

FRIENDS OF THE TORRANCE LIBRARY 2019 - 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

ABOUT THE FRIENDS OF THE TORRANCE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Torrance Library is a non-profit 501 c (3) volunteer organization. The purposes of The Friends are to stimulate public awareness of the needs of the Torrance Public Library and its importance to the community; to promote the goodwill and support of citizens; to pursue methods of fund raising; to facilitate and contribute funds to the development of library programs; and for extension and improvement of Torrance Public Library services. The Friends accomplish these purposes by providing financial support for new and on-going library programs.

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2019-2020 HIGHLIGHTS

The closure of the library on March 16, 2020 resulted in suspension of sale of books including the April Book Sale and Internet sales. Closure remains at the end of the fiscal year, May 31,2020. The Friends do not have access to donations when the library is closed. The table on the next page shows the income decrease from 2018-2019 to 2019-2020.

Maximizing Learning space: matching funds. The library has transformed a not heavily used space into an accessible learning space for the community. This space is on the lower level adjacent to a small office workroom and internet terminals. Retractable dividers and moveable furniture were purchased.

The 5 bucks a bag sales at our quarterly book sales were highly successful. Materials that would be sold to a bulk buyer are available to the public at a low price. The two or three day quarterly sales include both hardback and paperback books and audiovisual materials with members only on Friday afternoon. This year Discover books no longer paid for our surplus books. These book sales will be suspended until large gatherings of people are allowed.

Visit our website friendsofthetorrancelibrary.org.

FUNDRAISING

The Friends primary income sources are book sales, lobby sales, and Internet sales.

	2019-2020	2018-2019
Quarterly Book Sales	\$24,835	\$33,310
Lobby Sales,	\$25,959	\$34,417
Internet Sales.	\$17,944	\$25,246
Special Sales	\$151	\$159
Special Sales Discover		\$1,234
Membership	\$2,335	\$2,995
Donations	\$2,168	\$1,036
Miscellaneous	\$1,426	\$1,291
Total income	\$74,818	\$99,688

VOLUNTEERS

Approximately 50 volunteers contributed in excess of 5,000 hours preparing the books for sale and other sale activities. On Tuesday mornings 15 to 20 volunteers gather in the basement of the Katy Geissert Library to screen donated books for sales value, prepare books for sale in the Main Library Lobby, categorize books for book sales, and list books for sale on the Internet. Some volunteers continue these activities on other days. Stocking the Lobby Sales Shelving and packing and shipping books sold on the Internet are daily activities when the library is open.

EXPENDITURES

Library Youth Programs		
Youth Summer Reading Program	\$23,100	
Youth Activities	\$19,250	
Online Homework Help	\$26,000	
Total Youth		\$68,350
Library Adult Programs		
Adult Programs	\$29,700	
Total Adult		\$29,700
Other Library Programs		
Christmas Trees	\$987	
Total other		\$987
Total grants to library 2019-2020		\$99,037
Cost of operations	\$10,297	