

History of the Friends of the
A.K. Smiley Public Library
Redlands, California

1973-2015

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Friends of A. K. Smiley Public Library shall be: to assist the Trustees and the library staff in communicating to the community information about the resources, services, programs, and special events of the library; to augment the financial resources of the library with funds raised by the Friends; and to aid in the planning and sponsorship of library programs.

FORWARD

In reviewing 25 years of newspaper clippings about the Friends of A.K. Smiley Public Library, "extraordinary" is the only word appropriate to describe my feelings.

Those original charter members were all community leaders and veterans of a variety of organizational participation. Their experience and enthusiasm lent spirit and results in forming the Friends organization.

You only have to look at the contents of this service booklet in order to appreciate the labor and fruitful benefits in behalf of the Smiley. The Friends gifts range from capital improvements and research equipment, to art and rare manuscripts. They have helped to underwrite legendary fund-raising galas and have contributed to the Library and Lincoln Memorial Shrine endowments.

A host of volunteers staffs the Friends Bookstore and the innovative silent auction table of rarities has become the talk of collectors and an often polite but tense contest of wills and wallets.

In the 26 years that I have worked at the Smiley, I have received only "good and kind" from the Friends. They have supplemented our collections, benefitted staff morale, made special selections and research available to the patrons, and ask for nothing in return.

Blest by their energy and emboldened by their dedication, Smiley Library is better - far better - because of the Friends of the Library. If the first 25 years are prologue, I can only imagine what the millennium and years beyond will produce.

Larry E. Burgess
Library Director

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR THE SILVER JUBILEE

The month of June 1998 marks the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Friends of the A. K. Smiley Public Library. During the intervening years hundreds of volunteers have given tens of thousands of hours and raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to assist the Trustees and the library staff by providing the community with information about the Library and the bookstore operated by the Friends.

In 1973 the Friends elected Patty Serrano as the first president followed by Dr. William J. Moore. That first year ended with a balance of \$631 in the treasury. During that year the Friends sponsored a magic show for children. Membership has grown from 100 to more than 500. In 1975 the first book sales of 6,000 and 10,000 books netted a total of \$3,300.

Events and programs sponsored by the Friends for members and the public have been a service to the community. The financial support of the bookstore by members and library patrons has helped the Library to provide some services which might not have been possible otherwise. The members and patrons can be proud of the results of the first twenty five years.

Albert Clark

Friends of A. K. Smiley Public Library

VICE-PRESIDENT IN CHARGE OF PROGRAMS

The purpose of the Friends of the A. K. Smiley Public Library suggests three key goals: communicating to the community, augmenting the Library's financial resources, and aiding in, planning, and sponsoring Library programs.

As we review our brief history and development we recognize that our stated emphases have not been balanced. Thanks to the assiduous labors of dedicated volunteers our resources have grown, so we have fortunately been able to "augment the financial resources of the Library," but as we peer into the new millennium we shall develop programs that will fulfill our obligations to communicate the values that the Library freely offers to our community.

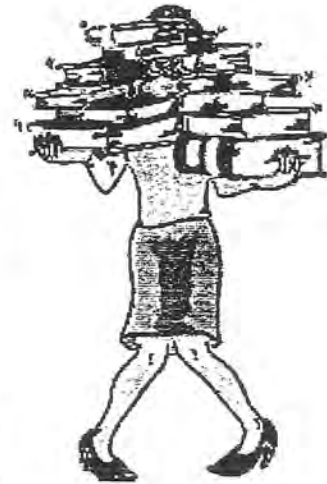
The Friends are deeply grateful to generous donors of money and books which, via auctions and sales, allow us to help the Library.

Perhaps we are now, with increased giving and donations, ready to sponsor distributary programs, especially for young people, that will encourage a heightened awareness of culture and the richness of involvement in the Library's many mansions.

Fritz Bromberger Ph.D.

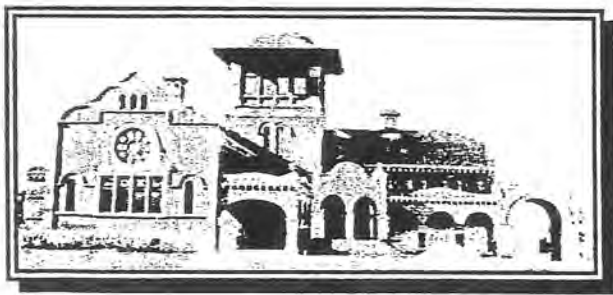
As the nominee for incoming president of the Friends of the A. K. Smiley Public Library, I have been asked to write a few of my thoughts.

Marbeth Munn and Bill Ahlborn have created this treasure booklet of the 25 years of the Friends. How satisfying and fascinating it is to read in this booklet the names of the fine volunteers and the deeds they have done.



Albert Clark and Fritz Bromberger have my special admiration for their leadership and hands-on work in recent years.

The A.K. Smiley Public Library graces Redlands as one of its blessings, serving to educate, inspire, and entertain. The achievements of so many dedicated people through the years has allowed this library to flourish.



Let us carry on in the spirit of those who have gone before.

James A. Fallows M.D.

FRIENDS OF A. K. SMILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY HISTORY

1973

BOARD MEMBERS 1973-1974:

President: Patty Serrano

(Later in the year, Dr. Moore became president, and Barbara Wormser became vice president)

Vice President: Dr. William J. Moore

Treasurer: D. Eston Field

Recording Secretary: Barbara Abele

Corresponding Secretary: Ellen Schaunaman

Membership: Larry Myers, Olive Wheeler

Programs: Richard Wilkerson, Esther Mertins

Public Relations: Jo Juran

Barbara Wormser

Edward Taylor

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

The Friends of A. K. Smiley Public Library was organized June, 1973.

The first official activity was to help the library staff host an open house for new Redlands school teachers.

The letterhead (still in use in 1998) was designed by John Melcher.

The Redlands Friends joined the State Friends of the Library organization.

\$30 was donated for a children's magic show.

As of the last meeting of the year the balance on hand was \$631.00.

FRIENDS OF A.K. SMILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY HISTORY

1974

BOARD MEMBERS 1974-1975:

President: Esther Merins
Vice President: Dr. William J. Moore
Treasurer: D. Eston Field
Recording Secretary: Barbara Abele
Corresponding Secretary: Olive Wheeler

Public Relations: Jo Juran
Programs: Patty Serrano, Dr. Moore
Projects: Barbara Wormser
Membership: Olive Wheeler

James Piper (elected to replace Larry Myers)
Ellen Schaunaman
Rev. John D. Foerster
Cynthia Sims

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

Balance on hand as of Jan. 1. \$707.74

In February, the Friends reached a membership of 100 for the first time.

On March 17, the Friends sponsored a rare book display contributed by 13 Redlands citizens.

\$50 was donated for a clock for the Lyon Wing.

In November the balance exceeded \$1,000 for the first time.

On November 24, the Friends sponsored their first speaker, Dr. William E. Umbach, whose topic was *"Our Stone-age Vocabulary"*

FRIENDS OF A. K. SMILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY HISTORY

1975

BOARD MEMBERS 1975-1976

President: Esther Mertins
Vice President: Dr. William J. Moore
Treasurer and By-laws : D. Eston Field
Recording Secretary: Barbara Abele
Corresponding Secretary and Membership Chairman: Olive Wheeler

Book Sale: Barbara Wormser

James Piper
Junie Schultz
Rev. John D. Foerster
Cynthia Simms
Ellen Schaunaman
Jo Juran

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

Balance on hand January 1: \$1,125.24

\$225 was donated to the library for art prints to be circulated.

The March open meeting speaker was Dr. Ray Billington whose topic, "*Why We Can No Longer Behave Like Americans*", dealt with wasting natural resources.

The first book sale was held April 4 for members only and April 5 for the general public, with 6,000 books on sale. The sale cleared more than \$1,500.

The Friends donated \$87.28 for a flagpole. Flags were donated by Congresswoman Shirley Pettis and a W.W.I widow.

Saturday, October 4, was the date of the second book sale. 10,000 books were offered, and the sale netted \$1,801.86

\$50 was donated for children's programs.

The Friends donated \$1976.00 to the library's bi-centennial fund for proposed new wings.

FRIENDS OF A. K. SMILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY HISTORY

1976

BOARD MEMBERS 1976 - 1977:

President: Esther Mertins
Vice President: Dr. William J. Moore
Treasurer: D. Eston Field (Replaced by D. J. Stewart in October)
Recording Secretary: Barbara Abele
Corresponding Secretary: Olive Wheeler

Membership: Olive Wheeler
Book Sale: Barbara Wormser

Rev. John D. Foerster
Cynthia Sims
Junie Schultz
Ellen Schaunaman
Jo Juran
James Piper

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

In January, \$179.00 was donated for a cabinet to store historical Citrograph files.

The Friends' first "Supper in the Stacks" was held May 1, with 170 persons attending. Dr. William J. Moore presented a slide show, "*Early-Day Redlands*."

The Friends supported the bond drive for new wings to the library as well as architect's fees.

A book sale was held October 2, with 4,000 books offered in the Lyon wing and 16,000 books offered outdoors. City Boy Scout troops helped with the sale, and \$2,556.20 was cleared.

In October, the Friends donated \$1,500.00 for children's wing carpeting. In November, the Friends purchased a clock for the Heritage Room. Also in November, Dr. Ralph Hone spoke on "*Dorothy L. Sayers*" and her mark on English literature.

During the year, Friends' membership passed 200 for the first time.

FRIENDS OF A. K. SMILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY HISTORY

1977

BOARD MEMBERS 1977-1978:

President: Esther Mertins
Vice President: William J. Moore
Treasurer: D. J. Stewart
Recording Secretary: Barbara Abele
Corresponding Secretary: Lucy Byrd

Membership: Cynthia Sims
Book Sale: Barbara Wormser

Rev. John D. Foerster
James Piper
Junie Schultz
Jo Juran
Ellen Schaunaman

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

Balance on hand January, 1977: \$1,429.21.

\$343 was donated for a card catalogue and municipal documents collection for the Heritage Room.

The February speaker was the Rev. John D. Foerster, whose topic was the Stations of the Cross paintings which had been donated to the First Evangelical Church.

\$130 was donated for new shades for the Lyon Wing windows, and \$130 for a map file for the Heritage Room.

It was decided that all speakers at future Friends' meetings would be recorded.

The book sale October 1 netted \$3,150.00.

\$1,000 was donated to the Library for additions to the Heritage collection.

\$1,000 was donated to the Library building fund.

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Speaker at the November Friends' meeting was Thomas Boyson, Superintendent of Schools, Redlands Unified School District. His topic was "*Does the Written Word Have a Future?*"

\$200 was donated to the North Side Branch Library.

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1978

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1978 - 1979

President: Barbara Wormser
Vice President: Dr. Ralph A. Hone
Treasurer: D. J. Stewart
Recording Secretary: Peggy Moore
Corresponding Secretary: Lucy Byrd

Membership: Cynthia Sims
Book Sale: Vicki Ellerman

Rev. John D. Foerster
Jo Juran
Junie Schultz
James Piper
Ellen Schaunaman

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

Balance January: \$3,979.23.

190 persons attended a January 22, Friends-sponsored program featuring selections from the Heritage Collection. Insights and anecdotes were provided by archivist Dr. Larry Burgess.

\$50 was donated to help the Smiley Library host a meeting of the Society of California Archivists.

\$1,000 was donated for the purchase of a copy of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo for the Library's archives.

The annual book sale was held September 25 and 26, and took in \$3,777.64.

The October 29 speaker was Tom Atchley, Redlands historian. His topic, "*A Walk Down Olive Avenue*", included an actual group walk down that street.

Friends membership passed 300.

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1979

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1979 - 1980

President: Esther Mertins
Vice President: William J. Moore
Treasurer: D. J. Stewart
Recording Secretary: Barbara Abele
Corresponding Secretary: Lucy Byrd

Membership: Cynthia Sims
Book Sale: Barbara Wormser

Rev. John D. Foerster
James Piper
Junie Schultz
Jo Juran
Ellen Schaunaman

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

Membership as of January, 1979: 337

In January, \$3,000 was given to the building fund.

February saw over \$800 given for clock repair, juvenile and heritage books, and films for children.

In March over \$200 was given for children's books and a Disney film.

The Friends donated over \$100 for books in April

The book sale in October cleared over \$4,000.

FRIENDS OF A. K. SMILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY HISTORY

1980

BOARD MEMBERS 1980 - 1981:

President: Esther Mertins
Vice President: Dr. Henry Dittmar
Treasurer: James Piper
Recording Secretary: Barbara Wormser
Corresponding Secretary: Vicki Ellerman

Virginia Westervelt
Peggy Moore
Dr. Hugh McManus
Bernard Craven
Carolyn McAllister
Dr. Ralph E. Hone
Lorna P. Nash

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

Membership as of January, 1980: 336.

The Friends of A. K. Smiley Public Library was incorporated as a 509 (a) (2) non-profit corporation. Dues were set at:

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| Student | \$1.00 |
| Senior Citizen | 3.00 |
| Individual | 5.00 |
| Family | 8.00 |
| Individual Patron | 10.00 or more |
| Family Patron | 25.00 or more |

In June, Frances Redman was made an honorary member of the Friends at a reception held in her honor by the staff and Friends. The reception celebrated her 35 years of service to the library.

An original woodcarving by a local artist was donated by the board to the circulating library as a memorial to Lucy Byrd.

\$145.00 was donated to purchase a book, *"Phoebe Apperson Hearst"*.

Proceeds from the September book sale were over \$4,200.

Two books by Harold Bell Wright, *"Dan Matthews"* and *"Reincarnation of Brian Kent"*, were purchased by the Friends, as well as *"Great Houses of Los Angeles"*.

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Jack Smith, Los Angeles Times columnist, was the speaker for the November Friends' open meeting. His honorarium was a crate of oranges.

An additional \$1,000 was donated to the Building Fund.

A receipt form for donors of books was authorized.

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1981

BOARD MEMBERS 1981 - 1982:

President: Esther Mertins
Vice President: Dr. Ralph E. Hone
Treasurer: Phil Doolittle
Recording Secretary: Barbara Wormser
Corresponding Secretary: Peg Moore (resigned, replaced by Janet Piper)

Membership: Bernard Craven
Book Sale: Lorna P. Nash
Public Relations: Dr. Hugh McManus

Virginia Westervelt
Henry Dittmar
William O. Ahlborn
Christine Mitchell
Anne Ormsby
James Piper
Barbara Abele

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

Membership reached 342.

Speaking at the January Friends' meeting was Ralph Hone, whose topic was "*Fiction from the Land of the Chrysanthemum and the Sword*".

Sorting for the book sale was done by 21 members calling themselves the "Happy Bookers".

\$1,000.00 was donated for children's books.

\$265.00 was added to the Leo Politi fund. Politi is a Los Angeles artist whose works are part of the library's permanent art collection.

\$600 was donated for new tables.

A piece of art was donated by the Friends in memory of Walter Abele.

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The Annual Meeting on May 3, celebrating the restoration of the Library's exterior, was a catered Dinner in the Stacks, with music. William G. Moore, president of the library board, spoke on "*The State of the Library*".

\$1,000 was donated to the Lincoln Shrine 50th Anniversary Committee, and was used to purchase a Mary Todd Lincoln letter.

\$125 was donated for a Spanish History of Orange County.

Speaker on November 8 was Virginia Westervelt, "*The Pearl Buck Nobody Knows*".

Bookmarks will be made from the corners of saved Christmas card envelopes. They will be stamped for Friends of the Library.

A separate savings account was set up for the Leo Politi Fund, which now totaled \$540.00

The Friends donated \$200 to provide paint for the interior of the library.

The annual Book Sale netted over \$4,900.

Citizens' donations to a fund in memory of Edith Parker Hinckley reached \$540.

The first newsletter, *A Note from your Friends*, was sent out in December.

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1982

BOARD MEMBERS 1982 - 1983:

President: Esther Mertins
Vice President: Dr. Hugh McManus
Treasurer: Phillip Doolittle
Recording Secretary: Barbara Wormser
Corresponding Secretary: Peg Moore (resigned, replaced by Janet Piper, replaced by Loma Nash)

Membership: Bernard Craven
Book Sale: Barbara Abele
Public Relations: Dr. Hugh McManus, (replaced by Virginia Westervelt).
Volunteer Services: Janet Piper

Dr. Henry C. Dittmar
Caroline McAllister (resigned, replaced by Bill Ahlborn)
Dr. Ralph E. Hone

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

Balance at the first of the year: \$ 7,743.74

Phyllis Ishay completed 15 years with the library. (?)

The Friends gave \$75 to the Lincoln Shrine for special program.

Donations to the Heritage Room:

\$ 37.50 for *Picturesque Riverside*

375.00 for *Travels in Southern California* (written in Hungarian)

Esther Mertins noted that as a non-profit organization we do need to spend the majority of the funds we receive each year.

Professor Ronald D. Rietvel, of California State University, Fullerton, spoke on *The Assassination Controversy*.

An additional \$1,450 was added to the Leo Politi Fund.

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The following items were requested by library director Phyllis Irshay:

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| A 30-drawer catalogue for the Heritage room. | \$800 |
| Refurbishing furniture. | 695 |
| Paperback display units. | 785 |
| Microfiche reader. | 450 |
| Double-faced shelf unit for Young Readers' Room. | 300 |
| Storage and carrying bags for framed art prints. | 1,000 |

On March 21, Glen Dawson, of Dawson's Book Shop in Los Angeles, spoke on "*The Antiquarian Book Business*".

\$1,200 was given to the Library Building Fund.

The Friends purchased a first edition of Dana's "*Two Years Before the Mast*", and William L. Manly's "*Death Valley*".

Speaker for the Annual Meeting was Ambassador(?) John R. Klingerman. His topic was "*My Career in Diplomacy: Lessons Learned*".

The annual book sale, conducted September 24 and 25, netted nearly \$5,000.

Membership exceeded 500 for the first time.

November speaker was Rob Stuart, Professor of English and Assistant to the President of the University of Redlands. His topic was "*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn: A Children's Story for Adults*".

FRIENDS OF A. K. SMILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY HISTORY

1983

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1983 - 1984:

President: Dr. Ralph A. Hone
Vice President: Dr. Hugh McManus
Treasurer: Phillip Doolittle (resigned, replaced by Barbara Wormser)
Recording Secretary: Lorna Nash
Corresponding Secretary:

Membership: Cynthia Sims (sp?)
Book Sale: Barbara Abele

Virginia Westervelt
Dr. Henry G. Dittmar (resigned, replaced by Chris Mitchell)
Bernard Craven
William O. Ahlborn
Esther Mertins
Janet Piper
Anne Ormsby (replaced Phillip Doolittle.)

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

Charles D. Champlin, Arts Editor and Book Critic of the Los Angeles Times, spoke February 27 on "*Do Books Have a Future?*"

Total assets reached \$10,909 on April 30.

The Friends purchased 23 books, letters and manuscripts from Dawson's Book Shop for \$1,090.73.

Helena Allen spoke at the Annual Meeting May 15 on her book, "*The Betrayal of Liliuokalani*".

The Friends sponsored several autograph parties for Leo Politi, whose book about Redlands will be financed by the Moore Foundation and placed on sale by the Friends.

The annual book sale was held September 23 and 24 and cleared \$6,466.37.

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The Friends set up a booth at the Redlands Mall November 11 and 12 to sell Leo Politi books.

At the November 27 general meeting, Gordon and Mary Gordon reviewed their book "*Race for the Golden Tide*", concerning harvesting minerals from the ocean floor.

Recommendations for the next outdoor book sale included "Turn off the sprinklers the night before."

Membership fees were raised for the first time since the Friends group was founded. The new fee schedule includes :

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| Smiley Sponsor | \$100 (or more) |
| Special Patron. | 50 |
| Patron. | 25 |
| Family | 10 |
| Individual | 8 |
| Senior Citizen | 5 |
| Student. | 3 |

FRIENDS OF A. K. SMILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY HISTORY

1984

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1984 - 1985:

President: Dr. Hugh McManus
Vice President and Book Sale: William O. Ahlborn
Treasurer : Barbara Wormser
Secretary: Lorna Nash

Membership: Bernard Craven
Publicity: Esther Mertins
Programs: Ann Ormsby

Chris Mitchell
Ruth Middlekauff
Janet Piper
Ray Robinson
Virginia Westervelt

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

Balance as of January, 1984: \$15,202.45

The Friends purchased 145 books for young readers and source books for the adult library.

Friends obtained for the library a rare historical document, "*San Bernardino County: Its Resources and Climate*", written by local newspaperman Arthur Kearney in 1874.

A gift of \$1,000 was presented to the Lincoln Shrine.

The Annual Meeting speaker was Terry Greenberg, editor of the Redlands Daily Facts.

Friends purchased 16 Leo Politi paintings for the library.

The book sale of September 28 and 29 netted \$6,383.52

Books left over from book sales were given to Daystar Communications for shipment to Nairobi, Kenya. Additional leftover books from the book sale were donated to the Jurupa Cultural Center.

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Paper bags for the dollar-a-bag sale were donated by Gerrard's Market. Help at the sale was given by the boy scouts, each of whom was given a certificate for 6 free books.

The Friends became a member of the Book Club of California.

Eight issues of the "*Press and Horticultural List*" from 1880 to 1888 were purchased by the Friends.

Speaker for the November 11 general meeting was Barbara Reynolds, English author, educator, and scholar.

FRIENDS OF A. K. SMILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY HISTORY

1985

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1985 - 1986:

President: William O. Ahlborn
Vice President: Chris Mitchell (also book sorting chairman)
Treasurer: Perry Dyke
Secretary: Ann Ormsby

Membership: Bernard Craven
Book Sale: Ray Robinson, Ruth Middlekauff, Monte Stuck
Publicity: Virginia Westervelt
Programs: Janet Piper
Newsletter: Lorna Nash
Parliamentarian: Dr. Hugh McManus

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

On February 24 the program speaker was Dr. Jon Roberson of the Redlands Winter Concert Association. He spoke on "*The Symphony Orchestra*".

Two book sales were held:
March 2: netted \$3,601.98
September 28: Netted \$3,941.47
University of Redlands students assisted.

The Friends purchased 23 issues of the San Bernardino Daily Times from 1880 for \$100.

The June 2 Annual Meeting speaker was Dr. Paul F. Allen, Professor of History Emeritus. His topic was *Redlands Renaissance Man and His Legacy: Dr. S. Stillman Berry*.

The October 27 general meeting speaker was Barbara Abele, who presented a slide program "*Journeying With Bookplates*".

FRIENDS OF A. K. SMILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY HISTORY

1986

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1986 - 1987:

President: William O. Ahlborn
Vice President: Chris Mitchell (also book sorting chairman)
Treasurer: Perry Dyke
Secretary: Ann Ormsby

Membership: Ruth Middlekauff
Book Sale: Monte Stuck
Publicity: Bob Baldwin
Programs: Janet Piper
Newsletter: Allen Brett
Volunteer Chairman: Annella Barlow
Centennial Committee: Janet Piper, Ray Robinson
Celeste Beard

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

Balance on hand January 8: \$29,939.38.

Speaker at the January general meeting was Patricia Vryan. A small silent auction was held which netted \$254.

The Friends indicated their support for the library's "wish list" of priority projects including: furniture for the Scott Lounge, VCR recorders and monitors, a video of both the library and the Lincoln Shrine, and book-binding equipment.

The spring book sale was held April 5 and netted \$4,437.11.

Program for the annual meeting May 18 was a reception honoring Phyllis Irshay, retiring Library Director, and Larry Burgess, Interim Director.

The friends made a donation of \$500 toward restoration of the Los Angeles Central Library, which had been badly damaged by fire.

\$100 was contributed by Friends toward purchase of Sanborn Fire Maps, used to locate historic Redlands structures.

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Purchases by Friends included: publications on citrus and oil development from the Book Club of California, an 1870's collection of Colton newspapers edited by Scipio Craig (later publisher of Redlands Citrograph), and a collection of Civil War letters.

The September 27 book sale cleared \$4046.82. University of Redlands "Greeks" helped with the sale.

The Friends donated \$500 for purchase of art prints for circulation.

The November 9 program speaker, William G. Moore, publisher of the Redlands Daily Facts, spoke on his new book, *"Fun With Fritz"* (aka John Fisher, California pioneer).

The Board of Directors authorized disbursement of \$3,000 for carpeting the children's wing, \$450 for the children's summer reading program, \$1,000 for refurbishing the adult reading room, \$1,000 for the Lincoln Shrine, and \$2,000 for the library building fund.

FRIENDS OF A. K. SMILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY HISTORY

1987

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1987 - 1988:

President: Monte Stuck

also chairman Budget Committee, Program Committee

Vice President: Chris Mitchell

Treasurer: Perry Dyke

Secretary: Celeste Beard

Volunteer chairman: Annella Barlow

Membership: Ruth Middlekauff

Publicity: Bob Baldwin

Library Expansion Committee: William O. Ahlborn

Newsletter: Winnie Knight

Centennial Committee: Ray Robinson

Products: Allen Brett (new position - in charge of T-shirts, book bags and note cards.)

Book Sorting Chairman: Chris Mitchell

Richard Cox : member of program committee

Chairman of collectors' books: Esther Mertins, retired board member

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

Balance as of January 5: \$11,785.08.

Speaker at the January general meeting was Marilyn Cram Donahue, author of fiction and non-fiction children's literature. The meeting also honored Zora Lang, long time librarian in the Young Readers' Room. Miss Lang joined the library staff in 1924, retired in 1955 and will be leaving the Redlands area.

Janet Piper resigned effective January 1 because of her appointment to the Board of A. K. Smiley Public Library.

The Friends contributed \$100 to the Eugene F. Burgess Memorial Fund. Mr. Burgess was the father of Larry E. Burgess, Library Director.

The spring book sale was held April 4 and netted \$3,969.27

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Friends' president William O. Ahlborn joined James A. Smith, president of the Library Board of Trustees and Henry Dittmar, Chairman of the Library Expansion Committee, in presenting a resolution to the City Council regarding construction of new library wings. The resolution was approved, and the City Manager was requested to draw up a ways-and-means proposal.

The Friends contributed an additional \$2,000 for the building fund, \$1,000 for the Lincoln Shrine endowment fund, \$500 for art prints, \$2,000 for the Heritage Collection, and \$500 for monthly library flower arrangements.

Books left over from the spring book sale were given to Christ Truth Ministries, which gives bibles and other books to prisoners.

At the annual meeting May 17, Dr. Ralph E. Hone spoke on "*Sherlock Holmes in Context*".

The Friends sponsored a booth at the city's Fourth of July celebration, and took in \$489 in sales of T-shirts, tote bags and note cards.

The fall book sale was held September 26 and cleared \$4,164.98.

On October 18 the Friends hosted a reception and book signing for Phyllis C. Irshay, Library Director from 1967 to 1986. Her latest book was "*The Pride and Glory of the Town*". She spoke on "*All You Ever Wanted to Know About Writing a Book*".

Speaker at the November 15 meeting was Frank E. Moore, Editor of the Redlands Daily Facts for 40 years. He spoke about his latest book, "*Redlands, Our Town*".

Friends assisted in the November 22 Redlands Centennial Dinner.

FRIENDS OF A. K. SMILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY HISTORY

1988

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1988 - 1989:

President: Monte Stuck (also chairman Budget Committee, Newsletter)

Vice President: Ray Robinson (also representative to Library Board)

Treasurer: Perry Dyke

Secretary: Celeste Beard (also Gala Chairman)

Historian: Winnie Knight

Volunteer Chairman: Annella Barlow

Products: Allen Brett

Publicity: Richard Cox

Membership: Ruth Middlekauff

Program Chairman: Patricia L. Serrano

Mary G. Dalton

Bob Baldwin

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

Balance January 4: \$18,281.80.

The spring book sale was held April 9. Friends' book sorting and storage was moved from the library basement to the basement of the First Presbyterian Church during the library expansion.

The annual meeting was held April 24. Dr. James McPherson, Civil War Historian and professor at Princeton University, spoke on "*Abraham Lincoln*".

The Friends received a donation of \$76 from the Redlands High School Class of 1938 to be used for furnishings in the new library wings. Janet Piper toured the group through the library.

The fall book sale was held September 24, with receipts of \$4,379.61. Because Smiley Park was unavailable, the sale was conducted on the grounds of the First Presbyterian Church and in a blocked-off section of Vine Street opposite the City Hall. Delta Kappa Psi members provided volunteer help.

Attendees at the Redlands High School Class of 1963 reunion contributed \$75 to the Friends for furnishing the new library wings.

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The Friends hosted a number of Japanese businessmen., with members putting up the visitors in their homes. The Friends received a donation of \$1,500 from Mr. Masaru Hatakeyama, president of the Distribution Management Research Institute of Japan. The money is to go toward furnishings in the new library wings.

Members of the Friends attended the ground-breaking ceremony for the new library wings on November 16, 4 p.m.

At the November 27 meeting, the speaker was William B. Adams, Jr., who spoke on Southern California in the 1930s. His material was derived from the writings of Raymond Chandler (1988 marked the 100th anniversary of the birth of Chandler, famous Southern California detective writer).

FRIENDS OF A. K. SMILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY HISTORY

1989

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1989 - 1990:

President: Ray Robinson (also Newsletter and Budget)
Vice President: Celeste Beard (also Gala Chairman)
Treasurer: Perry Dyke
Secretary: Ruth Middlekauff

Volunteer Chairman: Sue Beatty
Publicity: Patricia L. Serrano
Membership: Mary Dalton
Program Chairman: Monte Stuck
Book Sorting: Chris Mitchell (also library board representative)
Collector Book Sorting: Richard Cox
Products: Allen Brett
Historian: Winnie Knight

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

Balance as of January 10: \$15,893.16.

At the March 12 meeting 7 noted Redlands bibliophiles spoke about their personal book collections: Dr. Paul F. Allen, historian and San Bernardino Valley College professor emeritus; Karl Rothermund, president emeritus of the Ohio Contractors' Association; Alice Gleitsman, author of "*Alice's Kaffe Klatsch*" in the Redlands Daily Facts; Joseph Hearn, professor of British empire history and specialist in African studies; Roger Baty, University of Redlands professor of anthrology and former director of the Armacost Library; Don McCue, archivist at A. K. Smiley Public Library; and Paul Melzer, composer and Renaissance man.

Friends board members served refreshments at the library's "Patron Saints' Day" on March 17 honoring the Smiley Brothers.

At the April 9 meeting, the Friends sponsored an autograph party for James Fallows, Redlands High School graduate, Rhodes Scholar, and Washington editor of The Atlantic Monthly. His new book was "*More Like Us: Making America Great Again*".

The spring book sale was held April 15, and cleared \$4,518.17.

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The annual meeting was held May 7. The speaker was Ann Murray of London, England, who spoke on "*Discovering Bloomsbury*", a review of some of that district's 19th and 20th century residents, including Charles Dickens and Virginia Woolf.

At the annual meeting, the Friends' treasurer reported passing the halfway mark toward the goal of \$100,000 for furnishings in the new library wings.

The fall book sale was held September 30. Profit was approximately \$4,700.

Mollie Hunter, internationally known children's author, spoke at the Friends' meeting of October 29. Mrs. Hunter spoke on British folklore, history and storytelling.

The Friends are offering for sale Frank Moore's book, "*Redlands, Our Town*".

FRIENDS OF A. K. SMILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY HISTORY

1990

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (1990-1991):

President: Perry Dyke
Vice President: Monte Stuck
Treasurer: Sue Beatty
Secretary: Mary Dalton

Volunteer Chairmen: Winnie Knight and Clara Mae Clem
Publicity and Newsletter: Don Yowell and Patricia L. Serrano
Membership: Celeste Beard
Program Chairmen: Monte Stuck and Don Yowell
Book Sorting: Chris Mitchell (also library board representative)
Collector Book Sorting: Bill Williams
Friends' Room Chairmen: Clara Mae Clem and Allen Brett

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

Balance as of January 8: \$59,914.88.

At the January 14 meeting, Frank E. Moore, editor emeritus of the Redlands Daily Facts, interviewed John W. Robinson, retired school teacher and author of best-selling trail guides, *"Trails of the Angeles"* and *"San Bernardino Mountain Trails"*, and several Southern California Area histories. Subject of the interview was Mr. Robinson's latest book, *"The San Bernardinos, the Mountain Country from Cajon Pass to Oak Glen: Two Centuries of Changing Use"*.

The Friends approved several procedures and conditions for the new basement bookstore, including providing maximum public access to books, selling any and all books, providing adequate counter space, and displaying books upright.

At the March 6 meeting, layout and special shelving for the bookstore were approved. A display unit was added. Preparation of the room was estimated to cost approximately \$12,000, with a capacity for 10,000 books.

At the March 11 meeting Bernard Craven and Karen McClure Cabanilla presented scenes from *"American Dramatic Literature for Two"* in reader style.

On March 17, the Friends continued observance of the annual Smiley Brothers' Birthday program by serving punch and cookies to the general public. Patricia L. Serrano was observance chairman.

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The spring book sale was held May 5 in the courtyard of the First Presbyterian Church and in the street of the 100 block of west Vine Street. Book sale income was \$4,301.47.

The A. K. Smiley Library Gala was held on May 19. Chairmen included Celeste Beard, general chairman; Monte Stuck, publicity and printing; Ruth Middlekkauff, food; Mary Dalton, entertainment; Winnie Knight, decorations; and Ray Robinson, auction.

At the annual meeting June 10, the guest speaker was George J. Houle of Houle Rare Books and Autographs, Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles. Mr. Houle, formerly head of Sotheby's book and manuscript department, spoke on autograph collecting and investing.

The new Friends' Bookstore opened for business on Saturday, July 14, in the basement of A. K. Smiley Public Library. Winnie Knight and Clara Mae Clem were responsible for scheduling volunteers to work in the bookstore Monday through Saturday.

At the September 11 meeting, Philip and Nancy Seff spoke on the book they co-authored, *"Our Fascinating Earth"*.

The Friends paid \$225 for an old trunk to be placed in the lobby to hold donated books.

The Friends presented the Library Board of Trustees with a donation of \$7,342.33 for the endowment fund in honor of Edith Parker Hinckley.

The first Appreciation Tea for volunteers working in the Friends Bookstore was held November 16, with Winnie Knight as chairman.

At the November 18 meeting, Katherine Thomerson, owner of The Frugal Frigate Children's Bookstore, spoke about which books are becoming the favorites of the current generation.

Friends' volunteers were on duty in the Library on Sunday, December 2, as part of the YWCA Homes Tour.

FRIENDS OF A. K. SMILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY HISTORY

1991

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (1991-1992:

President: Celeste Beard

Vice President: Chris Mitchell (also Library Board representative and book sorting chairman)

Treasurer: Mary Dalton

Secretary: Lily Hearn

Volunteer Chairmen: Carolyn Heim

Publicity and Newsletter: Bill Hoyt and Allen Brett

Membership: Hannah Crump

Program Chairmen: Clara Mae Clem and Sue Beatty

Book Store Manager: Winnie Knight

Collector Book Sorting: Bill Williams and Sue Beatty

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

Balance on hand as of January 31 was \$47,385.30.

At the January 27 meeting, the speaker was Susan Schaller, who spoke on her book "*A Man Without Words*". A sign language interpreter was made available during the talk to accommodate families with deaf children.

A book auction was held on March 10 with Bill Williams as chairman. Larry Burgess served as auctioneer. Auction income was \$857.00

The Friends participated in the dedication of the Smiley Brothers' Memorial Statue on March 17.

During March, the Friends made available text books to be used in the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Orange County.

The Friends donated \$1,500 to the Lincoln Shrine Endowment Fund.

In April, several Friends' board members joined a group from A. K. Smiley Library in visiting the Palm Springs, Catalina and Escondido libraries to assess operating computer systems and to make preliminary determinations regarding possible application to the local library.

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At the June 9 annual meeting, the speaker was Jack Smith, long-time Los Angeles Times columnist and author of "*Three Coins in the Birdbath*"; "*How to Win a Pullet Surprise*"; "*Cats, Dogs and Other Strangers at My Door*"; and "*Alive in La La Land*".

At a special meeting June 11, the Friends discussed the status of the new book store. The chief triumph of the store was its valuable source of funds for the library. The chief problem involved moving the massive amount of incoming books through the sorting process and onto the shelves. It was decided to extend book store hours and to have a \$2.00 bag sale once a month.

At the September 10 meeting, it was reported that \$1,000 had been allocated to the children's room.

Chris Mitchell was appointed manager of the Friends' book store.

At the November 3 meeting, the Friends presented a forum which included authors Patti Massman and Susan Rosser, who told about their newest novel, "*Just Desserts*"; and Ann Campbell of the Heritage Auxiliary, who explained the background of a variety of antiques.

FRIENDS OF A. K. SMILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY HISTORY

1992

Board of Directors 1992 - 1993:

President: Lily Hearn

Vice President: Chris Mitchell (also Library Board representative)

Treasurer: Mary Dalton, Robert Morse

Secretary: Anne Ormsby

Volunteer Chairmen: Winnie Knight

Publicity and Newsletter: Bill Hoyt

Membership: Hannah Crump

Program Chairmen: Mary Dalton, Betty Jones and Robert Morse

Book Store Manager: Chris Mitchell

Collector Book Sorting: Bill Williams

Lowell Johnson

Bea Fitzgerald

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

Balance on hand January 31 was \$22,509.07.

The Friends budgeted \$1,950.00 toward preparation of an A. K. Smiley Library orientation video.

The Friends provided refreshments for the Smiley Brothers' birthday, March 17.

During the month of March the Friends supported a sale of the following books: "*Redlands, Our Town*", by Frank Moore; "*Fun With Fritz*", by William G. Moore; "*Redlands Impressions*" by Leo Politi; "*The Pride and the Glory of the Town*", by Phyllis C. Irshay; "*With a Grain of Salt*", by Frank Moore; and "*Two Girls and a Kite*", by Edith Parker (Hinckley).

On May 15, the Friends presented a combined silent and live auction of more than 100 rare, collector and first-edition volumes.

A volunteer recognition tea was held on May 18, with Winnie Knight in charge.

The annual meeting was held June 7, with Larry Burgess, Director of A. K. Smiley Public Library, speaking on "*The Importance of Friends*".

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Children's summer reading programs, puppet shows, and educational prizes for more than 2,000 youngsters were supported by the Friends. Also, the Friends donated \$1,000 for additional reading materials in the children's collection.

The Friends donated \$1,000 to the Lincoln Shrine, to include purchase of a print of Confederate General Stonewall Jackson at prayer.

The Friends contributed \$1,000 for the addition of new check-out prints by some of the world's great artists.

At the October 25 meeting, Phyllis Irshay spoke on "*Whodunit?*", books about murder and mystery.

Chris Mitchell will represent the Friends on the city's Centennial Committee.

FRIENDS OF A. K. SMILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY HISTORY

1993

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1993-1994:

President: Lily Hearn

Vice President: Lowell Johnson

Treasurer: Robert Morse

Secretary: Mary Dalton

Volunteer Chairman: Phyllis Clark

Publicity: Mary Dalton

Membership: Dr. Hugh B. McManus, Jr.

Program Chairman: Betty Jones

Book Store Supplies: Bea Fitzgerald

Collector Book Sorting: Albert Clark

Historian: Lowell Johnson

By-laws Revision: Mary Dalton

Bag Book Sales: Hannah Crump

Library Board Representative: Chris Mitchell

Clara Mae Clem

Bill Hoyt

Jean Fallows

Joan Jensen

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

Balance on hand as of 1 January: \$43,622.94.

A padlock has been affixed to the cash drawer for maximum security. "It is working well despite a few grumbles and one pinched finger."

Director Larry Burgess attended the February meeting to thank the Friends for financial aid in the initial phase of library computerization. He expected the work to be completed by late August. Friends' volunteers will be asked to assist in bar-coding books.

The board has decided to increase its membership total from 12 to 15.

The board approved up to \$1,000 for purchase of a video camera for taping library speakers, meetings, etc.

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Bill Williams has designed a bookmark which incorporates the library logo. A total of 500 new bookmarks will be printed in rainbow colors for distribution in the bookstore and at the circulation desk.

On February 21 Harriet Blume, professor of French and German at Crafton Hills College, spoke on "*Eleanor of Aquitaine, the foremost lady of the Middle Ages*".

On March 16, the Redlands Daily Facts published a letter signed by Friends board members urging the City Council to reconsider proposed severe cuts in the library's budget.

A book auction was held Friday evening, May 7, in the assembly room, with director Larry Burgess acting as auctioneer. Assisting were Phyllis Clark and Clara Mae Clem, registration; Lily Hearn and Mary Dalton, cashiers; Winnie Knight and Betty Jones, refreshments; Hugh McManus, recorder; and Bea Fitzgerald, runner.

A Friends Volunteers' Tea was held May 10 in the assembly room, with Winnie Knight in charge.

On Sunday, June 6, Huell Howser, public television personality, provided the Friends' program. Mr. Howser spoke in the Contemporary Club about his public television experiences with "*California's Gold and Videolog*".

At the October meeting, the board authorized a reorder of book bags: 5 colors, 1 dozen of each color, cost \$8.00 or less per bag, bookstore resale price \$10.00 per bag.

The Library Board of Trustees attended the Friends Board's November meeting. They were introduced by Library Director Larry Burgess. The trustees updated the Friends on Centennial Celebration plans for 1994 and the Lincoln Shrine expansion project. The Friends approved a donation of \$20,000 for Lincoln Shrine expansion and \$5,000 for centennial expenses.

The library was included by the YWCA in its December Homes Tour. Friends' volunteers were asked to be tour guides of the library building.

FRIENDS OF A. K. SMILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY HISTORY

1994

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1994-95:

President: Bea Fitzgerald

Vice President: Albert Clark

Treasurer: Robert Morse

Secretary: Hannah Crump

Volunteer Chairman: Phyllis Clark

Publicity: Beverly Cox and Jean Fallows

Membership: Lily Hearn

Program Chairmen: Betty Jones and Joan Jensen

Book Store Supplies: Bea Fitzgerald

Sorting: Sue Beatty

Historian: Forrest Cathey

By-laws Revision: Chris Mitchell, Bob Morse and Hugh McManus

Bag Book Sales: Frank Miller

Library Board Representative: Chris Mitchell

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

Balance on hand January 31:

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|----------------|-------------|
| Checking | \$ 6,691.57 |
| Tiered Savings | 20,036.55 |
| CD | 25,000.00 |
| CD | 24,700.00 |

The Friends' program on January 9 featured Charlotte Huck, literature professor and author of college texts, fiction, and poetry, who spoke on *From Writing Textbooks to Fairy Tales*.

On March 17, Friends volunteers served cookies and punch to library users on Patrons' Day, honoring the Smiley Brothers.

The Spring 1994 Friends Newsletter featured articles concerning the 100th anniversary of A. K. Smiley Library. Friends volunteers will support the library centennial at a series of events, including teas, receptions, local authors' days, and workshops.

On May 14, Archivist Don McCue served as auctioneer for a Friends' program of live, silent, and Dutch auctions. Profit was \$2,491.00.

An appreciation tea for volunteers at the Friends' bookstore was held on April 18.

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The Friends donated \$6,500.00 for the purchase of the sculpture "*Mother and Child*". The sculpture had been displayed by the artist, Joseph Castle, outside the young readers' room, but was to have been removed if not purchased.

At the Friends Annual Meeting June 26, the program was titled "*The Civil War Revisited: A Woman's Perspective*". Presenting the program was Sarah Hiler, dressed in period costume, who has researched stories of both Southern and Northern Civil War-period women.

The Friends approved up to \$3,000 per year to support a new *Books for Babies* program. In 1993 there were 565 births in Redlands. Under the program, the Friends will send a letter to each mother of a newborn child, including a coupon for a child's book at the library, a coupon for a parents' book concerning the value of sharing books with children, a listing of library story hours, and an invitation to read to their children each day.

Esther Mertins, one of the founders of the Friends of the Library, its second president, and rare book evaluator and pricer for a number of years, died in September at age 90.

Philip and Nancy Seff, authors of the book "*Our Fascinating Earth*", discussed "*The evolution of Our Fascinating Earth from a nebulous idea to a never-ending adventure*" at the October 30 meeting.

J. Larry Dunlap of Live Oak Canyon Road donated 16,000 books to the Friends on November 10.

A 2 day book sale was conducted December 3 and 4. The sale included used books, rare books, first editions and coffee table books. Profits were \$1,085.50.

FRIENDS OF A. K. SMILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY HISTORY

1995

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1995-96:

President: Albert Clark

Vice President: Joan Jensen

Treasurer: Robert Morse

Secretary: Hannah Crump

Volunteer Chairman: Phyllis Clark

Publicity Chairman: Virginia Westervelt

Newsletter chairman: Jean Fallows

Membership Chairman: Barbara Craven

Program Chairman: Joan Jensen

Book Store Chairman: Marbeth Munn

Historian: Hannah Crump

Book Auction Chairmen: Hugh McManus and Oral Baker

Advertising Chairman: Beverly Cox

Library Board Representative: Lily Hearn

Lorraine Beggs

Dr. Frederick S. Bromberger

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

Balance on hand January 31:

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|----------------|-------------|
| Checking | \$ 1,430.42 |
| Tiered Savings | 14,924.40 |
| CD | 51,685.95 |

The Friends' by-laws, revised by Chris Mitchell, were approved by the board. The new by-laws were reduced from 42 to 3 pages.

The Moore Historical Foundation gave 91 cartons of books to the Friends to be sold or used for promotional purposes.

The Friends approved a request from Bob Baldwin to donate books to the Boys' and Girls' Club of Redlands.

The board accepted the offer of Shahzada Yagoot, owner of Angie's Florist, to donate 2 free floral arrangements for the library each month.

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Wayne and Ellie Webb were the featured speakers at the January 29 general meeting.

At the March meeting, it was reported that Chris Mitchell will begin working in the children's section of the library and will no longer be able to continue as a board member.

An additional \$5,000 was approved for the Lincoln Shrine expansion at the April meeting.

At the Saturday bag sales in April, boxes of books were sold for \$3.00 in addition to the \$2.00 bags. The purpose was to help reduce inventory.

On Friday evening, May 19, live, silent and Dutch auctions were conducted. Albert Clark acted as chairman. The Dunlap book collection was sold for \$1,000, thereby eliminating monthly storage charges.

Helena Allen was guest speaker at the annual meeting June 11. She spoke about her latest book on King Kamehameha.

In December, the Friends' board released \$15,000 to support various library projects.

The board voted to send a note of thanks to Winnie Knight for her many floral arrangements which were displayed on the front desk of the library.

FRIENDS OF A. K. SMILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY HISTORY

1996

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1996-1997:

President: Frederick S. Bromberger
Vice President: Oral Baker
Treasurer: Robert Morse
Secretary: Hannah Crump

Volunteer Chairman: Phyllis Clark
Publicity Chairman: Beverly Cox
Newsletter chairman: Jean Fallows
Membership Chairmen: Barbara Craven, Virginia Westervelt
Program Chairman: Oral Baker
Book Store Chairmen: Lorraine Beggs, Marbeth Munn
Historian: William O. Ahlborn
Weekly Silent Auction Chairmen: Fritz Bromberger, Albert Clark
Library Board Representative: Lily Hearn
Richard Wilkerson

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

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| Balance on hand January 1: | |
| Checking | \$ 4,633.57 |
| Tiered Savings | 11,820.41 |
| CD | 40,430.33 |
| Moore Foundation | 3,026.21 |

Michael Dawson spoke at the March 17 Patrons' Day observance about the early career of Los Angeles photographer Will Connell.

Copies of a print of the Smiley Library by local artist Janet Edwards were placed on sale in the book store in March.

The San Bernardino Sun published an illustrated article concerning the Friends' book store. The article outlined fund-raising efforts, volunteer work, book pricing, and special projects which have helped the library.

The annual book auction was held May 17 in the Assembly Room. Live, silent and Dutch auctions were conducted. Larry Burgess and Don McCue acted as auctioneers.

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During 1996 the Friends commenced a program of weekly silent auctions. Twenty to twenty-six collectors' books are selected and priced, with a bid sheet inserted in each. The books are displayed for one week on tables in the Friend's book store and in the main reading room. At the end of each week, the highest bidders are notified; and a new selection of books is placed on display. The weekly silent auctions have proven to be one of the Friends' most important money earners, with up to several hundred dollars per week brought in.

Hundreds of donated cookbooks were put on display for three days, and provided an income of \$270.

Tom Tomlinson presented a slide lecture at the Friends' annual meeting June 16.

At its September meeting the Friends' board voted to give an additional \$11,675 in support of library operations. Included was \$3,175 for an Abraham Lincoln document; \$7,000 for an architect's fee concerning restoration of the Library tower; and \$1,500 for book cassettes.

At the December meeting, the board voted to omit further issuance of pink membership cards.

Phil and Nancy Seff were speakers at the December 8 meeting. They presented their new book, *"Petrified Lightning"*.

FRIENDS OF A. K. SMILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY HISTORY

1997

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1997-1998:

President: Albert Clark
Vice President: Fritz Bromberger
Treasurer: Robert Morse
Secretary: Marbeth Munn

Volunteer Chairman: Barbara Morse
Publicity Chairman: Dr. James Fallows
Newsletter Chairman: James Fallows
Membership Chairmen: Barbara Craven, Virginia Westervelt
Program Chairman: Fritz Bromberger
Book Store Chairmen: Orville and Loretta Hansa
Historian: William O. Ahlborn
Weekly Silent Auction Chairmen: Fritz Bromberger, Marbeth Munn
Library Board Representative: Jean Fallows
Bag Sale Chairman: Barbara Morse
Richard Wilkerson
Coralyn Chappell
Eugene Ouellette

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

Balance on hand January 31:

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|------------------|-----------|
| Checking | \$ 962.38 |
| Tiered Savings | 25,190.91 |
| CD | 50,021.87 |
| Moore Foundation | 3,195.11 |

Klaus Musmann, director of the University of Redlands library, was the speaker at the February 16 general meeting. He spoke on the effects of libraries on their communities.

At the February board meeting, the Friends voted to donate \$500 to underwrite a surprise 25th Anniversary party for Library Director Larry Burgess.

At the March meeting, the board approved \$10,000.00 for the purchase of two microfilm reader/printer machines, \$5,000 for an automatic backup for the Dynix system, and \$5,000 for Info Trak, an automatic information system for reference.

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Allan Griesemer was selected as the featured speaker for the April 27 meeting.

Expansion of the Lincoln Shrine commenced on May 19. The Friends' commitment of \$50,000 makes it one of the major donors to this project.

The Friends contributed \$1,450.00 toward the purchase of a scarce autographed note by Abraham Lincoln. Total cost of the item was more than \$8,000.00

Dr. Vick Knight, Jr., motivational speaker and author of 21 books, presented the program at the annual meeting June 29. His topic, *"Confessions of an Author"*, included readings from his latest book, *"My Word"*.

A month-long special book sale was held during August, with book prices cut in half in order to clear out excess inventory. Several thousand books were purchased during the month.

The treasurer reported at the October meeting that a donation of \$25,000 had been presented to the Watchorn Memorial Lincoln Shrine.

After prolonged discussion, the board voted to suspend general membership meetings and speakers for one year, with reevaluation at the next annual meeting.

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1998

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1998-1999:

President: James Fallows
Vice President: Fritz Bromberger
Treasurer: Barbara Morse
Secretary: Marbeth Munn

Volunteer Chairman: Barbara Morse
Publicity Chairman: Dr. James Fallows
Newsletter Chairman: James Fallows
Membership Chairmen:
Program Chairman: Fritz Bromberger
Book Store Chairmen: Orville and Loretta Hansa
Historian:
Weekly Silent Auction Chairmen: Fritz Bromberger, Marbeth Munn
Library Board Representative: Jean Fallows
Bag Sale Chairman: Barbara Morse
Richard Wilkerson
Jack Andriese
Boyd Nies
Mary Leonard
Vicki Fountain
Genie Banda
Eugene Ouellette

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

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|------------------------|-------------|
| Checking | \$ 4,073.36 |
| Super Passbook Savings | 4,633.80 |
| CD | 25,494.28 |
| Premium Money Market | 13,221.39 |
| Moore Foundation | 3,598.92 |

The board voted to fund the 100th Anniversary Gala in the amount of \$5,700.

Former board member Cynthia Simms has left one third of her estate to the Friends of the Library.

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Larry Burgess arranged for Cowboy Poet Paul L. Zarsyski to read his poems at a meeting of the Friends February 13. This program was presented by courtesy of the Esther M. Mertins / Zonta Club of Redlands.

The board approved an outlay of \$1,201 plus tax for the purchase of a new computer and accessories to replace old or defective equipment in the Children's Room.

A request from Larry Burgess for the board to donate \$5,700 to underwrite the expenses of the Centennial Gala was approved.

The board was invited to a private showing of an exhibit commemorating the Sesquicentennial of the Treaty of Peace ending the Mexican American War. The exhibit featured treasures from the California State Library and the Archives of the A. K. Smiley Public Library.

"The English Monarchs: a Thousand Years of English History" was the topic of speaker Fritz Bromberger at the March 29 meeting of the Friends of the Library.

A \$25 check in memory of Barbara Abele, charter member and first recording secretary of the Friends, was received from Mrs. Leslie F. Summerfield.

As part of the 100th anniversary of the Library, the Friends will sponsor a special week-long silent auction. More than 200 books will be displayed in various rooms throughout the library.

The board voted to buy a painting of the library by Joanna Mersereau for \$1,600. Decorative tiles by the same artist will be sold during the gala and by the Friends for \$35 each.

Board members received invitations to "The Year of the Tower" Gala on April 25, 1998. The Gala was sponsored by the Library Board of Trustees and the Centennial Building Committee.

More than \$1,900 was bid on books displayed during the week-long April Silent Auction.

On May 3 Fritz Bromberger spoke at a public meeting of the Friends. His topic was "Art, Architecture and Gardens in England."

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A letter from Charline Kunst of the Centennial Committee was received thanking the board for a donation of \$1,000 (from the \$5,700 donation underwriting the Gala).. Since the committee had made a slight profit, Ms. Kunst asked if the board would like to use the \$1,000 toward the reconstruction of the library tower. The board voted to do so.

David Brock, long time library supporter, was honored by his children on his 70th birthday through a gift of \$100 to the Friends. The gift was presented by his daughter, Becky Brock, of Alaska.

Financial Report, May 31, 1998

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|----------------------|------------|
| Checking: | \$3,283.40 |
| Savings | 5,396.83 |
| Super Passbook | 4,664.09 |
| C.D. | 23,844.90 |
| Premium Money Market | 13,226.65 |
| Moore Foundation | 3,652.59 |

Our Town

REDLANDS DAILY FACTS, Monday, June 22, 1998 — A7

Celebrating a 25-year 'Friendship'

• The Friends of A.K. Smiley Library are getting ready to celebrate their 25th anniversary of raising funds to benefit the library.

By NELDA M. STUCK
Our Town Editor

REDLANDS — The Friends of A.K. Smiley Public Library will be celebrating their 25th anniversary Sunday, June 28, when they meet in the Library Assembly Room.

Marbeth Munn, secretary of the Friends of the Library board and a student of England and its royalty, will present the program on "The Queens of England." This is the third in a trio of programs on England this spring, including two by vice president and former president Fritz Bromberger on the monarchs and later on the art and architecture of England.

The social time is 3:30 p.m., with lecture at 4. James Fallows will be installed as president of the Friends, with Bromberger continuing as vice president, Munn as secretary and Barbara Morse as treasurer.

Others on the board include Orville and Loretta Hansa, bookstore chairmen; Jean Fallows, Library Board representative; Richard Wilkerson, Jack Andriese, Boyd Nies, Mary Leonard, Vicki Fountain, Geni Banda and Eugene Ouellette.

The Friends are already scheduling events for the fall season. On Saturday, Oct. 3, the Friends will host a reception and sponsor the "Books Interpreted by Art and Literature" show of the San Bernardino Valley Branch of the National League of American Pen Women, which will be on exhibit in the Smiley library Assembly Room. The exhibit, featuring artworks by NLAPW members, will be accompanied by related poetry of other members.

On Sunday, Nov. 23, Virginia Westervelt of Redlands will speak on "That Incredible Woman, Eleanor Roosevelt," the subject of her latest biography. In 1981 she had spoken on her book "The Pearl Buck Nobody Knows."

The Friends of the Library raise several thousand dollars a year through many volunteers hours given in their bookstore on the lower level of the library. The store is open daily 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and to 6 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Outgoing president Albert Clark emphasizes the continual need for books to be sorted and sold. "If anybody wants to donate, just drop them in the trunk in the lobby, or phone the library or me or the board. We sometimes pick them up by the

"Blessed by their energy and emboldened by their dedication, Smiley Library is better — far better — because of the Friends of the Library."

— Larry Burgess, Smiley library director, in the foreword to the "History of the Friends of A.K. Smiley Public Library"

truckload. We get some marvelous books and some junk, but we never throw a book away. Even if it's not worth selling, if it's an old text or the back is broken or water damaged or pages torn, we put it out on the free tables and never have trouble getting rid of them."

Clark spoke of the popularity of the past two years of weekly silent auctions of higher-value books which have been donated. A dozen each week are prominently placed on a table by the main entrance for browsers to consider and overbid one another throughout the week, with the bidding closing on each set of book on Thursday at 1 p.m. The high bidders are then notified and come to the bookstore to pick up their "treasure."

Barbara Morse, as chairman of volunteers, is seeking new workers for the bookstore. She can be contacted at 335-7209.

Library director Larry Burgess, in his foreword to the "History of the Friends of A.K. Smiley Public Library," recently compiled for the group's silver anniversary, said that in reviewing 25 years of newspaper clippings, "extraordinary" is the only word appropriate to describe his feelings.

"You have only to look at the contents of this service booklet in order to appreciate the labor and fruitful benefits in behalf of the Smiley," he said. "The Friends' gifts range from capital improvements and research equipment, to art and rare manuscripts. They have helped to underwrite legendary fund-raising galas and have contributed to the library and Lincoln Memorial Shrine endowments.

"Blessed by their energy and emboldened by their dedication, Smiley Library is better — far better — because of the Friends of the Library."

Clark notes that during the years, hundreds of volunteers have given tens of thousands of hours and raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to assist the trustees and the library staff.

In 1973, the Friends elected Patty Serrano as the first president, followed by William J. Moore, president of Crafon Hills College. That first year ended with a balance of \$631 in the treasury. Membership has grown from 100 to more than

500.

Also serving on that first board in 1973 were D. Eston Field, Barbara Abele, Ellen Schaunaman, Larry Myers, Olive Wheeler, Richard Wilkerson, Esther Mertins, Jo Juran, Barbara Wormser and Edward Taylor.

The letterhead (still in use in 1998) was designed by John Melcher.

Joining the board in 1974 were the Rev. John D. Foerster and Cynthia Sims. That year, the Friends sponsored their first speaker, lexicographer William E. Umbach on "Our Stone-age Vocabulary."

By 1976, the Friends were supporting the bond drive for new wings to the library, and Ralph Hone spoke on "Dorothy L. Sayers" and her mark on English literature.

Over the years, featured speakers included many authors; book, autograph and bookplate collectors; television personalities and newspaper columnists. Included in 1977 was Redlands school superintendent Thomas Boysen on "Does the Written Word Have a Future?"


In 1984 the Friends purchased 16 Leo Politi paintings for the library.

During these early years, the book sales were accomplished by hauling thousands of donated, stored books out of the old library basement, with the help of Boy Scouts. Tables were set up throughout the grassy area between the library and the Lincoln Shrine (before the recent expansions of either). During the two years of the library expansion, the books were stored in the lower level of First Presbyterian Church, and the sale was held in the closed-off Vine Street between the church and Old City Hall. Now shopping is climate-controlled, dust-free and well-lit in the Friends' bookstore.

Membership in the Friends of the Library is \$10; \$5 for seniors and students; \$15 for family; \$25 for patrons. Memberships are available in the Friends of the Library bookstore, and members are granted half off the price of books sold there. To donate large quantities of books requiring pickup, phone the library at 798-7565.

SUMMARY OF YEAR 1999-2000
FRIENDS OF THE A. K. SMILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF June 25, 2000


 **Jim Fallows** at the annual meeting in June, 2000. noted that the Friends began 27 years before as an organization of volunteers aiding the library.


 **Barbara Morse, assisted by Bob Morse, provided this list of funding for the Library by the Friends (rounded-off) for year ending July 1, 2000**

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| ▪ Childrens's crafts and programs | 900 |
| ▪ Children's Books | 2,600 |
| ▪ Heritage Room | 2,500 |
| ▪ Books on Tape | 800 |
| ▪ Telephones upgrade | 17,000 |
| ▪ Five additional carts | 1,500 |
| ▪ Lincoln Shrine Endowment | 10,000 |
| ▪ Lincoln Shrine acquisition | 3,500 |
| ▪ Large Print books | 3,500 |
| ▪ TOTAL | 42,500 |

 **These activities of Friends of the Library during the year were reported**

- Bookstore
- TV tape by Peter Coonradt "Redlands, a Video Postcard", music CD of Curtis Allen leading 4th of July music
- Snap On I.D.. cards for volunteers
- Silent Auction Sales – moved to upstairs, bidoff,. surveillance camera. Security inserts
- 300 book auction
- Dutch Auction December, 1999 and May, 2000
- Website
- Programs – October Amy Leeming presented the one-woman drama "Eleanor of Aquitaine", authored by Anna Brett; November Virginia Westervelt on "Here Comes Eleanor, the life of Eleanor Roosevelt"; January Jason Bazilian on Acupuncture; January Harold Hill on the Berry Ranch, "The Winnecook Ranch on the Musselshell"; March 17 Pansy Day;
- Publicity has been managed by Gene Ouellette
- Membership – Boyd Nies – about 100 new members with total about 500 members.
- Marbeth Munn – liaison to library board, discussions with Eddie Flores about a story hour at the Community center or volunteer reading tutors at the projects.

 **Library Director Larry Burgess** gave words of appreciation to the **Friends volunteers**

 **Shirley Marks, bookstore personnel coordinator, expressed appreciation of Bookstore Sales Volunteers.**


 **Loretta Hansa, bookstore manager, expressed appreciation of Bookstore Shelving Volunteers.**

 **Marbeth Munn, Chairman of the Nominating Committee**


- reported that **Albert Clark** and **Marbeth Munn** are leaving the Board.
- The following nominees for **Board** membership were elected unanimously: **Mary Dalton, Jean Fallows, Carolyn Osborne**
- The following nominees for **Officers** elected unanimously: **President – Gene Ouellette; Vice President – Fritz Bromberger, Secretary – Jean Fallows; Treasurer – Barbara Morse**

 **Outgoing President Jim Fallows, Appreciation of the Board**

- **Albert Clark** – many years on board, previous president, idea of silent auction and Dutch auction, collecting books
- **Marbeth Munn** – secretary, silent auction
- **Fritz Bromberger** – book sorting, programs, Dutch auction
- **Loretta and Orville Hansa** – bookstore management
- Kudos to **Barbara Morse** for many years of coordinating volunteers for Bookstore and to **Bob Morse** for assisting Barbara as Treasurer
- **Shirley Marks** – now coordinator of bookstore volunteers
- **Gene Ouellette** – publicity & book sorting
- **Jack Andriese** - Secretary
- **Boyd Nies** – membership
- **Dick Wilkerson** – food
- **Vicki Fountain** – silent auction
- Other helpful Board members– **Mary Leonard, Geni Banda, Bill Cunningham, Patricia Gilbreath**

 **Program Chairman Fritz Bromberger introduced Floyd McDonald who showed beautiful slides and fascinated the viewers with narration of the lore of orange crate labels.**

 **Refreshments** were enjoyed, courtesy of the previous day's Library's donor appreciation reception

 **The adjournment of the meeting was followed at 6:00 p.m. by potluck at Brombergers' for Board Members**

FRIENDS OF A.K.SMILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
HISTORY

2000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2000-2001

President: Gene Ouellette
Vice President : Fritz Bromberger
Treasurer: Barbara Morse
Secretary: Jean Fallows

Volunteers: Shirley Marks
Publicity : Mary Dalton
Newsletter: James Fallows
Membership : Boyd Nies
Book Sorting: Gene Ouellette/ Garrick Lahoda
Programs/ Dutch Auctions: Fritz Bromberger
Book Store Management: Lorretta and Orville Hansa
Silent Auction: Fritz Bromberger/ James Fallows
Library Board representative : Jean Fallows
Jack Andries
Geni Banda
Vicki Fountain
Mary Leonard
Carolyn Osborne
Richard Wilkerson

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

Three 300 book week-long silent auctions were held with successful financial results.

Five additional book carts were ordered for the use of the FOL on 31 August for \$1275.

The Board authorized the purchase of a water cooler for the bookstore , not to exceed \$25.

A letter of appreciation to the FOL was received from Bill Hardy, president of the Board of the Smiley Library.

A PacBell Foundation application was approved to be processed through the FOL for the general Library fund.

On 17 March Smiley Day (birthday of the Smiley brothers) was celebrated with punch and cookies for the public, coordinated by Jean Fallows.

Bookstore volunteers were recognized by offering choices of free books from a designated shelf in the bookstore.

\$1250 was designated for Don McCue to buy early maps of Redlands.

\$1000 was donated by Jack Dangermond in response to a membership appeal letter. This occasioned two new membership designations: Golden for \$1000 or greater and Silver for \$500 or more.

Library Director Larry Burgess agreed to add a FOL bookplate to books, tapes, telephone equipment, etc donated by the FOL.

Richard Moersch spoke about his recent trip to Bhutan on 22 October 00.
Tom Atchley spoke about the history of Redlands on 10 December 00.
Peter Dangermond spoke about the Canyon Coalition on 29 June 01.

FOL Board member Fritz Bromberger was recognized by the Redlands City Council as Redlands Man of the Year.

A three- month membership drive started with 520 FOL members and ended with 740 members. A new membership category was started, corporate membership with 17 members. It should be noted that 1350 invitation s to membership were mailed.

The FOL board authorized library staff member Tony Hoppe to build additional bookshelves in the basement to house bookstore book overflow.

A three month ten cent paperback sale was authorized for the bookstore to reduce the oversupply.

On 5 March, the FOL hosted a reception for all library staff members to express gratitude for their work, it is planned to continue this on an annual basis

The Board authorized closure of the bookstore during the week between Christmas and New Year's Day.

The Board authorized elimination of all National Geographics from the basement area.

The Board authorized an attempt to sell higher priced books on the internet; Garrick Lahoda will coordinate this effort.

The Board authorized the designation of \$10,000 to the Watchorn Lincoln Memorial Association.

The Board authorized the designation of \$10000 each year for three years for the Floyd McDonald orange box label collection.

The Board prepared a proclamation and received approval from the Redlands City Council to name 10 June as A.K. Smiley Day.

The Board approved purchase of \$18 bookcases to be sold with sets of encyclopedias.

The Board approved the following expenditures: books on tape, \$4000; children/s room books and programs, \$5000; Heritage room, \$7350; information track general reference center, \$3853; Lincoln Center, \$14000 (\$10000 to endowment.); reference books, \$5000; bookcases, \$1100.

Library Director Larry Burgess presented the talk at the annual meeting. entitled " Pushing the 21st Century " on 10 June 01.

The Board approved new board members Shirley Moore, Al Clark, Ellen Schollenberger and Bob Morse.

Financial report, 30 June 2000

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| Unrestricted cash and cash equivalents | \$ 7307 |
| Cash investments | 34810 |
| Moore Foundation..... | 5615 |
| Sims bequest..... | 32016 |
| Total Assets..... | Unrestricted 42117 |
| | Restricted 37631 |

FRIENDS OF A.K. SMILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY HISTORY

2001

Board of Directors 2001-2

President: Boyd Nies

Vice President: James Fallows

Treasurer: Robert Morse, resigned; succeeded by Albert Clark, resigned;
succeeded by Shirley Marks

Secretary: Jean Fallows, resigned; succeeded by Mary Dalton

Bookstore Management: Lorretta and Orville Hansa (Chairs), resigned;
succeeded by Ellen Schollenberger (Chair), Mary Leonard, and Shirley Marks

Bookstore: Del Barnett, Ron Hendricks, and Evelyn O'Prey

Membership: Mary Dalton (Chair) and Vicki Fountain

Volunteers: Shirley Marks (Chair 7/1/01-12/31-01) and Sally Moore (Chair 1/1/02-6/30/02)

Silent Auction: James Fallows (Chair), Jean Fallows, Mary Leonard, Shirley Marks, and Del Barnett

Library Board Liaison: Jean Fallows, resigned; succeeded by Albert Clark, resigned; succeeded by Gene Ouellette

Publicity: Ellen Schollenberger resigned; succeeded by Mel Richter

Book Sorting: Garrick Lahoda, Richard Wilkerson, and Gene Ouellette

Major Booksales: Fritz Bromberger (Emeritus) and Albert Clark

Annual Meeting Program: Fritz Bromberger

Book Pick up: Boyd Nies and Gene Ouellette

Refreshments: Jean Fallows, resigned; succeeded by Cornelia Grant

Mel Richter was elected to the Board in November, 2001; Del Barnett, Cornelia Grant, Ron Hendricks, and Evelyn O'Prey were elected in April, 2002.

These individuals served out terms of previous Board members who had not completed their terms. At the annual membership meeting on June 30, 2002, these members were each elected to a new full 3 year term.

Albert Clark and Jean Fallows resigned from the Board in February, 2002.

Vicki Fountain resigned in June, 2002.

In view of their distinguished service to the Friends, Fritz Bromberger and Albert Clark (after his resignation from the Board) were appointed to emeritus status by the president.

During the year the Friends contributed approximately \$ 60,000 to the Library.

Highlights:

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|--|---------|
| • Children's crafts and programs | \$ 1500 |
| • Children's Books | 3500 |
| • Reference Books | 3000 |
| • Heritage Room Acquisitions | 3737 |
| • Books on Tape | 5000 |
| • Library Restoration Project | 10000 |
| • Citrus Label Collection | 20000 |
| • Lincoln Shrine Acquisitions | 5000 |
| • Repair & Refinishing Desks- Tech. Services | 1500 |

Other Friends activities included:

- Hosting a reception for the Library staff on March 15, 2002.
- Hosting a reception for volunteers on April 29, 2002.
- Providing refreshments for Library patrons on Pansy Day, 3/17/02
- Publicizing and helping to fund the receptions for the "Speakers of Passion" series: Anita Lobell 3/7/02 & Patt Morrison 3/20/02.
- Sponsoring a lecture by Brian Cronin: "Inland Empire Humane Society", September 16, 2001.
- Improving the weekly silent auctions with an increase in the average weekly income to about \$500.
- Organizing 2 major 5 day booksales: December 5-9, 2001 & May 20-24, 2002 which combined raised approximately \$3100.
- Updating the Bylaws and Standing Rules.
- Establishing Procedure Manuals for most of our committees.
- Bringing our records up to date and purchasing a new filing cabinet in which they will be stored.
- Upgrading the bookstore and initiating the sale of new gift items.

- Obtaining a grant of \$5000 from the Reid Foundation for further expansion of merchandise to be sold there.
- Having new bookshelves built in the storage area.
- Transferring \$5000 held for the Moore Foundation to the Library endowment fund.
- Designing new membership envelopes which clarified and increased the donor categories and which allowed for increased opportunities for volunteers.
- Purchasing 6 additional book carts.
- Initiating a dialogue with the Redlands Fire Department concerning using the back door in the bookstore as an emergency exit.
- Selecting and buying Books-on-Tape; then donating them to the Library.
- Holding the annual membership meeting on June 30, 2002. Nathan Gonzales, associate archivist of the Smiley Library, spoke on "Treasures of the Archives" and led a tour of the archives in the basement of the Library.

New Policies:

- No books will be sold on consignment.
- The president will summarize the significant events in the year(s) of his presidency as an update of "History of the Friends of A.K. Smiley Public Library".
- \$2500 will be withdrawn annually from the Cynthia Sims fund and donated to the Library for the purchase of children's books. The bookplates in those books will specifically indicate that the source of their funding was the Cynthia Sims fund.

Financial Assets as of June 30, 2002:

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| • 3 month CD | \$37,759 |
| • 3 Month CD (Cynthia Sims) | 32,217 |
| • Checking Account (7/15/02) | 28,139 |
| • Money Market Account | 22,965 |

FRIENDS OF A.K. SMILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY HISTORY

2002

Board of Directors 2002-3

President: Boyd Nies

Vice President: Ellen Schollenberger

Treasurer: James Fallows

Secretary: Mary Dalton

Bookstore Management: Ellen Schollenberger (Chair) and Evelyn O'Prey

Bookstore: Del Barnett, Ron Hendricks, Mary Leonard, Shirley Marks,
Anne Ormsby, and Mel Richter

Membership: Cornelia Grant (Chair)

Volunteers: Sally Moore (Chair)

Silent Auction: James Fallows (Chair), Mary Leonard, Shirley Marks, and
Del Barnett

Assistant Treasurer: Shirley Marks

Library Board Liaison: Gene Ouellette

Publicity: Mel Richter, resigned; succeeded by Mary Dalton

Book Sorting: Garrick Lahoda, Ron Hendricks, and Gene Ouellette

Major Booksales: Fritz Bromberger (Emeritus) and Albert Clark (Emeritus)

Annual Meeting Program: Fritz Bromberger

Book Pick up: Boyd Nies and Gene Ouellette

Refreshments: Cornelia Grant and Anne Ormsby

Richard Wilkerson resigned from the Board in July, 2002.

Anne Ormsby was elected to the Board in November 2002.

During the year the Friends contributed approximately \$ 80,000 to the Library (including the Lincoln Shrine and the Redlands Historical Museum).

Highlights:

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| • Children's crafts and programs | \$ 2,315 |
| • Children's Books | 1,755 |
| • Reference Books | 1,716 |
| • Heritage Room Acquisitions | 3,053 |
| • Books on Tape | 4,837 |
| • Checkpoint System Maintenance | 6,700 |
| • Lincoln Shrine Endowment | 10,000 |
| • Citrus Label Collection | 10,000 |
| • Lincoln Shrine Acquisitions | 18,239 |
| • Plasma Screen-Lincoln Shrine | 5,000 |
| • Spying Eye Surveillance System | 1,405 |

Other Friends activities included:

- Hosting a reception for the Library staff on March 7, 2003.
- Hosting a reception for volunteers on May 12, 2003.
- Improving safety procedures including obtaining an emergency exit key for the bookstore, having the emergency buzzer in the bookstore ring at the circulation desk, and initiating a sign-in sheet for access to the sorting area in the basement.
- Organizing 2 major 5 day book sales: 10/22-26/02 & 4/21-26/03 which combined raised approximately \$2700.
- Updating the Bylaws.
- Donating \$10,000 to the Redlands Historical Museum Association as a matching grant for establishment of an endowment. This was presented to the Association at the City Council meeting of 6/3/03 by which time the Association itself had raised over \$10,000.
- Establishing a new procedure manual for book sorting and updating many of our other procedure manuals.
- Bringing our records up to date and storing them in acid free folders.
- Markedly upgrading the bookstore with new shelving and new merchandise including cards, coasters, mugs, citrus labels, citrus label magnets, pens, pencils, and shirts, much of which was made possible by a \$5000 grant from the Reid Foundation.

- Having new bookshelves built in the storage area.
- Beginning discussions on sponsoring book reading groups.,
- Transferring \$5800 held as a PacBell grant to the Library for the literacy program.
- Producing a brochure detailing the Friends' activities, history, and previous donations to the Library. The brochure includes a membership application.
- Purchasing 6 additional book carts, blue in color to distinguish them from the Library's book carts.
- Publicizing and helping to fund the receptions for two speakers: Dwight Pitcaithley, chief historian of the National Park Service, on 2/11/03 and Marilyn Zoidis, curator of the Star Spangled Banner Project, on 5/29/03.
- Selecting and buying Books-on-Tape; then donating them to the Library.
- Holding the Annual membership meeting on June 29, 2003. Don McCue presented a program entitled: "How Much is that Hard Tack in the Window: Archival Adventures in the Special Collections Division".

Financial Assets as of June 30, 2003:

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|-----------------------------|--------|
| • 3 Month CD (Cynthia Sims) | 30,099 |
| • Checking Account | 5,793 |
| • Money Market Account | 61,774 |

FRIENDS OF A.K. SMILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY HISTORY

July 2003 – June 2004

Board of Directors

President, Bookstore New Merchandise: Evelyn O'Prey

Vice President, Silent Auction, Book Clubs: Del Barnett

Treasurer, Library Bd. Liason: Boyd Nies

Secretary, Publicity: Mary Dalton

Bookstore Management: Ellen Schollenberger

Assistant Treasurer, Bookstore, Dutch Auction: Shirley Marks

Bookstore, Silent Auction: Mary Leonard

Bookstore Volunteers and Reception: Sally Moore

Dutch Auction, Book Sorting: Jim Koobatian

Membership, Receptions: Cornelia Grant

Book Sorting, Special Collections: Ron Hendricks

Silent Auction: Eric Gruenler

Books on Tape: Kay Dobbertin

Newsletter, Book Pick Up: Ben Smith

Historian/Archivist, Bookstore, Receptions: Ann Ormsby

Dutch Auction: Fritz Bromberger (Emeritus)

During the year the Friends contributed approximately \$60,000 to the Library, Heritage Room, and Lincoln Shrine.

Highlights:

| | |
|---|----------------|
| Children's Crafts and Programs | \$4,000 |
| Children's Books | 4,000 |
| Reference Books | 5,000 |
| Heritage Room Acquisitions | 5,000 |
| Books on Tape | 5,000 |
| Lincoln Shrine Acquisitions | 7,500 |
| Lincoln Shrine Endowment (Matching Grant) | 15,000 |
| Lincoln Shrine – 75th Anniversary | 3,000 |
| Spying Eye Surveillance System | 1,405 |
| Youth Programs | 719 |

Other Friends Activities included:

Hosting cookies and punch for library patrons on March 17.

Hosting a luncheon for the Library staff on April 14.

Hosting a reception for all library volunteers on May 10.

Organizing 2 major 5 day book sales (Dutch Auction) in October and April. Net sales - \$1217 and \$1608.

Updating the Bylaws.

Establishing a Collector's Corner for higher priced books.

Establishing 5 Book Reading Groups.

Purchasing 6 additional book carts for the sorting of books.

Continuing weekly Silent Auctions, netting approximately \$500 per week.

Averaging \$500 per week in the bookstore which has approximately 60 workers including sorters, shelvees, and clerks.

Establishing new procedures for sorting and shelving.

Bringing records and manuals up to date.

Holding the Annual membership meeting on June 6, 2004. Nelda Stuck, one of the founders of the Redlands Historical Museum, presented a program entitled: "I Found it in the Attic".

Financial Assets as of June 30, 2004:

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| 3 Month CD (Cynthia Sims) | \$27,812 |
| Checking Account | 21,048 |
| Money Market Account | 57,653 |

Friends of A.K. Smiley Public Library
History
July 2004 – June 2005

Board of Directors

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| President | Evelyn O'Prey |
| Vice President | Del Barnett |
| Treasurer | Ben Smith |
| Secretary | Mary Dalton |

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|-----------------------------|--|
| Del Barnett | Book Clubs, Silent Auction |
| Mary Dalton | Publicity |
| Kay Dobbertin | Books on Tape |
| Cornelia Grant | Membership, Receptions |
| Eric Gruenler | Silent Auction, Website |
| Ron Hendricks | Special Collections, Book Sorting |
| Tom Hurst | Newsletter, Publicity |
| Jim Koobation | Dutch Auction, Book Sorting |
| Carolyn Krejci | Children's Books |
| Marti Mawhinney | Marketing, Book Sorting |
| Sally Moore | Volunteers |
| Evelyn O'Prey | New Merchandise |
| Anne Ormsby | Silent Auction, Historian, Bookstore, Receptions |
| Ray Robinson | Silent Auction, Book Sorting |
| Ellen Schollenberger | Bookstore |
| Ben Smith | Book Pick Up |
| Fritz Bromberger | Emeritus, Dutch Auction |
| Albert Clark | Emeritus |

During the year the Friends contributed approximately \$65,500 to the Library, Heritage Room, and Lincoln Shrine.

Highlights

| | |
|---|----------------|
| Children's Crafts and Programs | \$4,000 |
| Children's Books | 8,000 |
| Reference Books | 7,000 |
| Heritage Room Acquisitions | 6,500 |
| Books on Tape | 6,000 |
| Lincoln Shrine Acquisitions | 7,500 |
| Lincoln Shrine Endowment (Matching Grant) | 15,000 |
| Lincoln Shrine – 75th Anniversary | 3,000 |
| Spying Eye Surveillance System | 1,500 |
| Youth Programs | 1,000 |

Other Friends Activities included:

5 Day Dutch Auctions in September and April, netting \$1576 and \$1177.

Cookies and punch for library patrons on Patron Saints' Day – March 17

Luncheon for Smiley Library staff – April 14

Reception for all bookstore volunteers – May 9

The Collector's Corner was enlarged and moved to the passageway between existing bookstore and storage room.

Membership – Approximately 700

Established a FOL Website

Weekly Silent Auctions averaging \$500

Bookstore, which has 60 volunteers, averaged \$500 per week.

The bookstore was advertised in the yellow pages and the Green Sheets.

The annual membership meeting was held on June 5, 2005. Allan Griesemer, former San Bernardino County museum director, presented a program entitled "The Calico Connection"

Financial Assets as of June 30, 2005

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| 3 Month CD (Cynthia Sims) | \$25,000 |
| Checking Account | 21,000.87 |
| Money market Account | 58,299.91 |

Friends of AK Smiley Public Library
History
July 2005-June 2006

Board of Directors

| | |
|----------------|---------------|
| President | Del Barnett |
| Vice President | Eric Gruenler |
| Treasurer | Kay Dobbertin |
| Secretary | Evelyn O'Prey |

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|----------------------|---|
| Del Barnett | Weekly Auction |
| Lois Bohlman | |
| Mary Dalton | Publicity |
| Kay Dobbertin | |
| Bea Fitzgerald | Board Liaison |
| Cornelia Grant | Membership, Receptions, Bookstore |
| Eric Gruenler | Weekly Auction, Website |
| Ronald Hendricks | Book Selection, Bookstore |
| Sue Hurlbut | |
| Tom Hurst | Newsletter |
| Henry "Jim" James | Weekly Auction |
| Jim Koobatian | Book Selection, Auction |
| Carolyn Krejci | Bookstore |
| Marti Mawhinney | Book Selection |
| Sally Moore | Volunteers |
| Evelyn O'Prey | Bookstore |
| Anne Ormsby | Historian/Archivist, Weekly Auction, Receptions |
| Ray Robinson | Weekly Auction, Bookstore |
| Ellen Schollenberger | Bookstore |
| Ben Smith | |

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| Total income (end of May 2006) | \$84,338 |
| Total Expenses (end of May 2006) | \$60,423 |
| Children's Programs and books | \$12,888 |
| Lincoln Shrine Support | \$20,427 |

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| \$7500 | Lincoln Shrine Acquisitions Program |
| \$2000 | Smiley Family Day Celebration |
| \$9000 | 75th Anniversary Celebration, Lincoln Shrine |

Friends of AK Smiley Public Library
History
July 2006-June 2007

Board of Directors

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| President | Del Barnett |
| Vice President | Eric Gruenler |
| Treasurer | Kay Dobbertin |
| Secretary | Evelyn O'Prey |
| Del Barnett | Weekly Auction |
| David Bragg | Book Clubs |
| Jerry Burgess | Publicity |
| Kay Dobbertin | |
| Bea Fitzgerald | Board Liaison |
| Cornelia Grant | Membership, Receptions, Bookstore |
| Eric Gruenler | Weekly Auction, Website |
| Ronald Hendricks | Book Selection, Bookstore |
| Sue Hurlbut | Auction, Assistant Treasurer |
| Tom Hurst | Newsletter |
| Ray Jacobs | Bookstore |
| Henry "Jim" James | Weekly Auction |
| Jim Koobatian | Book Selection, Auction |
| Carolyn Krejci | Bookstore |
| Marti Mawhinney | Book Selection |
| Sally Moore | Volunteers |
| Evelyn O'Prey | Bookstore |
| Anne Ormsby | Historian/Archivist, Weekly Auction, Receptions |
| Marlene Rienstra | Volunteers |
| Ray Robinson | Weekly Auction, Bookstore |
| Ellen Schollenberger | Bookstore |
| Ben Smith | |

- Memberships totaled 672 by year's end
- books were donated to Judson Brown Elementary
- Spanish language books were donated to Dr. Mercado and Dr. Rogers for a Nicaraguan mission
- Spanish language books were donated to Mel Richter from Trinity Evangelical for distribution in Mexico

- Public service announcements were broadcast by Channel 3 for the Dutch Auction
- the Friends assumed responsibility for the Adult Literacy Program
- the Procedures manual was updated
- Silent Auction minimum bid changed from \$8 to \$7
- Cards of a Del Barnett photograph of the library's stained glass windows were ordered for sale in the bookstore
- Shelves were installed in the Collector's Corner
- monies were allocated to paint the bookstore and the stairway mural
- the Friends voted to participate in Redlands "Adopt-a -Street" Program

As of June 30, 2007:

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| Total income | \$79,113 |
| Total Expenses | \$72,265 |

Assets:

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|------------------|----------|
| Checking Account | \$32,804 |
| Money Market | \$29,955 |
| Sims CD | \$22,456 |
| General Funds | \$4,087 |

Friends of AK Smiley Public Library
History
July 2007-June 2008

Board of Directors

| | |
|-----------------------|---|
| President | Eric Gruenler |
| Vice President | Ray Robinson |
| Treasurer | Kay Dobbertin |
| Secretary | Evelyn O'Prey |
| Assistant Treasurer | Sally Vaughn |
| Del Barnett | Weekly Auction |
| Jan Barnett | Weekly Auction, Volunteers |
| David Bragg | Book Clubs, Website |
| Jerry Burgess | Publicity, Book Sorting |
| Kay Dobbertin | |
| Bea Fitzgerald | Board Liaison, Historian/Archivist |
| Cornelia Grant | Membership, Hospitality |
| Eric Gruenler | Weekly Auction, Website, Board Liaison |
| Ronald Hendricks | Book Sorting, Bookstore |
| Sue Hurlbut | Newsletter, Semi-annual Sale |
| Ray Jacobs | Bookstore |
| Lloyd "Jake" Jacobson | Book Pick Up |
| Henry "Jim" James | Weekly Auction |
| Jim Koobatian | Book Selection, Auction, Semi-annual Sale |
| Marti Mawhinney | Book Sorting, Marketing |
| Sally Moore | Volunteers |
| Evelyn O'Prey | Bookstore |
| Anne Ormsby | Weekly Auction, Hospitality |
| Marlene Rienstra | Volunteers |
| Ray Robinson | Weekly Auction, Bookstore |
| Douglas Romoli | |
| Ellen Schollenberger | Bookstore |
| Sally Vaughn | Assistant Treasurer |

Highlights

- Membership at year's end was 662
- 501(C)(3) paperwork filed

- A volunteer newsletter was created, to be updated each month
- The FOL Newsletter became a 4-page publication
- Larry Dierdorff painted the mural during the Christmas closure (\$2000)
- the Adult Literacy Program continued with volunteer coordination
- 100th celebration of Leo Politi's birth, 2 receptions were hosted by the Friends
- Improvements made to library bathrooms (\$5,660)
- 2 robberies of the bookstore lead to increased security (panic button, lock on drawer)
- Spying Eye System was upgraded
- Nametags and lanyards were ordered for volunteers

Year End June 30, 2008

| | |
|----------|----------|
| Income | \$80,008 |
| Expenses | \$71,884 |

Assets:

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|------------------|----------|
| Checking Account | \$43,114 |
| CD | \$53,820 |
| CD | \$46,922 |

Friends of AK Smiley Public Library
History
July 2008-June 2009

Board of Directors

| | |
|-----------------------|--|
| President | Eric Gruenler |
| Vice President | Ray Robinson |
| Treasurer | Dave Bragg |
| Secretary | Kate Pretorius |
| Assistant Treasurer | Sally Vaughn |
| Jan Barnett | Weekly Auction, Volunteers |
| David Bragg | Book Clubs, Website |
| Jerry Burgess | Publicity, Book Store |
| Kay Dobbertin | |
| Karie Fritts | Bookstore, Hospitality |
| Eric Gruenler | Weekly Auction, Website, Board Liaison |
| Sue Hurlbut | Newsletter, Semi-annual Sale |
| Ray Jacobs | Historian/Archivist |
| Lloyd "Jake" Jacobson | Book Pick Up |
| Henry "Jim" James | Weekly Auction |
| Marti Mawhinney | Book Sorting, Marketing |
| Miles Miller | Semi-annual Sale |
| Torrey Nyborg | Semi-annual Sale |
| Anne Ormsby | Weekly Auction, Hospitality |
| Kate Pretorius | Bookstore |
| Ray Robinson | Weekly Auction, Bookstore |
| Douglas Romoli | Membership |
| Ellen Schollenberger | Bookstore |
| Moura Steinberg | Publicity, Marketing |
| Sally Vaughn | Assistant Treasurer |

Highlights

- Total membership at year's end was 673
- the all-volunteer Adult Literacy Program included 8 pairs of learners and tutors
- new lights were installed in the bookstore
- \$20,000 was donated to the Library to help purchase the Watchorn Papers
- The newsletter was processed by Inland Presort

- Bus-to-Books trip to the LA Times Festival of Books
- Spying Eye Security Upgrade
- Silent Auction minimum bid lowered to \$4
- Community Partnership Program with Provident Bank Established

Year end June 2008

| | |
|----------------|-----------|
| Total Income | \$117,569 |
| Total Expenses | \$94,297 |

Assets:

| | |
|------------------|----------|
| Checking Account | \$23,272 |
| CD 3 | \$10,181 |
| CD2 | \$50,136 |
| Simms | \$42,207 |

The HISTORY of the FRIENDS of A.K. SMILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

JULY 2009 - JUNE 2010

Board of Directors 2009-2010

President: Jerry Burgess
Vice-President: Ray Robinson
Treasurer: David Bragg
Secretary: Kate Pretorius

BOARD MEMBERS

Jan Barnett
Karie Fritts
Sue Hurlbut
Lloyd "Jake" Jacobson
Henry "Jim" James
Marti Mawhinney
Miles Miller
Chris Mitchell

John Murawa
Torrey Nyborg
Ted Parsons
Douglas Romoli
Louise Schumann
Moura Steinberg
Sally Vaughn

See Attachment for committees personnel assignments

Highlights

COMPLETION OF SERVICE; Kay Dobbertin, Henry "Jim" James, and Anne Ormsby.

NEW MEMBERS; Chris Mitchell, John Murawa, Ted Parsons, and Louise Schumann.

Membership; 765

The HISTORY of the FRIENDS OF A.K. SMILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

JULY 2011-JUNE 2012

Board of Directors 2011-12

President: Jerry Burgess

Vice President: Kate Pretorius

Treasurer: David Bragg

Secretary: Cheri Dawes

Board Members

Jan Barnett

Karie Fritts

Katherine Gifford

Chris Mitchell

Torrey Nyborg

Laura Palmer

Ted Parsons

Rose-Marie Raumin

Rita Reading

Ray Robinson

Douglas Romoli

Ellen Schollenberger

Louise Schumann

Reggie Shaleski

Susan Sordon

Moura Steinberg

Sally Vaughn

Trudy Waldron

See attachment for Committees personnel assignments.

Highlights

* Completion of service; Jim James, two terms; Miles Miller, one term; John Murawa, retired.

* New members; Katherine Gifford, Laura Palmer, Rose-Marie Raumin, Susan Sordon.

- * Special Book Sales:
 - Children's book sale in conjunction with "Cinderella" at the Redlands Bowl in July.
 - Two Semi-annual sales in September, 2011 and March, 2012.
 - Holiday sale in the first week of December, 2011 .
 - Bag sale on first Saturday of each month.
 - Weekly silent auction.
 - Buy a book for your library program.
 - Tuesday evening book sale during Redlands Bowl season, 2012.
 - During Archives & Special Collections 40th Anniversary, 2012.
 - During Lincoln Shrine Open House, 2012.
- * Membership at year's end was 949.
- * The addition of a fourth book club called "Great Books" led by Aaron Sean Birk, joining "The Third Monday Book Club, The Third Wednesday Book Club, and The Eclectic Readers".
- * Participation with Provident Bank's Community Partnership Program netting almost \$2700 for the 2011-12 period.
- * Bookstore Volunteers Reception & Library Staff Luncheon held in May.
- * Support for Patrons Day, St. Patrick and Smiley's Birthday, March 17.
- * Support for Adult Literacy program becoming a huge success.
- * Support for libraries Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) program.
- * Partnership with "Facebook" managed by Theresa Dale.
- * Underwriting a bus trip to "L.A. Times Bookfair" held at USC campus.
- * Sponsor for the AAUW Math/Science Conference at U of R. and the Shakespeare festival at the Redlands Bowl.
- * Support of "The Week of the Young Child" at Olive Market.

- * Adult Literacy table promoting FOL at Market Night in April and at Barnes & Noble in May.
- * Financial support of \$5000 to Civil War Sesquicentennial Programs of the library.

Year End June 30, 2012

Income \$ 111,038

Expense \$ 104,561

Assets:

Checking Account \$ 32,989

Bank Acct Secondary \$ 97,213 including Simms Endowment.
(Simms Endowment \$29,562)

Friends of the AK Smiley Public Library
History
July 2012-2013

Board of Directors

| | |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| President | Kate Pretorius |
| Vice President | Torrey Nyborg |
| Treasurer | Kay Dobbartin |
| Secretary | Cheri Dawes |
| Jan Barnett | Volunteers |
| Karie Fritts | Audio Books, Hospitality |
| Katherine Gifford | Adult Literacy |
| Les Kong | Strategic Planning |
| Chris Mitchell | Historian |
| Anna Napoli | Volunteers |
| Laura Palmer | Volunteers |
| Ted Parsons | Auction |
| Rose-Marie Raumin | Buy-A-Book |
| Rita Reading | Publicity |
| Douglas Romoli | Membership |
| Ellen Schollenberger | Bookstore Manager |
| Reggie Shaleski | Construction |
| Louise Schumann | Auction |
| Susan Sordon | Auction |
| Moura Steinberg | Marketing |
| Sally Vaughn | Assistant Treasurer |
| Trudy Waldron | Adult Literacy |

Friends' activities for the year include:

- Membership at the end of the year was 1019 individuals and families;
- The bookstore successfully reopened after closure due to flooding. New carpeting and replacement shelves were installed;
- A rare book auction was inaugurated to great success. Locked cabinets were installed for the storage of said volumes;
- Sales in the garden on Tuesday evenings during the Redlands Bowl season were held;

- The Redlands City Council approved a proclamation recognizing the importance of adult education in Redlands and proclaimed September 8 as Adult Literacy Day;
- A literacy advisory committee was formed to help in fundraising and community events supporting adult literacy;
- In addition to the two semiannual sales, the Friends held sales in conjunction with Constitution Day, Library Day, Family Day and a Shrine Sale coinciding with the Lincoln Dinner;
- Volunteers from Adult Literacy and the Friends participated in the second annual Barnes and Noble event (partnering with Lugonia Elementary);
- A Teacher Recognition Reception was held on a Monday afternoon and evening. Area teachers were invited, educator's FOL memberships were given away (28), and refreshments were served;
- An inventory clearance sale was held in January to reduce back stock;
- The bookstore was provided extra security through an alarm tied directly to the Redlands Police;
- A new computer and printer were purchased for silent auction, publicity and marketing use in the auction area of the basement;
- The Adult Literacy Program raised over \$6,000 in their Valentine fundraising appeal;
- New procedures were established to ensure the safekeeping of donations (rekeying of the basement door) and the maintenance of control of Friends' funds (purchase and installation of a safe); and
- The Friends received a check for over \$4,000 from Provident Bank's Community Partnership Program

Friends of the AK Smiley Public Library
History
July 2013-2014

Board of Directors

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| President | Kate Pretorius |
| Vice President | Torrey Nyborg |
| Treasurer | Kay Dobbertin |
| Secretary | Cheri Dawes |
| Laurie Aldern | Marketing |
| Karie Fritts | Hospitality |
| Katherine Gifford | Adult Literacy |
| Les Kong | Strategic Planning |
| Chris Mitchell | |
| Anna Napoli | Membership |
| Laura Palmer | Volunteers |
| Ted Parsons | Auction |
| Rose-Marie Raumin | Newsletter |
| Rita Reading | Publicity |
| Sandi Richey | Hospitality |
| Ellen Schollenberger | Bookstore Manager |
| Reggie Shaleski | Construction |
| Louise Schumann | Auction |
| Diane Shimota | Buy-a-Book, Book Drives |
| Susan Sordon | Auction |
| Trudy Waldron | Adult Literacy |

Friends' activities for the year include:

- Membership at the end of the year was 1071 individuals and families;
- The Friends received a check for over \$2,500 from Provident Bank's Community Partnership Program;
- The Silent Auction is averaging \$628 each week;
- An abbreviated e-newsletter is being sent out monthly via Mail Chimp;
- Four "flutter flags" were purchased to display during special sales and bag sales;
- The Friends sent a representative to the first annual Serving With a Purpose Conference in Ontario (California Public Library Advocates)

- The Board authorized an additional \$5,454 to cover the cost of eight additional security cameras for the library;
- Online sales of textbooks have been initiated;
- Two new book carts were purchased in November, four more in May;
- The Friends began shipping surplus books for sale through Better World Books;
- The Adult Literacy Program expanded to another local school (Clement Middle School);
- The Adult Literacy Program held a fundraiser at the Footlighters Theater. The event sold out;
- A memorial was established in the name of former FOL Board member Marty Mawhinney in the amount of \$100 for the purchase of children's books for the library collection;
- A Friends volunteer represented the Friends at the second annual Sustainability Festival at the University of Redlands;
- Three local schools (Valley Prep, Moore Middle School and Cope Middle School) have held book drives and donated the collected volumes to the Library; and
- A bus trip to the LA Times Festival of Books sponsored by the Friends was enjoyed by participants.
- Toni Momberger, editor of the Redlands Daily Facts, was the speaker at the annual meeting on June 8.

FRIENDS OF THE A. K. SMILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

ANNUAL MEETING 14 June 2015

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 2014 - 2015 fiscal year has been one of progress, recognition and growth for The FOL:

Progress: We have launched our on-line sales of books via E-Bay and Half.Com and we have boosted our weekly auction sales revenue significantly. We have recognized that the FOL is, indeed, a business operation and have created a departmental structure which makes both operational and budget planning more efficient. Each of the Department Managers now has a budget which reflects Operational plans for the fiscal year - and each manager controls his/her budget. We have started the Tom Taylor Children's Book Fund (based on continuing monthly contributions of former Redlander Tom Taylor) Mr. Taylor is seeking additional funds from others and wants the fund to be a long-term part of the FOL operations. Purpose of the fund is to distribute books to children from disadvantaged homes and to bring those homes into regular contact with the library and its programs.

The most dramatic progress this year has been the renovation of the bookstore. The murals by Stephanie Parsons at the entrance to the store make the store more inviting. Interior artwork by Sally Bell, a former Disney artist help to make the store a more pleasant place to be. Some more interior painting is planned for the coming year. The Marketing Department spear-headed the bookstore renovation as part of a larger program to boost over-all store sales.

Recognition: Our Marketing Department put on a significant membership event last October -- The Round-up -- which featured local authors. This event won an award from the United For Libraries Division of the American Library Association. On May 13 Rita Reading and Kate Pretorius were invited to give a presentation based on our award-winning event to the annual convention of the ALA / United For Libraries.

Growth: Our FOL membership has grown to just under 1100 this past year. The Marketing Committee plans to make 2015 - 2016 a MEMBERSHIP YEAR and boost Membership to a new high both in terms of numbers and in terms of Dues Receipts. Dues receipts make a significant part of our FOL revenue, and growth of this revenue is important to our ability to continue our high level of financial support for the AKS.

The most significant changes in FOL programs of this past year have taken place in the ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM which is operated as a Department of the Friends of the Library. With the support of the library leadership and of the City Council, the library has added a part-time Coordinator to staff. This means that (a) the library administration and the Council have accepted that the Literacy Program should be part of the regular library activities, and (b) the Coordinator will take over much of the administrative work of the Literacy Program freeing Trudy W. And Katherine G. to supervise and train tutors and seek outside funding for expansion. At present the Literacy Program has more than 90 PAIRS of tutors and learners, with more waiting in the wings. The FOL Adult Literacy Program has grown to be one of the largest and effective in the State of California. Recognition of this has come in the form of support for the program taken into the AKS library budget as well the FOL budget. The Literacy Program is expected to continue to grow in the year to come.

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE NEXT YEAR

Plans are underway to increase the flow of books, particularly children's books, into the FOL stock through book drives to be conducted through the schools in the Fall and Spring. Bookstore sales, special sales and the Taylor Book Fund have created a greater need for children's books.

Sandi Richey has been named Book Club Coordinator and is working to expand the FOL sponsored book clubs and to bring new and existing book clubs into contact with each other.

Expansion of Auction activities and on-line sales activities has created a need for additional volunteer help. We will be seeking to recruit and train volunteers to assist in these efforts.

We are looking to create new opportunities for FOL Members to "connect" with FOL and the Library. Ideas under discussion include author receptions, special receptions, Lectures, joint activities with the AKS. We are hoping to redefine membership in the FOL and to make membership more rewarding and meaningful.

FRIENDS OF THE A. K. SMILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Annual Meeting -- 12 June 2016

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 2015 - 2016 fiscal year has been one of consolidation and innovation for the Friends of the Library. Membership numbers have vacillated between 1000 and 1100 through the year. Due to restructuring of the membership fees, however, dues revenue has actually increased. We have several members who have joined with dues of \$500 and \$1000 , and we have many more who have joined at the \$100 level. Bookstore revenue has remained at the same level as in prior years, but auction revenues have increased. Weekly auction revenue averages more than \$700, with some weeks reaching \$900 or \$1000. The number of active volunteers who man the store, special sales and auction remains about the same as in prior years, with new volunteers coming aboard as others leave.

The organization of the Friends into a departmental structure has worked very well. Each of the departments (Bookstore, Auction, Membership, Volunteer Affairs, Marketing/Publicity, Financial Affairs and Adult Literacy) is headed by a Manager who prepares the budget for the department, plans departmental operations, and supervises the volunteers who work in the department. This operational structure has enhanced cooperation and overall planning for the affairs of the Friends.

The Bookstore Manager is Ellen Schollenberger. Ellen has instituted monthly meetings of all bookstore volunteers for the purpose of sharing Information, training, problem solving and creating a sense of "esprit" among members. The result has been more efficient operations, better coordination, and enhanced camaraderie.

The Auction Department is headed by Ted Parsons. The Auction Team has about 14 members who work mainly on Mondays and Tuesdays, though several work other days as well. New to the team are Gregg Breed, who manages the E-Bay sales of our more valuable books; Sue Remes

and Kay Dobbertin who handle the Half.Com on line sales. The Tuesday team which sees to the regular weekly auction is supervised by Dave Bragg. Behind the scenes are Wally Cook and Bob Birnbaum who process the incoming books and select those with auction potential.

Membership Department is led by Kate Pretorius who has put into place a whole new manner of handling membership records, and member contact. Under Kate, all members are contacted by letter regarding member status, renewal, and other special topics. Since Kate has taken over, membership revenue has increased due to higher level renewals.

Marketing/Publicity this year has been managed jointly by Laurie Aldern and Rita Reading. Under their leadership, the FOL mounted an enormously successful Holiday event featuring Santa Claus. Over 200 families came to see Santa this year. Each child who sat on Santa's lap received a gift wrapped book and a candy. The associated Holiday Book Sale earned about \$2400. This event was so successful that plans are already underway to repeat, and improve, it in FY 2016. Marketing has also been responsible for the weekly news articles about the auction, intermittent articles about other FOL events, street signs and contacts with local businesses.

Volunteer Affairs have been managed by Alice Moore. Alice oversees the staffing roster for the bookstore, special sales and other events put on by the Friends. Just this month Alice, together with Ellen S., organized a volunteer appreciation luncheon. A new aim is to to more to make volunteer participation "fun" while building a renewed sense of commitment to the FOL team.

The Financial Affairs Department consists of our able and hard-working Treasurer, Robert Garcia, and our Assistant Treasurer, Mike Henry. Mike receives, records and banks all incoming money for all departments; Bob Garcia handles all disbursements, manages our accounts and keeps track of all budgetary matters. Because these men our accounting meets high standards and makes us eligible for grant funding.

The Adult Literacy Program is a department of the Friends. Managers of this Department are Trudy Waldron and Katherine Gifford. Trudy and Katherine work closely with Diane Shimota the Adult Literacy Coordinator recently hired by the Library, indeed Trudy and Katherine worked to obtain the \$52,000 State Grant which funds most of the cost of the Coordinator Position. They also have obtained additional grant funding for Adult Literacy, and have organized the local fund-raisers , The Valentine Campaign and the Theatre Party, which have raised thousands of dollars. They have created an Advisory Committee to assist in local fund raising and program development planning.

During the current fiscal year the Tom Taylor Children's Book Fund, has distributed books to children through the Family Services Agency, the Redlands Community Center and Clement Middle School. This fund was created by Tom Taylor with the idea that high quality children's books could be purchased from the Friends Stock and then distributed to children whose family circumstance precluded book purchases. The idea is to support the library, through purchasing books from the Friends, and to support the children by giving them books. Mr Taylor contributes to the fund each month and also raises money through soliciting from others.

A major event this year has been the creation of a partnership between the Friends and the Redlands Community Center. Last July the Friends Board of Directors voted to pay for the installation of bookshelves at the Center and to fill them with books for children and young adults. The idea was to use excess stock from the Friends Bookstore and make the books available to children and youth who do not normally come to the central library. In addition, the FOL has restocked the shelves of the Community Center Adult Lending Library using overstock books from our bookstore, The Center has long had its own lending library but the books were old and had low circulation. FOL volunteers visit the Center at least once monthly and restock the book shelves there. In addition, the FOL has organized thrice monthly story-times for children at the Center, On the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month the story-times are in English, on the 2nd Monday the activity is in Spanish. These events are held coincidentally with the local school year calendar.

Looking back over the fiscal year, we can say that the FOL has maintained a very high level of activity. The Friends are doing more than they have ever done - more sales, more events, more members, etc. The challenge for the new fiscal year will be to maintain the level of activity, increase membership, and increase revenue needed to support the library in the face of continued city budget restrictions. This will be possible only with continued community support in the form of book donations, membership growth and volunteer commitment.

Friends of the AK Smiley Public Library

President's Report

Membership Meeting, June 10, 2018

Selected highlighted achievements this year

- *Revisited strategic planning, developed new five-year plan.

- *To more efficiently manage funds, established a finance advisory committee, which developed an FOL investment policy.

- *Forged a more collaborative working relationship with library staff, inviting them to Board meetings, as well as enlisting their support in marketing the existence of the Bookstore.

- *Partnered with local businesses to promote the Friends, and fund raise.

- *Engaged the community by sponsoring the Academy Awards contest, promoting current Academy Award nominated films which the Friends purchased that were available on DVD.

- *The Francisco Jimenez event in the Contemporary Club successfully raised awareness in the community of the critical importance of adult literacy (this event drew attendance from the greater Southern California area).

- *The Adult Literacy Advisory Board successfully worked with the library and the Library Board of Trustees, to lobby the City Council to fully fund the Adult Literacy Coordinator position this year.

- *Through the efforts of numerous volunteers, the Friends continued its highly profitable Silent Auction operation, its Bookstore, and many pop-up and special book sales, to raise funds to support the library's collection and programming.

Friends of the AK Smiley Public Library
President's Report : Annual Membership Meeting

June 9, 2019

Silent Auction

It is my pleasure to announce that the Friends have had another successful year of raising funds for the library. Our fundraising efforts continue to be led by our team of volunteers that coordinate the incredibly popular weekly silent auction. Hours and hours of effort are spent in sorting, researching, preparing items for sale, bundling, monitoring and tracking of sales transactions. Our team scours donations for items of popular interest, and our practiced eyes regularly will feature items on film history, military history, gardening, classics, art, biographies, cooking, etc. Over **\$34,000** has been raised this year to date!

Bookstore/Special Sales

A close second in our fundraising can be attributed to the efforts of our volunteers who maintain and staff the Bookstore on a weekly basis. We underwent a remodel of the Bookstore some years ago, and to this day, receive many positive comments on the attractiveness of the store, as well as how well it is organized. Our first Saturday of the Month Bag Sales continue to be a hit in the community, as attendees can fill bags with books for as little as \$5 – quite the deal! We also hold many “special sales” throughout the year – Lincoln & Civil War History; Art in the Park; Holiday; Semi-Annual; and Blowout \$1 Bag sales, to name a few. Between the Bookstore and Special Sales, over **\$30,000** has been raised this year to date!

Library Use of Funds

How does the library use these funds? Books for adults, books for children and young adults, electronic resources, audio books, and DVDs are purchased. In addition, 26 programs were funded with support from the Friends – 18 children's programs (puppets, music, dancing); and 8 adult programs (travel, music, employment).

Adult Literacy

104 tutors have volunteered to tutor **105 adult learners**. Tutor/learner teams meet at the library or at one of three off site locations (the Redlands Community Center, Clement Middle School, and Family Services Association). 40 learners and 3 tutors contributed writing to Our Stories, A Collection of Writings, Volume 2. We will celebrate our authors on June 15th at a Celebration of Authors at the Contemporary Club at 2pm. The Adult Literacy Computer Lab has been refurbished thanks to a generous grant from The Contemporary Club. Our wonderful instructor, Kim Green, taught a series of beginning and intermediate computer classes this year along with a several individual computer workshops that provided in-depth learning for iPads, *PowerPoint*, *Word*, and smart phones!

Volunteer Efforts

How do we make this all happen? It is all due to the efforts of a dedicated core of volunteers. Here is how our activity breaks down for June 2018 – June 2019:

| | |
|---------------|---|
| AUCTION | 272 HOURS X 12 MONTHS = 3264 HOURS |
| SHELVERS | 260 HOURS X 12 MONTHS = 3120 HOURS |
| CASHIERS | 130 HOURS X 12 MONTHS = 1560 HOURS |
| SPECIAL SALES | 48 HOURS X 12 MONTHS = 576 HOURS |
| BOARD | 26 HOURS X 12 MONTHS = 312 HOURS |
| TOTAL | 736 HOURS X 12 MONTHS = 8832 HOURS |

Interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities with the Friends? Contact the Friends' volunteer coordinator, Alice Moore (mikenalicem1120@gmail.com).

Board of Directors

This year, we regretfully say farewell to our departing Board members: Cheri Dawes, Sue Nelson, and Trudy Waldron. Each has contributed to the success of the Friends, and they will all be missed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Les Kong, President

Friends of the AK Smiley Public Library

Friends of the AK Smiley Public Library

President's Report : Annual Membership Meeting (via Zoom)

June 26, 2020

Silent Auction

The Friends have had another successful year of raising funds for the library. Our fundraising efforts continue to be led by our team of volunteers that coordinate the incredibly popular weekly silent auction. Hours and hours of effort are spent in sorting, researching, preparing items for sale, bundling, monitoring and tracking of sales transactions. Our team scours donations for items of popular interest, and our practiced eyes regularly will feature items on film history, military history, gardening, classics, art, biographies, cooking, etc. **\$37,000** has been raised this year!

Bookstore/Special Sales

A close second in our fundraising can be attributed to the efforts of our volunteers who maintain, restock, and staff the Bookstore on a weekly basis. Our first Saturday of the Month Bag Sales continued to be popular in the community, as attendees can fill bags with books for as little as \$5. We also hold many "special sales" throughout the year – Lincoln & Civil War History; Holiday; Semi-Annual; and Blowout \$1 Bag sales, to name a few. Between the Bookstore and Special Sales, **\$34,000** has been raised this year!

Adult Literacy

100+ tutors have volunteered to tutor **100+ adult learners**. Tutor/learner teams meet at the library or at one of three off site locations (the Redlands Community Center, Clement Middle School, and Family Services Association). We noted, with pride, that the adult literacy program was mentioned time and again in public letters of support to the City Council during discussions concerning the city budget. Adult literacy continues to be active despite the library closure, as tutor/learner teams meet via "*Zoom*."

Outreach & Community Support

This past year, the Friends partnered with a number of local businesses. Jersey Mike's and Corner Bakery worked with us in successful fundraising efforts last Fall. The following businesses generously donated gift cards that were used as prizes in our Annual Academy Awards Contest: The Breakfast Shack, Martha Green's Eating Room, Saverino's Italian Deli, and The State. The Friends also receive donations from the community throughout the year. We thank everyone for their generous support. A highlight in the Fall was our collaborative effort with the library for the *Día de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead) event, which featured altars sponsored by families in honor of loved ones, Folklórico dancers, food truck serving delicious Mexican food, and fun family activities.

Library Use of Funds

How does the library use these funds? Books for adults, books for children and young adults, electronic resources, audio books, and DVDs are purchased. In addition, programs were funded with support from the Friends –children’s programs (music, gymnastics); and adult programs (travel, music, book talks).

Volunteer Efforts

How do we make this all happen? It is all due to the efforts of a dedicated core of volunteers. Here is how our activity breaks down for June 2019 – June 2020:

| | |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| AUCTION | 226 HOURS X 9 MONTHS = 2032 HOURS |
| SHELVERS | 260 HOURS X 9 MONTHS = 2340 HOURS |
| CASHIERS | 130 HOURS X 9 MONTHS = 1170 HOURS |
| SPECIAL SALES | 48 HOURS X 9 MONTHS = 432 HOURS |
| BOARD | = 2426 HOURS |
| TOTAL | 8390 HOURS |

Interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities with the Friends? Contact the Friends’ volunteer coordinator, Alice Moore (mikenallicem1120@gmail.com).

Strategic Planning

The Friends’ Board met last Summer to develop its strategic plan and goals – these efforts will be reexamined in light of COVID-19, as we strive to work within state and local public health guidelines. Each of the Friends’ programs – Silent Auction, the Bookstore, Special Sales, and Adult Literacy will be reviewed and reimaged in light of the pandemic and its aftermath.

Board of Directors

This year, we regretfully say farewell to our departing Board members: Toni Curley, Katherine Gifford, Claudia Quen, and Joan Wells. Each has contributed to the success of the Friends, and they will all be missed. Rebecca McCurdy, our incoming Vice President, was instrumental in attracting interest from the community with publicity in local newspapers and social media. This broadened our search from previous years, and as a result, we were able to identify 8 new members to join the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

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