

Dear Friends of the Trenton Veterans Memorial Library,

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that we are already into the third week of a new year. We wanted to share with you our 2022 Annual Report and keep you posted on our plans for 2023.

In 2022, the Friends continued sponsoring and supporting various library programs virtually and in-person. These include:

- ❖ Continuing to fund the Lucky Day book collection
- ❖ Providing free book bags for children registering for their first library card
- ❖ Summer Reading Program for every age including craft bag kits and prizes
- ❖ Yoga and Presenters for Adult programming

We re-opened our Used Book Carts daily, to which library patrons were immediately receptive and which generated revenue that we did not have for 1.5 years during the pandemic.

We purchased an Interior Donation bin that is placed inside the library allowing us to resume collecting book and media donations for our book carts and future book sales. The community has been very generous in donating books, and our dedicated Board members sorted through some sizable donations that went into our fall book sale.

In addition to the indoor donation bin, we continued our partnership with Better World Books to accept book donations outside of library hours and to receive donations of materials that are not sold in our book carts and sales.

We held two book sales in 2022, a small one in February for Friends only and a larger 1-day Fall sale open to the community. Many folks were very happy to see the sale return! We were fortunate enough to be able to donate several of the leftover sale books to the Woodhaven Rotary Club so we could resume collection of new donations.

Additionally, the Friends voted to purchase three books that will be part of a new Story Walk that will be erected at Civic Center Park in Woodhaven.

At our Annual Meeting, we re-elected Board Members and elected new officers for two-year terms.

Our membership numbers increased and are comparable to those we saw before the pandemic. Our current number is 50 Friends. Most of our new memberships in 2022 came from our book sale events. We thank all of you for renewing your membership and continuing to support the Friends.

In 2023, we hope to continue our support of the Library in many of the ways we have in the past and to develop new and creative alternatives and ideas for member involvement and leadership. Planning is underway for a winter social gathering of the Friends and our spring book sale, so stay tuned!

As always, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

The Friends of the Trenton Veterans Memorial Library