



# Pacific Grove Public Library Friends and Foundation ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023

## The First Chapter Begins

2023 was a busy first year for the Friends and Foundation! We continued fundraising and friend-raising activities while putting in place new financial and membership systems, a strategic plan and the start of a new website. As the year ended, we said a grateful farewell to Library Director Diana Godwin. Under Diana's leadership the Renewal Project was completed, library services were maintained during COVID and restored to meet community needs since that time. Diana's dedication, knowledge and tenacity made that possible. The Board proudly closed the year knowing that 2024 would bring the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library. We have much to celebrate! As we look back at 2023, my heart is filled with gratitude for you - our generous members, donors, local businesses, our hard-working volunteers and committed Board. Together we support our mission of enhancing the Library and keeping the joy of reading and lifelong learning freely available for all.

On a personal note, last summer I was honored to be inducted into the California Library Association (CLA) Hall of Fame. I was able to



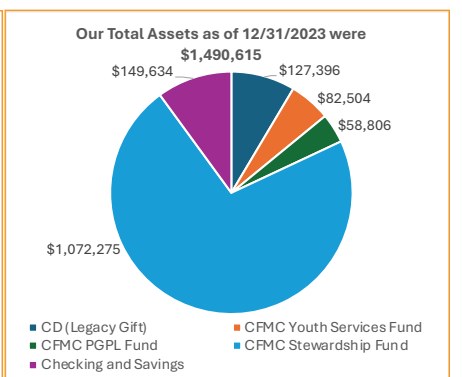
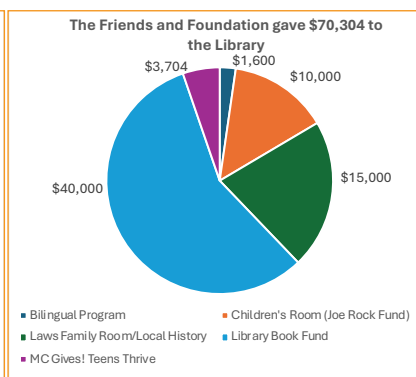
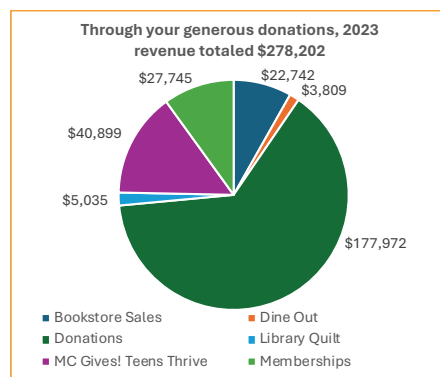
President Kim Bui at her induction into the California Library Association Hall of Fame.

share the story of the Friends and Foundation - here for decades and for the future!

*Kim Bui,  
President,  
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## 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT



## 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

The community's need for both physical and electronic materials from the Library keeps growing, with 219,556 physical items and 38,155 digital items circulated during 2023. The Friends and Foundation contribute \$40,000 annually to the Library Book Fund, helping the Library to maintain a current, diverse and extensive collection.



Our \$10,000 contribution from the Joe Rock Fund (CFMC Youth Services Fund) made it possible for the Library to offer a total of 452 programs attended by 13,893 children throughout the year, from Toddler Tales to Crafternoon to eight weeks of Summer Reading events and activities! An additional \$1,600 from a past Monterey County Gives! grant funded Bilingual Storytime at the Library.



At the close of the year, the bright, new Mobile Outreach Vehicle electric (MOVE) was ready to be licensed and begin delivering Library services to the community. The Friends and Foundation contributed \$41,838 toward the purchase of MOVE through donations to the 2021 Monterey County Gives! campaign.



Generous donors contributed \$40,898 to our 2022 Monterey County Gives! campaign to help "Teens Thrive at the Library"—and it's happening! The Library offered 45 teen programs last year that served 1,054 youth in grades 6-12, including a Teen Summer Reading Program, Open Mic, and Blind Date with a Book. The Friends and Foundation also sponsor Teen Tech Tuesdays, where patrons meet teen volunteers for training and assistance with devices and applications.



The Library is one of the most popular venues in town for social and intellectual exchange, thanks to a rich and stimulating schedule of events sponsored and supported by the Friends and Foundation. In 2023, we sponsored exhibits in the Hawk Gallery, Meet



the Author talks, National Poetry Month, a national book launch, and a fall speaker series centered on responses to Walt Whitman's poetry from different ethnic perspectives. The fall series reached 619 adults; 79 additional programs, including outreach, served 2,014 participants.



Volunteers do it all! The Friends and Foundation is a 100% volunteer organization, each person fueled by a commitment to support and expand our Library community. Volunteers support Library events and donate hundreds of cookies, staff our very popular bookstore, maintain a lending library at The Meals on Wheels Community Center, create Dine Out partnerships with Pacific Grove restaurants, manage our print and digital communications, maintain a membership database, care for the Library's garden, coordinate the Friends Book Club, and serve as Board members.



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to the All of the  
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Working together for  
the Pacific Grove  
Library!  
You are Appreciated!



**Book Store, Dine Out, and the Library’s Quilt—Our bookstore sales increased almost 30% in 2023—totaling \$22,742! One hundred percent of the proceeds go toward Library support. Six generous Dine Out restaurants donated \$3,809 and an additional \$5,035 was raised from purchases of book spines on the Library’s Quilt—totaling \$31,586. Thank you for your fabulous support!**



**Thank You for Supporting the Pacific Grove Public Library**

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