

**STILLWATER
PUBLIC LIBRARY
FOUNDATION**
Turning the Pages

When in
doubt,
go to the
library.

- J.K. Rowling

2022
YEAR IN REVIEW

» Stillwaterlibraryfoundation.org



Presidents' Letter

Dear Friends,

The pandemic taught us all that the world can change in an instant and 2022 was a welcome respite as we regained some normalcy in our lives. We cautiously emerged from Covid with a few select events in 2022 and were thrilled to have the opportunity to gather together with you again at Light a Spark and For the Love of the Library. The Foundation Board also saw changes in membership and leadership, with Shawn Glaser, Foundation President from 2020 to 2022, moving to Past President and Summer Seidenkranz beginning her role as President in 2023.

Some things fortunately don't change, and that includes your unwavering support for the Stillwater Public Library. Your generous support provides the means to

offer programs for all ages, new materials including mobile hotspots and ebooks, Sunday library hours, and a volunteer program that engages teens and adults in sharing their talents with this community.

Thank you for supporting the library you value through your gifts to the Foundation. You make so much of what happens here possible!

Looking ahead, we have strong leadership, an engaged board who volunteers out of their appreciation for the library and new ways for you to learn, support, and enjoy this amazing building and staff, so stay tuned! Our work continues to be guided by our mission, to engage the community and its resources to expand the reach and impact of the Stillwater Public Library.

We are so very grateful to you for your deep and continued commitment to the Foundation and the library. Your generosity allows us to ensure high quality materials, outstanding services, and top-notch programs that are available to all.

Warmest regards,

Shawn Glaser, Past President

Summer Seidenkranz, President




Library Director Letter

Dear Library Foundation Benefactors,

On behalf of Stillwater Public Library and our more than 110,000 visitors last year, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your incredible support. Your kindness increases our capacity to be a welcoming place to learn and discover, connect and engage, grow and explore.

Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to improve and expand our collection of books, audiobooks, kits, and digital resources. Additionally, donor funding enables us to provide robust programming for all ages, which counted nearly 17,000 participants in activities last year. The library is an essential partner in preparing children for academic success by fostering literacy development. During the 2022 Summer Reading Program, children logged more than 135,000 minutes of reading, which helped them return to school ready to learn. Offerings for adults included art classes, historical walking tours, book clubs, one-on-one technology assistance, and genealogy classes.

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Thank you again for your support and commitment to our mission.

We are grateful to have you as partners, and your trust inspires us to serve our patrons to the very best of our abilities. We look forward to continuing our work together to make a positive impact in our community.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mark Troendle'.

Mark Troendle, Director, Stillwater Public Library



THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY

MY MOM AND DAD AND THEIR PARENTS GREW UP IN

STILLWATER. Mom got her library card as soon as she was old enough. My sister and I were taken to the library before we could walk. My mom loved the library. She loved books and read until the day before she passed. The Stillwater Library was in her soul. My dad was the finance guy in the family and following retirement he too found his way to the library. He even got his own library card and was quite proud, instead of bumming off on Mom's.

While living, Mom and Dad supported the library through their giving. When they passed, I found it fitting to continue their legacy by supporting the newspaper grant so others in the community could stay connected. Much sadness came with losing my family, but I do feel joy in keeping their legacy alive through giving to the library. I feel a sense of community and their presence within the library walls.

- Foundation donor

SUNDAY HOURS

The Foundation granted \$14,800 to the library in 2022 to allow the library to be open on Sundays – making all its resources available to everyone, every day of the week.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

The Foundation-funded Volunteer Coordinator organizes activities that engage teens and adults in the community.

2,245

PROVIDED
HOURS

80

VOLUNTEERS

\$67,000

STAFF SAVINGS

DISCOVERY ROOM

Thanks to gifts from Foundation donors, a new Discovery Room was incorporated into the children's area in 2022 to foster early literacy. With themes that change seasonally, the Discovery Room encourages families to explore, play, and learn together. In the fall, kids used their imagination to sell and shop at the farm stand. They tried out the cash registers, weighed apples on the scale, made change, and so much more. In the winter, families connected to the world around them as they learned more about things that are "so cold" – snowflakes, snow friends, icy winds, and, of course, ice cream. Spring brought the arrival of the garden center where seeds are planted and crops are harvested and sold.

Through these creative play opportunities, kids are developing valuable language and communication skills and building social connections.



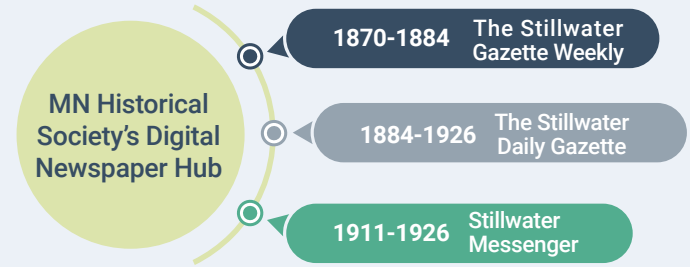
A BRIDGE FROM OUR HISTORY TO THE FUTURE

SOME SAY THAT NEWSPAPERS ARE THE FIRST DRAFT OF HISTORY. For communities near Stillwater, that first draft will soon be much easier to access, with more than 85,000 pages of historical newspapers available online by the end of 2023.

We're pleased that our community's historic newspapers will now be much easier to access, whether here at the library or anywhere else with an internet connection. In recent years, we have seen a great increase of interest in family and local history research. Digitization will make it vastly easier to discover these personal and community stories.

- Mark Troendle, director of the Stillwater Public Library

Two grants totaling \$95,000 from the Fred C. and Katherine B. Andersen Foundation and the Hugh J. Andersen Foundation to the Library Foundation provided funding for the first phase of the newspaper digitization project, set to begin in 2023. The Stillwater Gazette Weekly, Stillwater Messenger, and Stillwater Daily Gazette will be made available for free on the MN Historical Society's Digital Newspaper Hub.



The Foundation also helps community members preserve their own stories. The library offered two community events to digitally archive personal photos and documents. Trained volunteers recruited by the Foundation-funded Volunteer Coordinator worked with staff to scan these special memories using professional equipment and provided digital copies to the community members to keep.



A PASSPORT TO A WORLD OF IDEAS AND INFORMATION



DREW ARNOLD GREW UP AS AN AVID LIBRARY USER, fond of mysteries - especially the Hardy Boys series. He believes libraries are unique for the magic they conjure, the imaginations they stimulate and having the potential to encourage the next generation of writers. That's why Drew has been a supporter of the Foundation for more than a decade – and why he decided to join its Board of Directors in 2023.

He has seen the evolution of libraries from book repositories to their current role in shaping communities. Whether it is the access a library provides to physical and e-books, or the educational and social programs held inside its walls, libraries are a core component of healthy thriving cities and towns.

Drew hopes to give back to both the library and the Stillwater community during his Board tenure; to help fund the evolution of the library as it adjusts in the digital world. Drew and his wife, Laurie, moved back to the Stillwater area in 2004, and Drew retired recently from a career in bioinformatics that took him around the world. The Arnolds have two daughters who live on the East Coast. Currently, Scandinavian crime dramas keep his interest - Jo Nesbo, Camilla Lackberg, Sara Blaedel, Yrsa Sigurdardottir, Lars Kepler, Katrine Engberg; anything taking place in Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Iceland.

>20%
FROM
DONATIONS

In 2022, more than 20% of the library's budget for circulating items came from donations.

THE FOUNDATION PROVIDES FUNDING FOR:

- Books – adult, teen and children fiction and nonfiction
- e-books and e-audiobooks
- All of the library's newspapers (New York Times, Wall Street Journal, StarTribune, Pioneer Press, Gazette, Country Messenger)
- Circulating hotspots (mobile wi-fi connections)
- Circulating DVD players and media drives



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lifelong learning for all ages



CARRIE JAVENKOSKI SIMON IS A NEWER DONOR TO THE STILLWATER LIBRARY FOUNDATION. Her love of books was influenced by her grandmother, one of two librarians in her rural hometown. Her grandmother instilled both a love of stories and the importance of being an active member of her community. When Carrie moved to Stillwater, the library was an easy choice for her volunteer time.

Carrie sees the library as the heart of this community and believes it encourages creativity, knowledge, and education to flourish, as well as provides resources and fun for all. In Carrie's words, "There aren't many places that give so much." Carrie is a member of the Stillwater Library Board of Trustees and helps at the Friends of the Library Book Sales. Her kids especially enjoy the Wednesday storytime!

Most of the library's programs are only possible due to contributions by donors to the Foundation.

THE FOUNDATION PROVIDES PROGRAM FUNDING FOR:

- Summer Reading Program (Summer Explorers)
- Early literacy programs and classes
- Adult events and classes
- Youth Services support

2022 OVERALL STATS:

228	120	108	16,965
PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES	KID PROGRAMS	ADULT PROGRAMS	TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

2022 SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS:

- More than 135,000 minutes of reading reported during the Summer Explorers reading program
- "Wednesdays on the Lawn" with weekly crowds of 150-275 attendees
- 439 new library cards issued
- More than 95,000 materials checked out

»» Financial statement

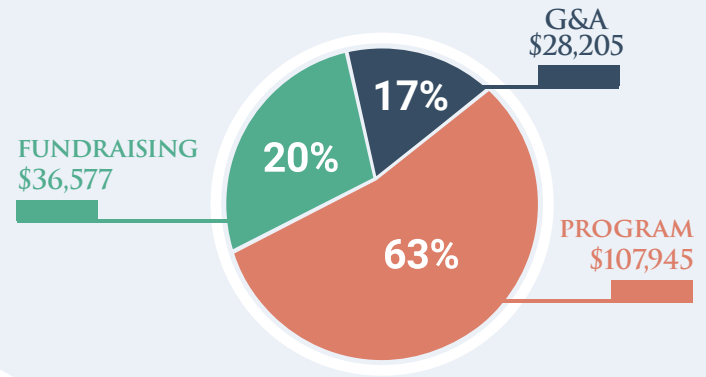
\$287,419
DONATIONS RECEIVED

\$172,736
EXPENSES

\$191,201
TOTAL GRANTS PLEDGED IN 2022
(SOME FOR FUTURE USE)

\$1,271,428
TOTAL GRANTS GIVEN SINCE FOUNDATION INCEPTION

Collaboration is critical to our Library Foundation's success.



When it comes to growing and stewarding our endowment fund, our partner is the St. Croix Valley Foundation, the community foundation serving our region.

Community foundations serve an important role not only by helping nonprofits establish and grow endowed funds to forever support their work, but also by providing expertise to individuals seeking to make smart charitable contributions. Our partnership with the St. Croix Valley Foundation enables us to help our donors make tax-smart gifts to the Library Foundation's endowment, knowing that their gifts will support the Stillwater Library in perpetuity.

DID YOU KNOW... that a gift of **\$25,000** to our endowment fund will provide an annual gift of **\$1,000** – forever – to the Library Foundation?

Gifts to our endowment fund can be made with current assets (including the unique opportunity to gift appreciated Andersen Corporation stock) or through an estate plan (including gifts of real estate). We are especially grateful to everyone who has remembered the Library Foundation in their estate plans. If you would like to learn more about the endowment fund, you can reach out to the Foundation at splf@stillwaterlibraryfoundation.org.

»» 2022 SPLF Board Roster

**Shawn Glaser,
President**

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Seidenkranz,
Vice President**
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Chair*

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Finance, Chair

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& Marketing*

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*Events
& Marketing*

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& Marketing*

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Finance

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*Finance, Events
& Marketing*

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Finance

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Sandstrom**
Governance

**Mark
Troendle**
*Ex-officio,
Library Director*

Eric White
*Technology
Volunteer*

“The only thing
you absolutely
need to know is
the location of
the library.”

- Albert Einstein

»» 2022 Staff

**Alicia Gordon
Macalus**
*Executive
Director*

**Grace
Dosdall**
*Events/Admin
Support*

**Susie
Danielson**
*Volunteer
Coordinator*



2022 Donor listing

INDIVIDUALS

- 5 Anonymous gifts
- Annelise Aaro
- Ellen Albertson
- Pauline and Tylor Allison
- Karen Anderson
- Angela Anderson
- Kathryn & Jeffrey Andrews
- Christina Arndt
- Drew & Laurie Arnold
- Michelle Bailey
- Colleen & Jim Baldrice
- Heinrich Bantli
- Joseph & Karin Bauer
- Dennis Behr
- Maureen Bell
- Lynne Bertalmio & Will Erslund
- Cecelia & Dave Best

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- Andersen Corporate Giving Program
- Baytown Woods Fund of the St. Croix Valley Foundation
- Fred C. and Katherine B. Andersen Foundation
- Huelsmann Foundation
- Hugh J. Andersen Foundation
- Lakeview Foundation
- Raleigh Foundation
- Robert and Margaret Simmet Family Fund of the Catholic Community Foundation
- The 3M Foundation on behalf of Carrie Javenkoski Simon
- Weekes Family Foundation

TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS

2022 Gifts in Memory of:

- Susan (Schmehl) Keithhahn - by the Class of 65 Book Club
- William (Billy) Quinn - by Mark and Sandra Brown
- Gary McLaughlin - by William Czerwinski and Chris Kerstin, Don and Mary Renner, and Ann Thompson
- Orlan Youngren - by Mike D'Onofrio, Kathryn and Peter VanDusartz, and Ann Wolff
- Frances Malarkey Lohmer - by Robert and Tubby Lohmer
- Ken and Bev Heuer - by Jody Heuer
- Kim Heuer - by Jody Heuer
- Diane Johnson - by Jody Heuer
- Deb DeSteno - by Jan Brewer
- Bill Scheel - by Jan Brewer

2022 Gifts in Honor of:

- The Stillwater Public Library Foundation Board - by Anonymous
- Kat and Spike Carlsen - by Christine Trevis
- Carlyn Nankervis - by Sue Buchman

BUSINESSES

- Ahola, Mack & Associates
- Commercial Real Estate Services, Inc.
- Eckberg Lammers, P.C.
- First State Bank and Trust
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- Rivertown Animal Hospital

ORGANIZATIONS

- Friends of the Stillwater Public Library
- Woman's Reading Club

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Highlights



One-on-one tech help sessions launched

Phonics collection expanded to support new and striving readers

DVD players and extra hotspots added to the Library of Things



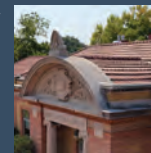
Late night telescopes on terrace for all ages

Summer Wednesdays on the lawn with weekly crowds of 150-275



Flight lab wind tunnel gifted to children's area as reward for 135,000 minutes read over summer

Program held on Native American Initiatives with MN Historical Society



Library's 120 year-old roof replaced

JAN

FEB

MARCH

MAY

JUNE - AUG

SEP

OCT

NOV



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