



FRIENDS
of the
Crown Point Library

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2025 ANNUAL REPORT

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

As we begin a new year, it is a pleasure to reflect on all that the Friends of the Crown Point Library accomplished in 2025. None of this work would be possible without the dedication, generosity, and time given by our volunteers, partners, and supporters.



I would like to thank those who stepped up to lead our committees and initiatives this year: Jannie Urevig, chair of our three annual book sales; Carol Fisher, Joan Braza, and Cris Bobowsky, who keeps our ongoing book sale running smoothly; Mary Targett, who leads our gaming activities and popular raffle baskets and is helping bring back Bunco; and Melanie Krcmery, who coordinates performances by Leslee Goddard, including two appearances this year.

I also want to recognize our Library liaison, Laura Clemons—we truly could not do this work without you—and the circulation staff, whose daily support includes accepting used book donations, selling raffle and event tickets, managing volunteer sign-ups, and assisting in countless ways.

We are deeply grateful to our outstanding Library Director, Julie Wendorf, for her continued collaboration, and to all who volunteer their time and donate items for our raffle baskets—your contributions make a real difference.

A heartfelt thank-you goes to Rose Kendall, Secretary/Treasurer, who worked tirelessly this year to strengthen our organization. From updating membership communications and maintaining a detailed annual calendar to managing financial records and gaming licenses, Rose's efforts are invaluable.

Financial Highlights for 2025

- Donations received: \$12,924.54
- Funds raised: \$11,564.00 through book sales, raffles, membership dues, and other fundraising efforts

Library support provided:

- Library programming: \$9,986.00
- Staff appreciation luncheon: \$910.00
- Community outreach: \$171.00

In addition, the Friends pledged \$25,000 toward rebuilding the library's website, with a projected bank balance of \$69,083 upon fulfillment of the pledge. I am excited about the opportunities ahead and how we can continue supporting Julie and her staff.

Because of your support, we are making a meaningful impact. In 2025, we expanded meeting options, increased book sales to three per year, welcomed high school volunteers, and began streamlining the used-book sorting process.

Please consider encouraging friends and family to join the Friends of the Crown Point Library. Additional members and volunteers are essential to sustaining our mission. I am proud to be part of an organization that does so much good for our library and community.

Sincerely,

Vicky Klein

Vicky Klein
President, Friends of the Crown Point Library

MISSION:

The Friends of the Crown Point Library's mission is to enhance and promote the use and enjoyment of the library. They raise funds to support library programs and services, as well as to help fund items not generally covered in the library's regular operating budget.

FUNDRAISING

The Friends of the Crown Point Library raise essential funds to support library programs, services, and outreach through a variety of community-driven fundraising efforts. Revenue is generated through membership dues, annual and ongoing book sales, seasonal raffle baskets, special speaker events, and generous donations from the community.

BOOK SALES

Book sales remain the Friends' largest and most impactful fundraising effort, providing affordable access to gently used books while generating vital support for the library. The Friends host three two-day book sales each year—in the spring, summer, and fall—drawing community members from across the area.

In addition, the Friends maintain an ongoing book sale in the Internet Café at the Crown Point location and operate a mobile book sale at library outreach and community events. Together, these efforts make books accessible while advancing the Friends' mission year-round.

RAFFLES

Raffles and 50/50 games add excitement to Friends events while raising additional funds for the library. Prizes are generously donated or solicited by Friends members and supporters, with proceeds directly benefiting library initiatives.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Friends also raise funds through special programs and events, including living history performances by nationally recognized historical performer Leslie Goddard, Ph.D. These events combine education and entertainment while providing meaningful financial support for the library.



2025 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Support Received

- Donations: \$12,924.54
- Fundraising Revenue: \$11,564.00
- (book sales, raffle baskets, membership dues, and events)

Library Support Provided

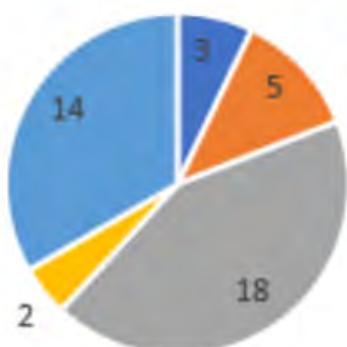
- Library Programming: \$9,986.00
 - Sponsored Summer & Winter reading programs for all ages
 - Books for the monthly library book clubs
 - Book Baby Beginnings program materials
 - Kindles for reading program prizes
 - Swank Movie Licenses for Movies In The Park
 - Sponsored Library Mini Golf as a Presenting Sponsor and School Golf Hole Decorating Contest
 - Book Club "To-Go Kits"
 - Outreach event materials
 - Staff Appreciation Luncheon
 - Outreach materials

"Every dollar raised helps strengthen library services and community programs."

In addition, the Friends pledged \$25,000 toward rebuilding the library's outdated website.

Friends of the Crown Point Library 2025 Budget vs Actual,	2025 Approved Budget	2025 Actual YTD
REVENUE	\$12,410	\$35,807
Used Book Sale Revenue	\$4,900	\$4,858
Taxable Merchandise Sales Revenue	\$1	\$0
Membership Revenue	\$1,010	\$1,260
Friends Fundraising Gaming Event Revenue	\$3,300	\$3,341
Friends Fundraising Non-Gaming Events Revenue	\$2,200	\$2,105
Friends Community Outreach-non fundraising Revenue	\$1	\$0
Grant Revenue	\$1	\$0
Unsolicited Donations/Fund Distribution Revenue	\$1,000	\$24,242
EXPENSES	\$17,080	\$17,136
Used Book Sale Expense	\$200	\$511
Taxable Merchandise Expense	\$1	\$0
Membership Expense	\$100	\$0
Friends Fundraising Gaming Event Expenses	\$350	\$133
Friends Fundraising Non-Gaming Event Expense	\$400	\$4,058
Library Program Sponsorship Expense	\$11,550	\$9,982
Library Purchases - Budgeted	\$1	\$0
Library Purchase Requests - Unbudgeted	\$1	\$0
Staff & Friend Appreciation Expense	\$1,250	\$910
Professional Development Assistance	\$300	\$0
Friends Community Outreach/Service Expense	\$2,610	\$171
Administrative Expenses	\$320	\$1,372
Friends Fundraising Gaming Event Expenses	\$50	\$100
INCOME (calculated gains/losses)	-\$4,670	\$18,670

Membership



- Expired
- Family
- Lifetime
- Lifetime - Author's Circle
- Single

Donations: \$12,924.54

- Renaissance Charitable - By Susan Churmak in memory of Thomas and Patricia Hopkins \$11,200
- Bailey Family \$500
- Ross & Jessica Bailey \$500
- Peoples Bank - In recognition of Melanie Krcmery \$100.00
- Miscellaneous Online Giving & Giving Tuesday \$285

Memorials: \$3,454

- Jane Rouge-Martin \$485
- Sharon Bogner-Kersey \$1,738
- Carol Bangsberg \$460
- Courtney Magalles \$771



IN THE COMMUNITY

The Friends of the Crown Point Library extend the library's reach beyond its walls by supporting programs and partnerships that connect people to literacy, learning, and the arts throughout the community.

BOOK BABY BAGS

Since 2015, the Friends have supported early literacy through the Book Baby Bags initiative, designed to promote reading from birth and educate expectant and new parents about the importance of sharing books with their babies. Launched in partnership with the St. Clare Health Clinic's Prenatal Assistance Program, this program provides mothers with a library bag at their post-partum visit.

Each Book Baby Bag includes a board book, a \$5 coupon for the Friends' Ongoing Book Sale, tips on raising a "book baby," recommended reading lists for parents and infants, and a library card application. Bags are also distributed to families with babies at community outreach events, helping introduce library services to families at the very beginning of their literacy journey.

ART SHOW RECEPTIONS

Providing space for art within the library supports the Friends' mission to foster connection, creativity, and community engagement. Each March, in celebration of Youth Art Month, the Friends sponsor the reception for the Elementary Art Show, a collaboration between the Crown Point Community School Corporation's elementary art teachers and the Crown Point Library. This exhibit offers student artists the opportunity to showcase their work in a professional gallery setting while inviting the public to celebrate local creativity. The Friends proudly support this event by sponsoring the art reception and providing refreshments for students, families, and community members.

MOBILE BOOK SALES AT COMMUNITY EVENTS

To meet the community where it gathers, the Friends bring a mobile book sale to local events using the library's book bike. A selection of gently used books is offered at events such as the Chamber Corn Roast, Farmers Market, and Winfield Festival Days, helping raise funds while introducing new audiences to the Friends and the library.

Through these outreach efforts, the Friends continue to promote literacy, support the arts, and strengthen the library's presence throughout the Crown Point community.



Fundraiser

A Living History Portrayal by Leslie Goddard

JACKIE KENNEDY

Thursday, May 29 at 6 p.m.

at the Crown Point Library
Tickets \$15 members | \$25 non-members

Tickets will be on sale at the Crown Point Library.
Cash/check accepted.

Thank you for supporting the Friends!



Gates open at 7 p.m. | Movie starts at 7:30 p.m.

Bring your chairs/blankets | No pets, outside food, or beverages
Concessions are available for purchase



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH





VOLUNTEERS

The strength of the Friends of the Crown Point Library lies in our members—individuals who believe deeply in the value of the library and support its mission through both financial contributions and volunteer service. Membership is one of the most impactful ways to support the library, providing essential funding for programs, services, and community initiatives throughout the year.

Membership is open to all individuals and families who want involvement in the library. Members are encouraged to attend meetings and to actively participate in book sales, other events, and projects. The membership year begins on January 1 and ends on December 31. All dues are paid annually.



The Friends will be adjusting their membership rates for the first time in several years. Beginning January 1, 2026, the new rates will be:

- Single Membership: \$15
- Family Membership (two people): \$25
- Lifetime Membership: \$150 (unchanged)

There are many ways to get involved, from joining the Friends and volunteering at book sales to helping plan fundraising events, assisting at library programs, and supporting activities that promote the library's role in our community. Whether you are able to give your time, your talents, or both, becoming a Friend is a meaningful way to help strengthen the Crown Point Community Library.



GROWING OUR IMPACT

In 2025, the Friends:

- Expanded meeting options to include both morning and evening sessions
- Increased book sales from two to three per year
- Partnered with high school volunteers to assist with book sale setup
- Began working with library staff to streamline donation sorting
- Purchased a memorial plaque in memory of Jane Rouge-Martin, founder of the Friends

Established in 1983, the Friends of the Crown Point Library is an all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that raises funds to benefit the library. They are dedicated to advocating for library services, promoting early literacy, and funding projects and programs to enhance and promote the use and enjoyment of the library.



2025 Board of Directors

President, Carol Fisher

Vice President, Cris Bobowski

Treasurer/Secretary, Rose Kendal

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