

FFRPL Report to RPL Board – May 2022

The FFRPL Planning & Development Committee met on Monday, May 16 to begin to determine priorities and develop 2022-2023 goals and strategies for increased net revenue.

As of April 30, Annual Campaign year-to-date gift comparison shows the following:

- 2020-2021: \$254,434 from 2277 gifts
- 2021-2022: \$278,119 from 2104 gifts

FFRPL has raised funds for and purchased almost \$12,000 of supplemental materials (educational toys, etc.) for the Children's Division's Secret Room.

On May 11, FFRPL sponsored a day of professional development and reflection for the MCLS Children's Services staff planned by MCLS Children's Services Consultant Tonia Burton.

On May 12, FFRPL arranged a special project in support of the Wheatley Branch; First American Equipment Finance Group worked on the front green space and raised flower beds for their company's impact day.

FFRPL provided funding of \$9,000 for the Harold Hacker Grants for the Advancement of Libraries. We appreciate RRLC's continued involvement. Together we convened judging for this year's awards. Borgus recruited 3 FFRPL Board Directors to round out the committee to now have 3 community members and 3 members from the FFRPL board. We received 11 entries totaling more than \$38,000. Four awardees were selected:

MCLS/RPL Extension/Outreach (\$3,088 awarded)

Develop a library of items targeted toward adults with cognitive decline and their care partners. The collection will include photo reminiscence cards; games and puzzles; fidget widgets and activity boards; simplified radios; and therapy dolls and pets designed to stimulate, enrich, and bring comfort to people living with Alzheimer's and related dementias (ADRD). Items from the Memory Care Collection will be made available for loan to all Monroe County library card holders at no cost through the library's hold service.

Monroe 1 BOCES – Media Literacy for DEI (\$3,612 awarded)

The Monroe 1 and 2 BOCES School Library Systems have recently teamed up to offer media literacy professional development to school librarians. Media literacy education teaches students to apply critical thinking to media messages. This skill set of interpreting the way media represents and portrays different facets of society, helps students understand different perspectives and become more empathetic and inclusive. There are currently not many resources for teaching media literacy to students at the primary grade levels. This grant will allow them to purchase a new book, *Media Literacy for Young Children* by Faith Rogow for all elementary librarians in the two regions. Professional development will be provided around the content through a book study, as well as a full-day professional development workshop with the author.

Pioneer Library System – Safe Zone Training (\$675 awarded)

The funding will support a two-part training with The Safe Zone Initiative for the staff at the 42 OWWL Libraries. The first session will focus on fostering LGBTQ+ inclusive libraries and will be a discussion led by the Safe Zone team sharing their personal coming out journeys and ways to create more welcome library spaces for LGBTQ+ patrons.

The second session will focus on allyship and dive more into the difference between biological sex, gender identity, and orientation. The two sessions will be offered in a hybrid model to ensure board access.

Wood Library – The Prism Project (\$1,625 awarded and asking for collaboration with Pioneer Library System to make the most of both awards)

Create inclusive LGBTQ+ programming through the remainder of 2022 for all ages. Each month look to have at least one LGBTQ+ program offered for a particular age group at the library for patrons within the Canandaigua City School District to make connections and forge new relationships with others. There will be moderators brought in to lead public 101 sessions, staff 101 session, and Safe Zone training (see above, award was reduced for allocation to Safe Zone training expecting collaboration with PLS). Also bringing in lecturers from Finger Lakes Community College that will partner with these events to help promote LGBTQ+ awareness for staff and community. Application also cited partnership and successful programming with FLX Pride, the Gay Straight Alliance at Canandaigua Academy, and Queer Lit Book Club for adults. (With award we are asking the Wood Library to model best practices and be a resource for their Pioneer Library System colleagues and others).

Grants/Sponsorships:

Awards:

- Max & Marian Farash Foundation, notice of \$16,000 grant for support of Safe to be Smart FY21-22.
- Joseph Rippey Trust, \$35,000 grant received for support of Safe to be Smart FY21-22.
- Daisy Marquis Jones, notice of \$22,000 grant for support of Central Library's Business Insight Center FY21-22.
- Maximus Foundation Board of Directors has selected Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library as a recipient of a grant award in the amount of \$8000. Unrestricted support FY21-22.

Completed successful spring series of Books Sandwiched In. Reviews are available online through the FFRPL website.

FFRPL is taking the lead on organizing a Fringe event at RPL on Saturday, September 17, 2022.

The reception for the 4 Boards has been postponed until the Terrace is open in late summer/early fall.