

Friends of OPL Accomplishments in 2016



Outreach

Provided donated materials to the Johnson County Jail, the city's housing authority's "Reading Garden," the Rehabilitation Center of Kansas City, various senior living facilities, Salvation Army Layette Project, and the Stratton Commons Rehabilitation and Health Center

Distributed several hundred soft covered English books for parents of newborns at Olathe Medical Center, 86 English and Spanish books given away in-house at both libraries and 200 books in both languages given at the Johnson County Christmas Bureau.

Gave away several hundred of books for babies – teen at Olathe School District Foundation's Back to School Outreach event held in August.

Served as greeters at the Olathe Indian Creek Library Grand Opening in September.

Sponsored the popular Novel Tea, "Life in a Jar"

Held five book sales at three different locations

Funding

Adults

Summer Reading Program, bags and tags for Library to You senior services as well as Summer Reading Club prizes, James Hill Ukulele Workshops and Concert in 2017.

Teens

READSquared Software, expenses for the upgrade of the current Teen Commons location, Safe Sitter babysitting curriculum, Teen Summer Reading Program

Presented two \$500 Curtis Gilmore Memorial Scholarships for graduating seniors.

Children's

Bookmobile staffing for visits to five elementary schools during the summer and the new van wrap for 2017, sponsor of Harvester's Meet and Eat Program that provides free lunches for children during the summer

Foundation

Made a donation of \$1,200 for the "A Taste of Literacy" Fundraising Dinner

Honors and Recognition

Received a proclamation from the city in October for National Friends of the Library Week

Recognized by the Olathe School District for their continued distribution of books at the Back to School Outreach event held in August.

Other

Purchased ukulele cases for ukuleles that are checked out at the libraries for customers' home use.

A total of 1965 donated materials were added to the library collection (1483 – adult, 448 – children's and bookmobile, and 34 young adult).

A total of 1710 items were sent to LibraryConsignment.com. generating \$7452.78 in revenue. Grand total since inception is \$73,630.11.

Monetary Contributions

In 2016, the Friends contributed over \$18,000 to the library for programming, equipment and other expenses.