



2021

Annual Report

Vision Becomes Reality



Friends of the
Lincoln Public Library

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Our Mission

To support and promote the Lincoln Public Library

Established in 1986, the Friends of the Lincoln Public Library (FOLL) is an all-volunteer, membership-supported, non-profit corporation, registered as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. The City of Lincoln, Sierra College, and Western Placer Unified School District provide much of the funding for Library operations. the library could not provide the programs and services it does without the additional financial support provided by FOLL and the numerous volunteers who give hours of their time.



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Vision Becomes Reality

With the opening of the Twelve Bridges High School in August 2021, the vision of a joint-use library supported by the City of Lincoln, Western Placer Unified School District and Sierra College became a reality.

When originally envisioned, the Lincoln Public Library at Twelve Bridges was to serve the public and two educational institutions - a high school and a community college campus. Sierra College revised its plans for a campus, but continues to provide extension classes at the library. And now the library also serves as the school library for the Twelve Bridges High School.

We are pleased to see high school students enjoying the refurbished Teen Space, which was funded in part by us, the Friends of the Lincoln Public Library (FOLL). We also are pleased to provide funding for activities that the Library staff designed especially for teens, such as Battle of the Books, Virtual Marvel Trivia Contest, Free Teen Book Day and the Teen Advisory Board.



Free Books to Children and Teens

The presence of books in the home can have a significant influence on a child's educational achievements. Thus, FOLL dedicates a significant amount of its resources for the purchase of give-away books -- books given directly to children and teens for their home libraries. In 2021, FOLL purchased \$7,590 of give-away books.

Summer Reading Program

FOLL provides new books as rewards for children who participate in the Summer Reading Program. This reading program encourages children and teens to make reading a lifelong habit, draws in reluctant readers with activities, helps children keep their skills up over the summer, and generates interest in the library and books. In 2021, 520 children participated in the Summer Reading Beanstack Challenge and took home over 700 book rewards.

Summer Kick-Off Bags for Local School Children

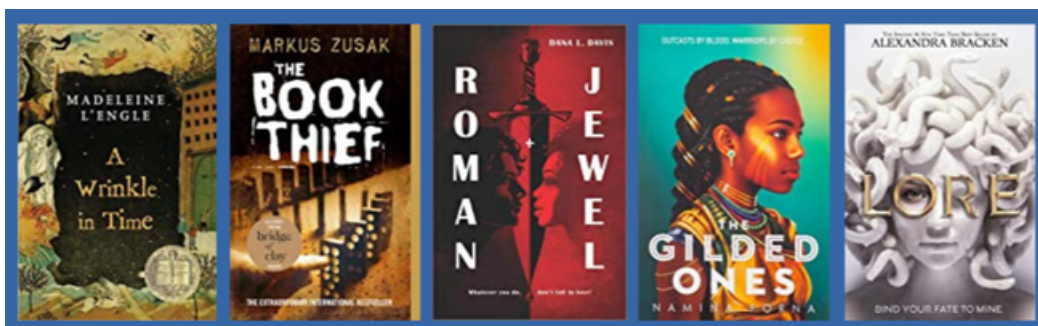
FOLL was pleased to help the Kiwanis Club of Lincoln Foothills by providing 132 new books for inclusion in specially-prepared bags for students of local elementary schools. In addition to a book, the bags contained art supplies, sports balls, and other items to keep children active and creative over the summer. FOLL provided a different title for each of the grade levels - kindergarten through 5th grade. A special insert from the Lincoln Public Library was included in each book.



[Pictured: Kathryn Hunt, Library Director, Mary Nader, FOLL President, and Liz Noel, Publicity Chair, Kiwanis Lincoln Foothills]

Battle of the Books

The Lincoln Public Library's Battle of the Books is a reading competition for students in grades 9-12. Teens read five pre-selected books, met with their peers to discuss them, and then competed in teams to answer the most trivia questions during a live Battle of the Books competition. FOLL purchased copies of the books for each team provided by FOLL.



Free Teen Book Day

The library renamed October as "Teentober" during which it held a several events and activities focused on teens. Library staff designated one day as Free Teen Book Day and handed out new young adult books to teens visiting the library during the lunch break and after school. The teens selected from four popular books.

Harry Potter vs Star Wars

FOLL provided new books for children participating in the library's Harry Potter vs Star Wars event held in October. The event was attended by over 300 people and 200 Harry Potter and Star Wars books were given away.

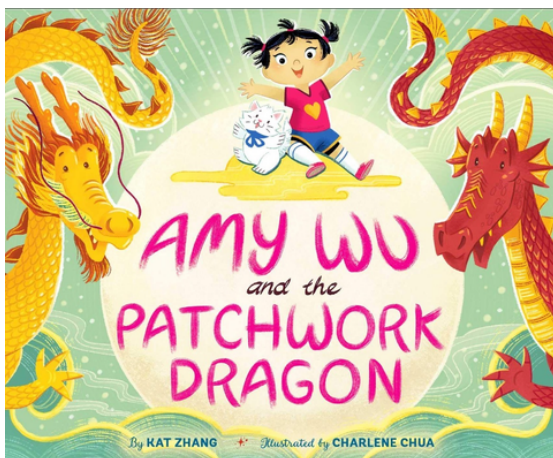


Dinovember

During the month of November, the library started a new tradition with Dinovember - everything dinosaurs. Children visiting the library that month were able to pick a dinosaur book to take home. FOLL provided over 100 books for this event.

Jólabókaflöð

To celebrate the Icelandic tradition of Jólabókaflöð, the library provided take-home packets that included the book "The Fox in the Library." The tradition is to give the gift of a book, and then the evening is spent reading with a cup of hot chocolate. Hopefully, many families in our community enjoyed this tradition with the book gift from FOLL.



Read Across Lincoln

In December, FOLL purchased books for a new initiative - Read Across Lincoln. In Spring 2022, library staff will be distributing the books to first grade students in the Lincoln area. FOLL provided 1,200 copies of *Patchwork Dragon* for this initiative.

Expansion of Library's Collection

The library provides our community with the most current books, media and other resources. In 2021, FOLL augmented those purchases with \$11,666 of new books.

Zip Books

FOLL provided the City of Lincoln with interim funding for the library's Zip Books program. With the FOLL funding, the Lincoln Public Library was able to continue providing this popular service to library patrons until State funds were again available. A total of 134 books were purchased with FOLL funds.



Large Print and Audio Books

All additions to the library's large print and audio book collection are provided by FOLL with substantial help from a 2020 grant from the Lincoln Hills Foundation. In 2021, FOLL purchased 87 large print books and 99 audio books for the library's collection.

Children and Teen Books

FOLL expanded the children's collection with the purchase of 44 nonfiction books. Funds for this purchase were provided by a grant from the Rotary Club of Lincoln.

FOLL also provided an additional 49 nonfiction books for K-12 youth covering mental health and resilience. These books will help our community's youth find the resources they need when faced with adversity, trauma, tragedy or other significant sources of stress. The funds for this purchase were provided by a grant from the Jerrold B. Whitney/Clayton Pinkerton Fund of the Sacramento Region Community Foundation.



Children's Magazines

FOLL renewed subscriptions for several children's magazines. Magazines are great reading material for new readers who are reading alone or with a parent. The Orchard Creek Book Club donated the funds for these renewals.

The Zip Books program is offered through a partnership between the California State Library and the NorthNet Library System and supported by California Library Services Act funds. If a patron requests a book or audiobook that the library does not already own, the Zip Books program helps libraries purchase the item and ship it directly to the patron within a few days. Once the patron reads the item and returns it to the library, staff decide whether or not to add the item to the library collection. The Zip Books program is a supplemental way of purchasing that empowers patrons to collaborate with their local library, creates collections that are reflective of the community, and can result in cost savings for libraries.

Program Support

The library offers a variety of programs and activities throughout the year that require financial support. In 2021, FOLL provided \$7,321 for library programs and activities.

Staff Time on FOLL-Sponsored Programs

In 2021, FOLL provides the City of Lincoln with \$5,000 for staff time dedicated to FOLL-sponsored programs and activities. At present, FOLL-provided funds are used for staff time dedicated to Family Storytime on Facebook. Hopefully, other FOLL-sponsored programs will return in 2022, including Mother Goose on the Loose and Family Movie Night.



Pictured: Amanda Toohey, Library Staff

Take Home Craft Packets

Several times during the year, the library offers take-home craft packets for those visiting the library. In February, the craft packet featured Kente Cloth Weaving for Black History Month. In March, the craft packet contained materials for children to make their own color monster after listening to the Storytime on Facebook reading of *The Color Monster: A Story About Emotions*. For the celebration of El Dia de Los Libros (Day of the Book), the craft packet featured Mexican paper flowers. In May, the craft was a paper lei for Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. For the Summer Reading Program's theme of "Color Your World," the craft kits highlighted the color wheel and various artists' works. When requested, FOLL purchases the needed items for the craft packets



Program Materials, Performers and Prizes

The library's programs and events would not be as special without the support of FOLL. FOLL provides all the theme-based materials for the Summer Reading Program, included printed bags, bookmarks, posters and staff shirts. For the Harry Potter vs Star Wars event, FOLL provided the character actors and light saber materials. Gift cards were provided for the winners of the Marvel Trivia Contest held as part of Teentober.



Online Resources

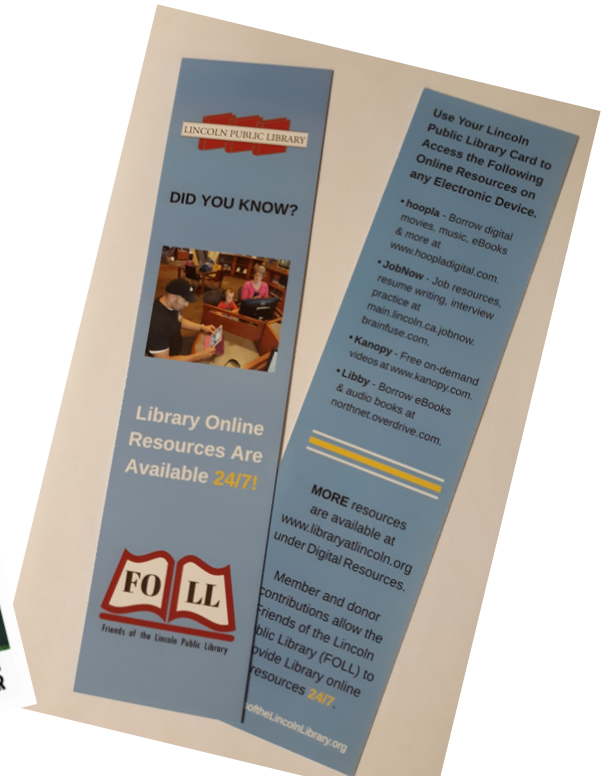
FOLL provides funds for online resources to ensure that our community has access to information and homework help from their homes with their library card. In 2021, FOLL provided \$17,015 for:

- **EBSCO Host** which provides patrons with multiple resources, including Novelist Plus, Academic Search Premier, Explora, Legal Information Reference Center, Small Business Reference Center and Auto Repair Service.
- **Brainfuse**, which provides tutoring in virtually every subject and access to expert coaches for every stage of a job search.



Community Outreach

Even with the pandemic limitations, FOLL found opportunities to let our community know about the Lincoln Public Library and all the library has to offer. FOLL placed an ad (designed by the library) in the 2021-2022 Discover Lincoln Magazine to let current residents and newcomers know that the library was open. FOLL had 1,000 bookmarks printed to promote the library's online resources. Other FOLL community outreach activities conducted in 2021 are presented in the Community Outreach Director's report on page 13.





Friends of the Lincoln Public Library

February 2022

Message from the FOLL President

Dear Friends, Members and Volunteers,

This is a somewhat difficult letter to write as the future is still filled with concerns, questions, possibilities, and maybes. We all hoped it was behind us, but we woke in 2022 to find this pandemic was still with us.

Thankfully, the fantastic library staff of our Lincoln Public Library continues to make plans to move forward. Their goal being to continue to serve the entire Lincoln area community, including the students at the new Twelve Bridges High School. Students visit the library daily to use the many resources available at our library.

And the Friends of the Lincoln Public Library proudly stand with the Lincoln Public Library by providing needed financial support for the great programs they develop that often need just a little help from a FRIEND.

So, we look to you, our members, as both financial contributors and dedicated volunteers to stand with us as we support this fantastic library.

Hopefully, in October, we will hold a community celebration at the library to recognize its 15 years of serving the Lincoln area at the Twelve Bridges location. So, stay tuned...get involved...yes, you are needed.

Welcome to 2022 and the Friends of the Lincoln Public Library.

Joanne Jones

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FOLL President

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February 22nd, 2022

Dear Members of the Friends of the Lincoln Public Library,

It is hard to believe that we are entering our third year impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The last year saw many changes to our lives and library services. We eliminated most of the COVID-19 modifications, including capacity limits and limited seating, and even began to bring back a few of our beloved events. We also welcomed students to the Twelve Bridges High School for the first time! Through it all, you continued to support the Friends of the Lincoln Public Library and the Lincoln Public Library. Your donations of time, gently used books, and money are investments not only in the Library, but in the community of Lincoln. Through the support of the Friends of the Lincoln Public Library, the Library offers a dynamic space full of materials that educate and inspire – and that is open to every member of our community.

With your help, the Lincoln Public Library hosted programs for all ages, attended by over 5000 participants. These programs included Summer Reading, story times, book clubs, trivia nights, author events, homework help, literacy tutoring, and more. Most of these events were online, but we did welcome a few events back at the end of the year. Through both curbside service and traditional library browsing, we circulated over 267,000 books, audiobooks, movies, and more. Finally, we welcomed over 2500 new cardholders to our library. Without the support of the Friends, the Library would not have been able to offer this range of services that benefited thousands of cardholders over the past year.

Thank you for your part in investing in our community and ensuring that the Lincoln Public Library can provide the resources and services that Lincoln deserves. I hope that as you read this report, you are filled with pride for all your amazing organization has accomplished. They are impressive feats at any time, but especially in during our second year of the pandemic.

With gratitude,

Kathryn Hunt

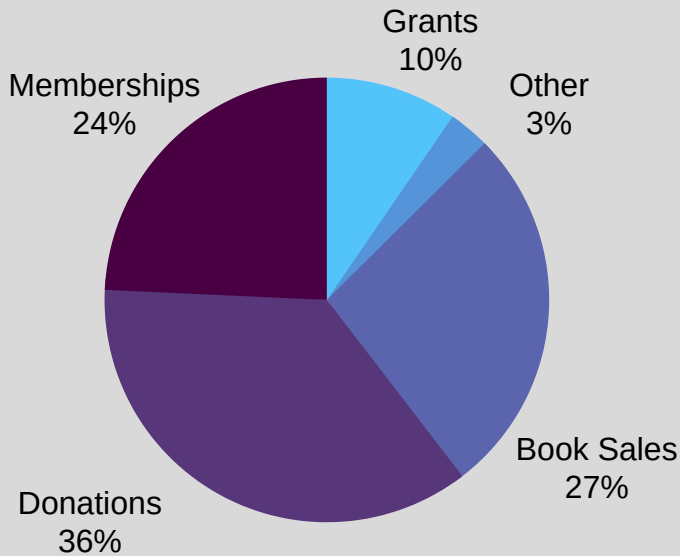
Kathryn Hunt
Director of Library Services
Lincoln Public Library

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2021 Receipts and Disbursements

Receipts \$60,069



Fund Balance -
December 31, 2020 \$148,874

Less Prior Year's Adjustment 14

Receipts:

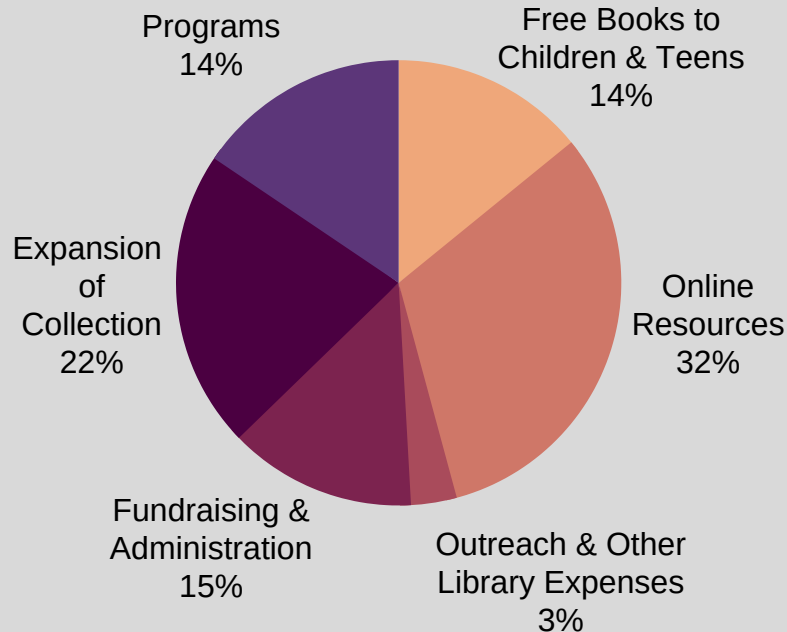
Book Sales	16,223
Memberships	14,581
Donations	21,723
Grants	5,750
Other	1,792

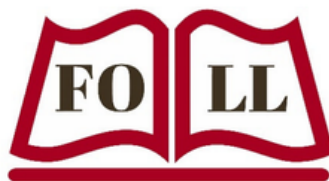
Disbursements:

Online Services	17,015
Expansion of Collection	11,666
Free Books to Children & Teens	7,590
Programs	7,321
Outreach & Other Expenses	1,785
Fundraising & Administration	8,357

Fund Balance -
December 31, 2021 \$155,195

Disbursements \$53,734





Friends of the Lincoln Public Library

February 24, 2022

To: FOLL Board Members

From: Financial Review Committee

Subject: 2021 FOLL Financial Review Report

The Financial Review Committee met on February 24, 2022 at the Lincoln Public Library to review the financial year-end report for December 31, 2021 and bank statements and supporting documentation for the period January 1 through December 31, 2021. The review committee was comprised of the following FOLL members: Karen Allen, Mary Nader and Vi Kuka.

FOLL's financial assets are currently maintained in three bank accounts: one checking account and two certificates of deposit. FOLL uses cash basis reporting. The Treasurer uses the software program Quicken to maintain the financial records. Revenue is recorded when the deposits are made to the bank. Expenses are recorded when checks are written or electronic fund transfers or other withdrawals are made from the bank. The Treasurer submits a monthly report to the FOLL board on fund balances and revenue and expenses.

Our review was limited to:

- Confirming that the beginning balances shown in the Quicken file reconciled to the beginning balance shown on the January 2021 statements provided by the financial institutions holding the FOLL assets.
- Confirming that the ending balances shown in the Quicken file reconciled to the beginning balance shown on the December 2021 statements provided by the financial institutions.
- Confirming that appropriate supporting documentation was on file for deposits made, checks written, electronic fund transfers, and other withdrawals from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

We concluded that the December 31, 2021 year-end report accurately represents the financial status of FOLL. We found no irregularities in the records.

The Financial Review Committee wishes to express gratitude to Gloria Pilotti-Irey, FOLL Treasurer, for her thoroughness and organization of the FOLL records.

Karen Allen

Karen Allen
FOLL Vice President

Mary Nader

Mary Nader
FOLL Past President

Vi Kuka

Vi Kuka
FOLL Member and Past Board Member

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Director Reports

Book Sales

Sharon Gorley, Director

Thank you to our dedicated "back room" volunteers who sort donations for the daily book sale area and November Big Book sale, along with the additional volunteers who come to help with the Big Book sale. With their hard work, the book sale crew generated \$16,223 in book sales for 2021.

Our volunteers also passed on hardback book donations of popular titles to the library, thus saving the library the expense of purchasing additional copies. We also worked with library staff on the maintenance of the library's DVDs and audio books by using our new and near-new donations to replace well-used discs and add additional titles to the library collection.



Our 2021 Family of Book Sale Volunteers

Aanya Agarwal	Michael Derosier	Sue Kuukka
Karen Allen	Jeri Ferris	Nina Mazzo
Virginia Ayala	Lillian Foster	Wanda Melilli
Adrienne Barnard	Maya Gomez	Linda Moran
Lew Barnard	Sharon Gorley	Linda Morley
Fred Bernstein	Tom Gorley	Sally Murad
Sally Bjorge	Tina Gray	Debbie Ney
Cyrenna Burgess	Jeff Greenberg	Joann Patterson
Nancy Calcese	Charlotte Grone	Paul Radcliffe
Sarah Carroz	Susan Haas	Lynne Rossi
Cyndi Colloton	Linda Hartman	Cathie Szabo
Patricia Dawson	Teresa Jacobsen	Jan Voyles
Linda Derosier	Vi Kuka	Carol Yelton

and members of Rods & Relics Car Club of Lincoln Hills

Community Outreach

Kathy Snelson, Director

Report Prepared by Linda Derosier

FOLL strives to reach outside the walls of the library by promoting and supporting the diverse educational resources offered by the library. The year 2021 proved to be a year of openings and closings. Even so, we were able to continue our partnerships with the community.

FOLL Delivers Door Bags in New Lincoln Neighborhoods

Board members and member volunteers delivered 450 door bags throughout five new home developments. Each bag included FOLL and library information, a FOLL bookmark highlighting the library's 24/7 online resources, and certificates for a free book and craft bags for all ages.



Free Book Certificates for First Responders

FOLL provided the Downtown Lincoln Association with 75 Free Book certificates for inclusion in gift bags for area firefighters, police officers, EMTs and first responder support staff.



FOLL Library Tour for the Calendar Girls

The Sun City Lincoln Hills "Calendar Girls" visited the library for a fun, informative tour and left with a FOLL swag bag full of information and goodies.

FOLL Joined with the Community in the Lincoln Hometown Parade

FOLL gathered an enthusiastic group to participate in the Lincoln Hometown Parade. The 27 holiday helpers included our board directors, library staff, "volunTeens," and friends and family who enjoyed distributing 900 cocoa packets to the cheering onlookers.



Grants

Linda Derosier, Director

This year, FOLL was fortunate to receive grants from Lincoln Hills Foundation and the Jerrold B. Whitney/Clayton Pinkerton Fund. The Lincoln Hills Foundation again provided funds for the purchase of large print and audio books. The Pinkerton Fund provides grants to public and school libraries for the purchase of books. The library designated the funds for the purchase of children and teen books on mental health topics.

Lincoln Hills Foundation Grant	\$5,000
Whitney/Clayton Pinkerton Fund Grant	\$750

The ongoing pandemic caused many changes in FOLL's protocol for requesting grants since several of our usual donor organizations were not able to fundraise as they have in past years. We are honored to receive the above listed monies given the pandemic.

Hospitality

Wanda Melilli Director

In October 2021, FOLL held its 35th Anniversary Celebration at the library. The celebration began with a selection of songs by the Lincoln High School Choir and was attended by about 50 members of the community. Alyssa Silhi, the City Mayor, presented our FOLL President Mary Nader with a proclamation honoring FOLL for its work. FOLL also received certificates of recognition from the Lincoln Area City Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Lincoln Association. We look forward to hosting more events next year, including Family Movie Night and Author Visits.



Membership

Linda Morley, Director

Although the pandemic continued to offer challenges to holding or attending in person membership drive activities and events, we were fortunate that the library was able to remain open. Therefore, we were able to spread the word by maintaining our membership lobby table and distributing forms to book donors and at the November Big Book sale. We were also excited to have membership forms included in the welcome resident packets that were distributed to 500 new homes in the Lincoln area, and several members of the board of directors volunteered to spend time welcoming and disseminating information to patrons during Friends of the Library Week. FOLL has enjoyed great support from the Lincoln News Messenger and been fortunate to receive coverage through publication of multiple articles and event photos including our 35th Anniversary celebration.

Although we lost some momentum and membership during the recent challenges, we look forward to attending future outreach events to welcome returning and new FOLL members.

2019	322 Members
2020	395 Members
2021	316 Members

Thank you again to Lucia Huh for her diligence and dedication to processing donations and maintaining the FOLL database.

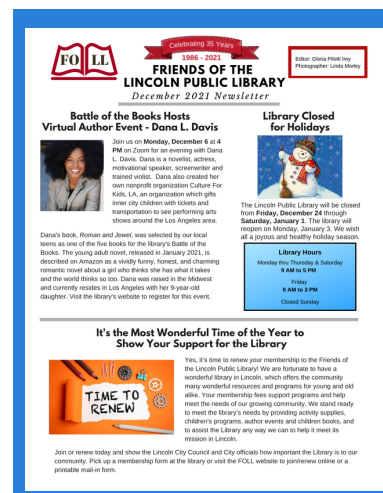
Newsletter

Report Prepared by Gloria Pilotti Irej

The number of email subscribers to the FOLL monthly newsletter grew by over 100 subscribers during 2021.

December 2018	480 subscribers
December 2019	731 subscribers
December 2020	767 subscribers
December 2021	876 subscribers

The printed newsletter is also available in the library and can be downloaded from the FOLL website.



Website and Social Media

Lynne Rossi, Director

The FOLL website continued to be an excellent source for information about the Library and FOLL. No significant changes were made to the website during 2021.

2021 Major Contributors

Individual & Family Members

Publisher Level - \$500 or More

John & Katie Christiansen	Kupcho-Hawksworth Family
Jim and Gloria Irey	Teresa Lai Stanislaw
Al & Anne Kilert	Marcia Van Wagner

Editor Level - \$200 to \$499

Karen Allen	Robert & Donna Fields	Paul Radcliffe
David & Jean Anderson	Scott Fischer &	Lynne Rossi
Doug & Mary Brown	Anne Touloukian	Robert & Joan Rouse
Quinton & Phyllis Brown	Barbara Hunt	Shirley Russell
John & Sarah Carroz	Joe & Viola Kuka	Wayne & Barbara Vineyard
Richard & Judith Clemensen	Barry & Gay Mackintosh	Eugene & Gaye Wytrykus
Carl & Alice Dehner	Nina Mazzo	Jules & Martha Zetterbaum
Linda Derosier	Wanda Melilli	Anonymous (2)
Larry Dunlap &	Gerald & Gail Mohlenbrok	
Georgia Hyndman	Stan & Mary Nader	

Author Level - \$100 to \$199

Cecil & Harriett Anderson	Susan Huch	Ann Owens
Allison Angstadt	David Hughes &	Verna Rowe
Kathryn Barger	Carol Thompson	John & Linda Russell
Bob Biswas	Elizabeth Jansen	Michael & Kathleen Salli
Roger & Rosemary Bryan	Marilyn Johnson	Elizabeth Schlaman
Connie Burdick	Bob & Jo Jones	Ellen Schloenvogt
Cyrenna Burgess	Dan & Cheryl Karleskint	Joanne Schumacher
Wanda Dixon &	Scott Leaman	Norman Seidenverg
Marilyn Joseph	Helen Leo	Kathy Snelson
Bob & Mary Ann Dunn	Karen Lindh	Marilyn Stineman
Ken & Lynn Estabrook	Marti Loew	Cynthia Stubblebine
Jeri Chase Ferris	Chris & Carol Love	Kathy Swift
Louis & Lois Franchimone	Ralph & Donna McCulloch	Howard Twomey
Victor & Mary Lou Freeman	Linda Moran	Kathleen Ward
Linda Garrett	Linda Morley	Larry & Nancy Whitaker
Steve & Sherry Grubman	Frank & Fran Neves	Linda Witmer
Philip Gunter	John & Carol Noon	Vic & Stacy Wursten
Linda Hartman	Mary Olsen	Anonymous (10)

2021 Major Contributors

Businesses & Nonprofit Organizations - \$100 or More

Buehler Engineering, Inc.
California Foundation for Stronger Communities
Circular Polymer LLC
Consolidated Communications Foundation CA
Jensen Smith, CPAs
Orchard Creek Book Club
Recology, Inc.
Rod & Relics Car Club of Lincoln Hills

Donors - \$100 or More

Victoria Brown
Laura Derosier
Belen Fernandez
Gail Hunt
Jerry & Karen Johnson
Danile Larsen
Keri Muma
Jacqueline Pogue
Kathryn Souvannavong
Gretchen Sutton
Christine Uebele
Franklin & Pauline Watson
Kris Wyatt
Anonymous (1)

Grants

Lincoln Hills Foundation
Whitney/Clayton Pinkerton Fund

2021 Board and Committees

2021 Board of Directors

Officers

President	Mary Nader
Vice President	Jo Jones
Secretary	Jeri Chase Ferris
Treasurer	Gloria Pilotti-Irey

Directors

Book Sales	Sharon Gorley
Community Outreach	Kathy Snelson
Grants	Linda Derosier
Hospitality	Wanda Melilli
Membership	Linda Morley
Website & Social Media	Lynne Rossi

Newsletter Director position was vacant during 2021

2021 Committees

Financial Review Committee

Mary Nader and Wanda Melilli

Big Day of Giving Committee

Lynne Rossi (Chair)

Kathy Snelson

Linda Morley

Wanda Melilli

Sharon Gorley

Teresa Stanislaw (thank you cards)

Linda Derosier (thank you cards)



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