

Friends of A.K. Smiley Public Library

President's Report

Annual Membership Meeting

June 2, 2024

Bookstore

Marie and George DeLange lead a dedicated Monday Morning Team that ensures that the bookstore is a friendly and attractive place to shop. Promotions are designed throughout the year.

- First Saturday Bag Sale
- Bookstore Bargain Cart
- Monthly Blue Specials
- Holiday themed sales
- Frugal Frigate Gift Certificates with \$5.00 purchase
- Added extensive puzzle collection, curated book bundles, and hand-crafted greeting cards
- Participated in Saturday Redlands Downtown Market

Adult Literacy

- Team Leads: Katherine Gifford and Kathryn Brown
- Supporting 90+ adult literacy teams
- Hosted Adult literacy events: Tutor Appreciation, community read with Erika Alfaro
- Held tutor and learner skill-building workshops and additional tutor orientation/training
- Provided Family Literacy services for adult learners and their children
- Received City approval for funding of a part-time adult literacy assistant
- Published the 6th edition of Our Stories, a collection of adult learners' writings

Silent Auction - Les Kong Lead

Projected 2023-2024 revenue \$18,500

- Bi-weekly Auction Average Income - \$900.00
- Team size increased to ten members
- Popular Items:
 - Comics
 - Classic Children's books
 - Cook Books
 - Local History
 - Art
 - WWII
 - Vintage Vinyl LPs
 - Themed Bundles

Les and the entire Auction team thank the community for its continuing support and interest!

Joined the Redlands Chamber of Commerce



Volunteer Hours

The total number of volunteer hours for the past 12 months from June 2023 through May 2024 was 5,592.

Membership

We have 809 members currently on our role.