

2020 Annual Report of the President of the Friends of Cook Memorial Library

Friends of Cook Memorial Library exists to raise funds that supplement the library's town-funded budget. We do this with two major fund-raising events: a Cabin Fever Book and Bake Sale, which includes a silent auction, in March; and a Plant Sale and Calendar Raffle in June. Along with these two events, we have a monthly gently used book sale with donated books.

This year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our fund-raising abilities were severely limited. We were able to hold the Cabin Fever Book Sale and sell used books through March, which generated some revenue. That, along with generous donations from you, our members, helped us fund the library's 2019 wish list totaling \$7,387. The wish list included a new computer table, yoga for preschoolers, Memory kits, the NH Downloadable Books fee, flowers for the library grounds, some museum/park passes and more. We also funded the Baby Book Bag Program, which over the past year distributed book bags to 8 families with new babies, and we supported the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program with gift certificates for children who achieved the goal. Overall, we ended the year \$50.12 in the black, surprising indeed in these strained times.

Like the library, we have adapted to the restrictions of this virus. Instead of hosting a perennial plant sale, we've decided to hold a safe, contactless (online!), fall bulb sale through Dutch Mill Bulbs. Fifty percent of the proceeds from this event will go directly to the Friends to support our library. Please do your part to Make America Beautiful and support our library by ordering and planting bulbs!

We extend a **huge** thank you to those who have donated to the Friends this past year. Times are tough with many people not able to go back to work safely or not knowing whether their job will still be there when this pandemic is over. This year we are hoping to make up for smaller contributions by increasing the number of contributors. Every donation helps, no matter the size.

Thank you, Friends, for your unwavering support throughout the year. We simply couldn't do it without you!

Respectfully submitted,

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