leban) | <u>37,160.79</u> | <u>809.43</u> | <u>73.79</u> | <u>147.83</u> | <u>\$38,191.84</u> |
| TOTAL | \$37,198.82 | \$809.43 | \$73.79 | \$147.83 | \$38,229.87 |
| <u>Income from April - August 2015</u> | | | | | |
| Money Market Interest | \$15.60 | \$0.30 | \$0.05 | \$0.10 | \$16.05 |
| Donations | <u>2,655.04</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>2,655.04</u> |
| TOTAL | \$2,670.64 | \$0.30 | \$0.05 | \$0.10 | \$2,671.09 |
| <u>Expenses from April - August 2015</u> | | | | | |
| Expense Total | \$1,187.20 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,187.20 |

Bank Balances at Synchrony Bank as of 08/31/2015

| | General | Chan | Dimpy | Leban | Total |
|------------------------------------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|-------------|
| CD - Matures 6/5/2016 at 1.25% APY | \$25,350.81 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$25,350.81 |

Foundation Income April - August 2015

| Date | General | Chan Fund | Dimpy Fund | Leban Fund | Source | Total | Donor |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|---|
| 4/2/15 | 150.00 | | | | Donations | 150.00 | Lousie Schilling brick purchase (charge reimbursement from IPPL) |
| 4/14/15 | 50.00 | | | | Donations | 50.00 | Northern Trust Matching Donation William & Dorothy Fanning |
| 4/15/15 | 150.00 | | | | Donations | 150.00 | Liutauras Dargis, 6701 Clarendon Hills Rd., Darien (brick purchase) |
| 4/16/15 | 19.26 | | | | Donations | 19.26 | Monthly \$20.00 donation, Laura Wozny |
| 4/20/15 | 73.05 | | | | Donations | 73.05 | Barbara Simak, 8000 Clarendon Hills Rd., Willowbrook, (\$75.00 brick purchase) |
| 4/28/15 | 2.36 | | | | Donations | 2.36 | AT&T United Way/Employee Giving Campaign Jonathan Troc |
| 4/28/15 | 46.85 | | | | Donations | 46.85 | iGive Shoppers |
| 5/7/15 | 97.50 | | | | Donations | 97.50 | John W. Formento, 8321 Highpoint Circle Unit C Darien 60561 (\$100.00)□ |
| 5/18/15 | 225.00 | | | | Donations | 225.00 | Loretta J. Lazarski, 801 79th St. Apt. 106, Darien, IL 60561 (brick purchases) |
| 5/18/15 | 150.00 | | | | Donations | 150.00 | Arthur & Jean Schmid, 611 - 70th St., Darien, IL 60561 (brick purchase) |
| 5/19/15 | 75.00 | | | | Donations | 75.00 | Daniel & Jane Moss, 822 Belair Dr., Darien, IL 60561 (brick purchase) |
| 5/20/15 | 19.26 | | | | Donations | 19.26 | Monthly \$20.00 donation, Laura Wozny |
| 5/20/15 | 73.05 | | | | Donations | 73.05 | Andrea Szilagyi, 7756 Danbury Drive, Darien, (\$75.00 brick purchase) |
| 6/11/15 | 100.00 | | | | Donations | 100.00 | Darien Woman's Club, P.O. Box 2098, Darien, (\$75.00 brick purchase & books) |
| 6/11/15 | 629.00 | | | | Donations | 629.00 | Darien Woman's Club, P.O. Box 2098, Darien, Bridge Marathon Donation |
| 6/11/15 | 2.36 | | | | Donations | 2.36 | AT&T United Way/Employee Giving Campaign Jonathan Troc |
| 6/18/15 | 19.26 | | | | Donations | 19.26 | Monthly \$20.00 donation, Laura Wozny |
| 6/23/15 | 250.00 | | | | Donations | 250.00 | Cross County Investors, 35208 Mulberry Lane, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 (Leaf purchase) |
| 6/23/15 | 31.62 | | | | Donations | 31.62 | iGive Shoppers |
| 6/29/15 | 100.00 | | | | Donations | 100.00 | Sunt Wana |
| 6/29/15 | 2.36 | | | | Donations | 2.36 | AT&T United Way/Employee Giving Campaign Jonathan Troc |
| 7/14/15 | 76.44 | | | | Donations | 76.44 | Amazon Shoppers |
| 7/14/15 | 250.00 | | | | Donations | 250.00 | Keith & Pamela Derstine, 821 79th St., Darien, IL 60561 |
| 7/17/15 | 19.26 | | | | Donations | 19.26 | Monthly \$20.00 donation, Laura Wozny |
| 7/22/15 | 24.15 | | | | Donations | 24.15 | C J Tracy, 6937 High Rd., Darien, IL 60561 \$25.00 donation |
| 8/17/15 | 19.26 | | | | Donations | 19.26 | Monthly \$20.00 donation, Laura Wozny |
| Total | 2,655.04 | | | | | 2,655.04 | |

Foundation Interest Income-Money Market

| Date | General | Chan Fund | Dimpy Fund | Leban Fund | Total |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| 4/30/15 | 3.04 | 0.06 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 3.13 |
| 5/29/15 | 2.90 | 0.06 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 2.99 |
| 6/30/15 | 3.25 | 0.06 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 3.34 |
| 7/31/15 | 3.20 | 0.06 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 3.29 |
| 8/31/15 | 3.21 | 0.06 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 3.30 |
| Total | 15.60 | 0.30 | 0.05 | 0.10 | 16.05 |

FOUNDATION EXPENDITURES APRIL - AUGUST 2015

| Check # | Date | Vendor | Amount | Description |
|---------|-----------|----------------------------------|----------|--|
| 1142 | 4/22/2015 | Award Emblem Mfg. Co., Inc. | 17.55 | Leaf engraving |
| 1143 | 5/18/2015 | Secretary of State | 10.00 | Annual Fee |
| 1144 | 5/18/2015 | Award Emblem Mfg. Co., Inc. | \$15.95 | Leaf engraving |
| 1145 | 5/20/2015 | Business Card | 338.00 | Deposit for 10/24/15 event - Carols Event Staffing |
| 1146 | 8/18/2015 | Award Emblem Mfg. Co., Inc. | 22.65 | Leaf engraving |
| 1147 | 8/18/2015 | Impressions in Stone | 383.05 | Brick engraving |
| 1148 | 8/18/2015 | VOID | | |
| 1149 | 8/18/2015 | Today's Business Solutions, Inc. | 400.00 | Scanner |
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| Total | | | 1,187.20 | |

Proposed Mission Statement for Indian Prairie Public Library Foundation

The Indian Prairie Public Library Foundation's mission is to support that library as an essential center of learning, inspiration and community pride.

We provide funds to support diverse programs and classes, enrich the library's collections and provide cutting-edge library enhancements.

The Foundation is an advocate for the library and raises community awareness about the library.



Friends and Foundations, Part One: Separate organizations, similar goals

BY JANE RUTLEDGE

Friends of Tippecanoe County (Ind.) Public Library

Our local library serves most of Tippecanoe County, Ind., and is the home of a 44-year-old Friends group and a 12-year-old library Foundation.

The Friends of the Tippecanoe County Public Library is a group whose core project is book sales. Four book sales a year, plus a thriving on-line sales project, bring in about 80% of our \$100,000+ budget, with the remainder of our income coming from membership dues and contributions. We budget \$70,000-80,000 per year for library projects and try to keep our overhead at a minimum, so that most years we have some surplus, and we've been able to put aside funds for big projects.

We support all library programs – author visits, special speakers, children's programs, the summer reading club, and more. We annually award scholarships for staff members to continue their educations, and we pay for special continuing education programs for the library's staff day.

We try to fill in the gaps when special equipment or supplies are needed, and we fund staff recognition events, contribute generously to the staff social fund, and pay for the annual staff holiday dinner. We underwrite the publication of the library's newsletter.

Friends membership in recent years has hovered around the 650 mark. Fifteen years ago, when we began holding a members-only presale evening before each book sale, our membership increased dramatically, and at about the same time, a major direct-mail membership campaign centered around a "Gold Card" membership level (\$35 a year) brought in a large number of members who were generous donors.

Our basic membership remains at \$10 a year, but about 40% of our members join at a better-than-basic level, and nearly 10% qualify for our "Benefactor Bookplate" level of \$75 and above.



TIPPECANOE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



TIPPECANOE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
LIBRARY FOUNDATION

A thriving book sale project requires lots of volunteer labor, and we have been fortunate in recruiting a pool of 100 or more members who sign up for shifts at the book sales, sort books year-round, and help with other activities. Volunteers, whether they help once a year at a book sale or every week in the sorting room, constitute a committed group of library supporters.

When the library board decided to explore establishing a library foundation, they very wisely made the decision to involve the Friends and to build on the goodwill that the Friends had established through the years. The Foundation's creators looked upon the Friends as a complementary organization, with goals very similar to those of the Foundation and yet with a very different focus.

The Friends group had specific funding goals and a book-sale-dependent budget, while the Foundation undertook to make the "big asks," encourage planned giving and bequests, and work on grant applications. The Foundation has undertaken fund drives for furnishing our two new branch libraries, for two major renovations at our main library, and for establishing an endowment for future growth.

Friends officers were brought into the planning process very early and were a part of the discussions leading up to the Foundation's official found-

ing. One piece of advice received early on, and followed, involved language. The Friends is a membership organization; the Foundation is not. The Foundation has donors, but not members, and we have been careful to keep those functions clear and to use the word "member" only in relationship to the Friends.

An important decision made in the early days was the make-up of the Foundation's board of directors. The library's Board of Trustees appoints a member to serve on the Foundation board, and the Friends board also makes an appointment to the Foundation board. This has proved in practice to be a valuable means of coordination and cooperation, as all three boards are always aware of the activities of the others.

Another cooperative venture has been the Foundation's fundraising software. When the Foundation staff began looking for a software program, they invited the Friends membership chair to participate in their research and discussions, with the goal in mind of consolidating our mailing lists.

All of the Friends members were already on the mailing list for the library's newsletter, and a software program was chosen that enabled the Friends renewal and volunteer information to be added to the same database. This simplifies updating of address information, and the Foundation's administrative aide supplies the Friends with current mailing information and membership lists as needed.

Consolidating the mailing information of course has added Friends members to the lists of prospects for the Foundation's fundraising efforts, and Friends members have been among the most generous individual donors to the Foundation's campaigns. Several of the large bequests that have come to the Foundation are from people with long and strong relationships with the Friends.

The Friends of the Library as



a group has also contributed to the Foundation's major campaigns. In appreciation, a children's activities room at one branch, an outdoor reading area at another, and a conference room at the main library now all bear the Friends name.

We're proud of our 12-year record of working together for the good of our county library. With the Friends continuing to develop community goodwill and personal commitments, as well as financing a range of library projects, and with the Foundation working to ensure sources of major funding for library improvements and expansion, we are a strong team making the future more secure for library services in Tippecanoe County.

For more information about the Friends of Tippecanoe County Public Library, visit <http://www.tcpl.lib.in.us/friends-of-tcpl>.

Jane Rutledge has volunteered for Friends of the Library organizations for more than 30 years. She has served the Friends of Tippecanoe County Public Library in various positions (book sale chair, membership chair, president, treasurer) and currently heads the online sales team. She has also served on the boards of Friends of Kansas Libraries, Friends of Indiana Libraries, and Friends of Libraries U.S.A.

This is part one of a two-part series on the dynamic between library Friends and Foundations. Part two will run in the March 2010 issue of *The Voice*. In part two, Peter Pearson, president of the Friends of the Saint Paul (Minn.) Public Library, will explain the workings of his combined Friends and Foundation organization.

St. Louis Public Library Foundation hosts a 'novel' benefit

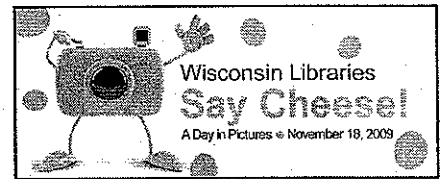


St. Louis Public Library staff members Terra Sleep (left) and Chris Martin got into the spirit at the "Stranger Than Fiction" benefit.

The St. Louis Public Library Foundation hosted "Stranger Than Fiction: A Novel Affair" at St. Louis' downtown Central Library on Sat., Nov. 14, 2009. More than 600 people came to celebrate and support the St. Louis Public Library (SLPL). Guests were greeted by the Charles Glenn Gospel Choir, which sang an uplifting welcome as people entered the Great Hall.

Five top St. Louis caterers provided literary themed food, and the Hyatt Regency's Red Kitchen and Bar created signature cocktails with a literary "twist." Entertainment included everything from escape artists to belly dancers, a scavenger hunt to behind-the-scenes tours. The Young Literati of the SLPL sold raffle tickets; the winners' names will be used in an upcoming book by an acclaimed author. Build-A-Bear Workshop provided literary themed "bears" for silent auction.

Many guests and staff attended dressed as their favorite literary character, which made the party even more colorful and festive. A DJ and dancing in the Great Hall brought the evening to an close, with more than \$100,000 in net proceeds going to support the St. Louis Public Library Foundation's "Central To Your World" capital campaign to restore and modernize the nearly 100-year-old Central Library.



Wisconsin Libraries Say Cheese!

The Campaign for Wisconsin Libraries, a program of the Wisconsin Library Association (WLA) Foundation, has created a visual way to remind people of the variety and wealth of resources, services, programs, and activities libraries offer.

"Wisconsin Libraries Say Cheese!" is a promotional project by the Campaign for Wisconsin Libraries that uses the Web resource Flickr to share digital photos that libraries across Wisconsin took on one day during the week of Nov. 1-8. The photos may be viewed at www.wisconsinlibraries.org/saycheese.

With the online sharing of photographs, the Campaign for Wisconsin Libraries hopes to capture the "full picture" of library usage, along with the essence of what libraries are today. The goal is to strengthen libraries' existing base of support by presenting a better understanding of the kinds of resources, services, programs, and activities libraries offer, with the intent to strengthen the base of support libraries have among the public officials who fund them and the people who use them. The "Wisconsin Libraries Say Cheese!" site displays hundreds of reasons to speak up for libraries, and speak out for critical funding needs when local and state budget dollars are being allocated.

"Wisconsin Libraries Say Cheese!" is modeled after a successful program of the New Jersey Library Association and the New Jersey State Library's Snapshot Day. The Campaign for Wisconsin Libraries is an ongoing, statewide effort that provides a collective voice for Wisconsin libraries of all types, focusing on developing and disseminating effective messages about the importance of all Wisconsin libraries.



Friends and Foundations, Part Two: Is a merged Friends and Foundation right for your library?

BY PETER PEARSON

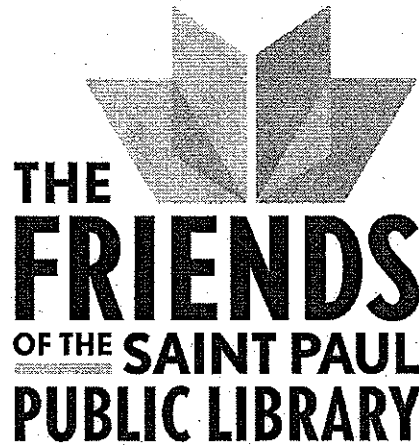
President, The Friends of the Saint Paul (Minn.) Public Library

The library world is one of the few that I'm aware of in which there are two separate and distinct support organizations which provide support for the same institution.

Library Friends groups have been in existence in many communities for more than 100 years. These venerable organizations have provided valuable service to their libraries, usually utilizing the skills of volunteers from the community with a strong interest in books and libraries. The typical activities of a library Friends group can include book sales, author programs, advocacy, fundraising events, and volunteer activities within library buildings.

Library Foundations, on the other hand, are a relatively new addition to the library support world. The majority of library Foundations have just been formed within the last 20 years. Unlike their counterparts, the library Friends groups, library Foundations tend to be staff driven. Activities of library Foundations tend to be higher level fundraising activities, including annual fund solicitations from individuals for special programs and projects, planned giving activities, corporate foundation grant writing and sponsorships, capital campaign fundraising for new and renovated buildings, and major gift solicitation from individuals.

In many communities, these two different and distinct support organizations operate side by side in support of the same library. Many times, the interaction between the two groups is very positive and their work is complementary. However, there are times when having two separate nonprofit organizations supporting the same library can create some overlap in responsibilities and some confusion on the part of the community at large.



A model of support which is gaining in popularity is what I refer to as "the merged model of a library Friends group and a library Foundation." This merged model is the model which supports the Saint Paul Public Library in Minnesota, from which my experience arises. The activities of merged Friends and Foundations include all of the activities of the two organizations separately. So, for instance, a merged library Friends and Foundation organization can conduct book sales, author programs and advocacy activities, as well as all of the major fundraising activities, such as planned giving, major gifts, and capital campaign fundraising.

One of the keys to the success of a merged library Friends and Foundation is a comprehensive committee structure, which allows individuals from the Friends and the Foundation to engage in the activities for which they have the greatest passion. So, individuals who have a passion for used book sales would have an opportunity to pursue that activity, while individuals who prefer higher level fundraising activities would find committee activity relevant to these interests also.

There are a number of advantages to the merged model of a library Friends group and Foundation. Probably the most obvious advantage is

that there is only one nonprofit organization that needs to recruit board members and file annual papers with the state and localities, thus reducing administrative overhead to run two organizations.

A second strong advantage of the merged model is the time devoted by the library director and other key library staff in assisting the library support organizations. Library directors need to attend board meetings and committee meetings of their library support organizations, and having just one organization for this purpose can vastly reduce the amount of hours that library directors and staff spend in support of those organizations.

Another strength of the merged model is bringing together the two activities of advocacy and fundraising. These two activities are natural activities for all support organizations, and can be done most effectively when one organization has private funds at its disposal to use as matching funds to leverage new public dollars being requested through advocacy efforts.

But probably the strongest reason for considering a merged organization is how the community at large might understand the library and its support structures. Most individuals who are not part of the insider group of library support people will have a difficult time understanding the distinction between a library Friends group and a library Foundation. When we're looking to dramatically expand the number of people who make contributions to the library, the last thing we want to do is confuse these individuals with which organization does which activities. When a donor needs to ask, "Where do I write my check, to the Friends or the Foundation?," the likely answer may be that the donor will write it to neither. Having just one organization makes it very clear where an individual's financial and volunteer support should go.



Libraries that have developed the merged library Friends and Foundation model typically note that these organizations are becoming extremely strong and vital, working closely with the library in all areas of interest to the library. And being able to show excellent results in fundraising and advocacy efforts also attracts good board members to an organization.

The other reason that these organizations can be popular is that the mission is broad enough to appeal to almost anyone in the community. Organizations whose sole purpose is to sell used books or whose sole purpose it is to raise private funds may have a limited number of board members who are attracted to their mission. The merged organizations of library Friends and Foundations can appeal to a broad cross section of every community.

The names associated with organizations like this which have merged a Friends group and Foundation are always a locally driven decision, and no one format seems to apply to all libraries. In St. Paul, the name of our organization has always been The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library. Locally, the name Friends carries a connotation of an organization with endowment funds and a track record of major fundraising and advocacy.

In San Francisco, which is also a merged model of Friends and Foundation, the merged organization first took the name "the Friends and Foundation of the San Francisco Public Library," and then eventually went back to the name "Friends" in recent years. Again, these decisions are locally driven, and the name does not tend to have a major impact on the success of this model.

There appears to be more interest in the merged model than I've seen at any time in the past. I have provided consulting to libraries across the country in this area assessing the effectiveness of both organizations and helping libraries to determine whether or not a merged model is right for them. The important factors in deciding which way to go will be based on local needs and the history of each organization.

In any case, a change to a merged model should be done with a great deal of preliminary planning and the full involvement of both of the existing organizations to be certain that this is the right move for everyone involved. Even if a decision is made not to merge two support groups, the process of discussing the issue certainly helps to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the existing Friends and the existing Foundation. In these times of shrinking public resources, having efficient and effective library support organizations is more critical than ever.

For more information about The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library, visit www.thefriends.org.

Peter Pearson has been president of The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library for 16 years. Under his direction, The Friends has received numerous awards for successful advocacy, public relations, fundraising, and cultural programming. Pearson served on the board of Friends of Libraries U.S.A. (FOLUSA), and is currently the Foundation Section Chair on the ALTAFF board of directors. He provides consulting services to libraries and organizations throughout the country and is a frequent speaker at state and national library conferences.

This is part two of a two-part series on the dynamic between library Friends and Foundations. Part one ran in the January 2010 issue of *The Voice*. In part one, Jane Rutledge of Friends of the Tippecanoe County (Ind.) Public Library, discussed the missions of the library's separate Friends group and Foundation, and how the two organizations work cooperatively. Both articles will be available on the ALTAFF Web site (www.ala.org/altaff) in the "Foundations" section.

Morgan Hill (Calif.) Library Foundation hosts Silicon Valley Puzzle Day

The Morgan Hill (Calif.) Library Foundation held the fourth annual Silicon Valley Puzzle Day, on Jan. 30-31.

Approximately 200 people participated in Puzzle Day events over the course of two days. Puzzle Day was organized by the Morgan Hill Library Foundation, and was originally started by the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library to raise money for art and furnishings for a new library. This is the Foundation's first year organizing Puzzle Day.

On Saturday, workshops were held at the library from 10:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., and covered topics such as cryptarithms, "crosswordese," Nikoli puzzles, and cryptic crosswords. Two workshops were held especially for children, "Sudoku for Kids" and "Fun Word Puzzles for Kids." In addition, U.S. Sudoku champion Thomas Snyder spoke about solving puzzles in championship rounds. Mark Diehl and Andrea Carla Michaels, who have both written *New York Times* crosswords, spoke in a panel about crossword construction.

On Sunday, Sudoku, crossword, and cryptic crossword competitions were held. Among the judges was Tyler Hinman, who has won the American Crossword Puzzle tournament for five consecutive years, and Wei-Hwa Huang, who designed Google's four-week puzzle event DaVinci Code Quest. Competitors battled it out on giant boards in front of the room. Trophies were awarded to the top winner in each category, and prizes were awarded to children who competed, plus judge's choice awards for best handwriting, best Morgan Hill puzzler, and to the person who had traveled the furthest to attend. Also featured was a giant "community puzzle" that attendees could gather around and work on together.

For information about the Morgan Hill Library Foundation, visit www.mhlf.org.

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIPS:

32 Lifetime memberships (as of 9/16/15)

2012: (40 members)

25 Individual

10 Supporting

5 Family

2013: (39 Members)

18 Individual

13 Supporting

8 Family

2014: (38 Members)

24 Individual

12 Supporting

2 Family

Average:

22.33 Individual

11.67 Supporting

5 Family