



# friends of the library

2022  
Annual Report

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possibilities at your  
public library



Basquiat by Joel Washington, displayed at the Marian Armstrong Exhibit

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## Friends of the Library

The Monroe County Public Library Foundation, also known as Friends of the Library, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that enriches our community by building support to enhance the services and programs of Monroe County Public Library.

Since its establishment in 1965, the Foundation has served as an important philanthropic partner to the Library. Through fundraising, management of endowments and gifts, the Friends Bookstore, and members like you, the Foundation extends the Library's ability to provide lifelong learning and enrichment for all.

## Our Mission

The Monroe County Public Library Foundation (Friends) supports the mission, vision, and values of the Library. The Friends advocates for the Library and supports library collections, services, programs, and staff development.

## 2022 Monroe County Public Library Foundation Board of Directors

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## Friends Employees

**Bookstore Coordinator:** Mike Burns

**Office Manager:** Mary Jean Regoli

**Bookstore Assistant:** Julie Gray





Silly Safari at the Ellettsville Branch

## Our Commitment

In 2022, 827 families and businesses made 1,007 contributions to the Friends through your Friends memberships, donations to the Annual Fund Drive, the New Branch Fund, special tributary donations, and for the Power of Words and the Marian Armstrong Exhibit.

### Your support allowed the library to provide:

- Equipment for the Learn and Play Space and Tween Space
- Programs, books, and prizes for the Oceans of Possibilities Summer Reading Games
- Take-and-make kits and book club kits
- Funding for special guest Library programs for all ages
- Patron requests for collections
- Staff development opportunities
- Volunteer recognition Items
- An innovation grant for Library staff to add baking kits to the Library of Things collection

## Friends of the Library Bookstore By the Numbers

**80,375**  
items sold

**3,035**  
Volunteer  
Hours

Discover rare and special books in the Friends Online Store:

[amazon.com/shops/MCPLFOL](https://amazon.com/shops/MCPLFOL)

### Hours:

Tuesday..... 11 AM–7 PM  
 Thursday.... 11 AM–7 PM  
 Friday ..... 11 AM–5 PM  
 Saturday.... 11 AM–5 PM  
 Sunday..... 1–5 PM

## Big Book Sales

Thanks to the efforts of Friends volunteers and a community that loves books, our Big Book Sales broke new records, raising **\$17,001** from the spring and fall sales!

## The Power of Words: Changing Our World One Author at a Time with Jacqueline Woodson



**“I was able to watch Jacqueline Woodson’s talk and I am in tears. She was warm, self-deprecating, brilliant, open, insightful. She was by far the most talented and amazing author that POW has been privileged to host.”**

**-Library Patron**

In a celebration of Black voices, the Friends of the Library welcomed internationally acclaimed and award-winning author, Jacqueline Woodson, for the Power of Words at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater on February 5. Woodson gave a powerful and evocative talk, exploring the themes and inspiration for a number of her books. She shared her development as an author, her writing process, as well as insight into authors who have influenced her. Area students from sixth grade through university level read and discussed Woodson’s books. The Friends distributed book club kits, and numerous discussions took place throughout our community. Other related programming included a film screening of *Toni Morrison: The Pieces I Am*, an IU Lifelong Learning class examining portraits of African Americans in literature and film, and *BlackLit*, a program held in partnership with the IU Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center.

**The Friends began hosting programs in-person once again in 2022, including our popular:**



**coffee with  
friends**

**Angela Jackson-Brown**  
*The Light Always Breaks*

**Author Briah O’Neal and  
illustrator Taylor O’Neal**  
*Serve It to Me, Too!*

**Rachel Berenson Perry**  
*Painter of the Dunes:  
A Life of Frank Virgil Dudley*

**Craig Fehrman**  
*Author in Chief: The Untold Story of Our  
Presidents and the Books They Wrote*

**The Friends Annual Meeting** featured New York Times bestselling author, Michael Shelden, who discussed *John F. Kennedy: His Leadership and Legacy*.

## Our Voice: Celebrating the Coretta Scott King Illustrator Awards— A Marian Armstrong Exhibit

With funding from a generous bequest from Marian Armstrong, the Friends of the Library presented *Our Voice* from February 1–March 20. This exhibit, curated by the National Center for Children’s Illustrated Literature, featured 34 prints from books that won the Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award, which are given by the American Library Association to outstanding Black illustrators of books for children and young adults that demonstrate an appreciation of Black culture and universal human values. Local students created artwork inspired by two prints in the exhibit: *Beautiful Blackbird* by Ashley Bryan and *Patchwork Quilt* illustrated by Jerry Pinkney. Numerous programs were held in conjunction with this exhibit, including storytelling with Deborah Asante, African American Art and Pottery with Malcolm Mobutu Smith, and a conversation with local artist Joel Washington, whose painting of street artist, Jean-Michel Basquiat, was on display in the exhibit hall (see cover).



Local student art  
inspired by Patchwork Quilt



Funding from the Friends supports the Library in their efforts to provide enriching programs, materials, and spaces for the community.

### Summer Reading Program

**3,233**  
patrons  
participated



**2,269**  
children  
**404**  
teens  
**560**  
adults

**1,177**  
children &  
teens  
claimed their  
book prize

### The Library's Collection

**363,266**  
Physical  
books  
**456,930**  
Physical  
items  
**754,807**  
eResources  
**503,752**  
eBooks

### Outreach Services

  
Items  
delivered:

**78,000**  
through  
**Bookmobile**

**47,000**  
through  
**Van Service &  
House Calls**

**10,000**  
through  
**Jail Service**

### Serving Teens at the Library

The Library is lucky to have an engaged community of teen patrons who frequent our teen spaces. Teen programming returned in-person with great turnouts for Know Your Glow, 8-Hour Comic Book Day, Super Smash Bros.™ Tournaments, Intro to Warhammer, Zombie Prom, and more.

**"I've spent the better part of three years [in the Teen Space] and there isn't another place in this town, perhaps in this world, that could compare to this space..... Every time I walk through those doors, I feel welcomed, I feel at peace, I feel excited. This place and its people mean more to me than you can imagine and I am forever grateful to all of you."**  
-Library Patron

### Serving Children and Families at the Library

Families enjoyed programs funded by the Friends including Adzooks Puppeteers, Stuntologist Sam Bartlett, Mr. Molecule, Shark Tank Science, Silly Safaris, Under the Sea Magic Show, and more. Little ones enjoyed Sensory Playtime and Night Owl Storytime. The Tween Space opened with special activities for tweens ages 7–12, including the Crafts in the Stacks and Tween Maker Lab programs. The space features a new galaxy-inspired mural created by artist Erin Tobey.

### Serving Adults at the Library

Books On Tap and Board Game Nights were held in-person again. The Ellettsville Garden got some updates thanks to a Growing Together grant in association with Purdue Extension Monroe County. Produce grown in the garden was donated to Pantry 279. Outreach services kicked off a Dementia Friendly Films series. 5,221 adults were in attendance for 563 adult programs.

# Monroe County Public Library Foundation

## 2022 Financial Summary

### Income

Bookstore Sales .....	\$130,893
Annual Fund Drive .....	\$74,840
Investments .....	\$44,940
New Branch Fund .....	\$43,157
Memberships .....	\$28,387
Other Donations .....	\$23,419
Special Events .....	\$4,955
<b>TOTAL INCOME.....</b>	<b>\$ 350,591</b>

### Expenses

<b>Total Support for MCPL.....</b>	<b>\$130,558</b>
Annual Grant to MCPL.....	\$100,000
Restricted gifts and Grants ...	\$29,800
Library Staff Recognition.....	\$658
VITAL Anabel Newman Award ...	\$100

### Friends Office

Staff.....	\$65,755
Operations .....	\$8,218

### Bookstore

Staff.....	\$62,701
Operations .....	\$7,206
Cost of Goods.....	\$5,717
Power of Words .....	\$13,316
Armstrong Exhibit.....	\$9,276
Investment Expense .....	\$11,969
Annual Fund Drive.....	\$3,659
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES .....</b>	<b>\$318,375</b>

### Assets

General Endowment .....	\$210,039
Marian Armstrong Fund (Special Exhibits).....	\$205,361
Carol R. Nicholas Fund (Strategic Initiatives) .....	\$185,714
Archie M. Koon Fund (Indiana Room).....	\$111,782
Checking Account & Undeposited Funds .....	\$83,336
Bavender Estate Gift (restricted) .....	\$79,852
Non-Endowment Investments .....	\$46,250
Community Foundation .....	\$25,771
Inventory for Sale (Bookstore gift items) .....	\$2,072

### Restricted Endowments:

Diane Breeden-Lee (Children).....	\$54,240
Hilliard Lyons (Collections) .....	\$46,836
Ruthmarion Becker (VITAL).....	\$39,116
Judith Serebnick (Adult Services) .....	\$31,611
Paula B. Anderson (Power of Words) .....	\$27,958
Sara Laughlin (Staff Development).....	\$23,667
Sarah C. Thrasher (VITAL).....	\$12,144

**TOTAL ASSETS .....** **\$1,185,749**

### Liabilities & Equity

#### Current Liabilities

New Branch Pledge.....	-\$300,000
Other Current Liabilities.....	\$50

#### Equity

Retained Earnings.....	\$1,422,578
Unrealized Gain .....	\$30,905
Net Income .....	\$32,216

#### TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

..... **\$1,185,749**

## Supporting the New Southwest Branch

The Foundation has pledged generous support for the new Southwest Branch in the sum of \$600,000 from existing assets. Beginning in 2021 and continuing into 2022, an additional campaign generated \$63,084 in donations for the Southwest Branch. This included \$35,300 given in memory of Max Woodliff to fill the Children's Room with furniture, imaginative play spaces, youth-centered technology, games, and supplies.

In 2022, we received an offer from Maria McKinley to create the Sue Shelden Teaching Kitchen Endowment. This endowment, funded by Sue Shelden's friends in her memory, will provide perpetual funding to ensure programming and upkeep for the teaching kitchen at the Southwest Branch—promoting food literacy, healthy eating, sustainability, innovative teaching, and culture.

The Foundation also received a major gift for the new branch. Bryan and Jessika Hane made a pledge of \$215,000 to pay for the construction of the amphitheater and labyrinth stage. This beautiful performance space is named The Hane Family Amphitheater by the Woods.

If you have an idea that will help the Monroe County Public Library system and leave a legacy for the future, please contact us at **[friends@mcpl.info](mailto:friends@mcpl.info)**



*Southwest Branch Teaching Kitchen*

## Our Sincerest Gratitude

We thank our Board of Directors and volunteers for their service to the community through the Friends of the Library. We thank our members and donors who have been committed to the public library for 57 years with their generous gifts of time and financial support that create unlimited possibilities for all of our patrons at our Library.