

FRIENDS OF THE TORRANCE LIBRARY 2021 - 2022 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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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2021-2022 HIGHLIGHTS

The closure of the library on March 16, 2020 due to COVID restrictions resulted in suspension of sale of books including Lobby Sales and Internet sales. The Library reopened in 2021 beginning with curbside checkouts and Friends volunteers were later able to return and resume activities as the library reopened to the public. Internet sales and Lobby sales resumed in August. Because of the Library's early restrictions our lobby sales were minimal and other means were found to increase sales. DVD and CD sales to an outside vendor brought in added income. With increased display space we were able to include puzzles and DVD's which increased sales.

Our quarterly public book sales have not yet started, but we did have Bag Sales in January and April 2022. Bags with presorted books in various categories (science fiction, children's, classics mystery, thriller) were sold at \$10 per bag. This one day sale minimized public contact and was a way to sell more books to the public. A public book sale is anticipated for summer.

Ronald Kimmel, our longtime Treasurer, resigned in May 2022 but continues on our Board as Advisor. Connie Clark was elected as his replacement in May and will resume her position into the next fiscal year.

Visit our website friendsofthetorrancelibrary.org.

FUNDRAISING

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

	2020-2021	2021-2022
Lobby Sales	\$29	\$12,205
Bag Book Sales	--	\$2,180
Internet Sales	--	\$11,642
Special Sales	--	\$3,168
Membership	\$35	\$45
Donations	\$2,055	\$2,245
Miscellaneous	\$1,261	\$311
Total income	<u>\$3,380</u>	<u>\$31,796</u>

VOLUNTEERS

During normal years, approximately 50 volunteers contribute in excess of 5,000 hours preparing the books for sale and other sale activities. With COVID awareness, volunteers returned on a scheduled basis and tighter security. City Volunteer badges were issued with key fobs for access during library working hours.

On scheduled days, 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 \$22,460

Total Youth \$22,460

Library Adult Programs

Adult Summer reading Program \$12,750

Total Adult \$12,750

Total grants to library 2021-2022 \$35,210

Cost of operations \$4,921