MONEY
The new 2019-20 Annual Campaign for the Library has begun! You should have already received our letter, Fall Programs brochure, donation slip and return envelope – everything you need to support your beloved Library!

To make it easy as possible to donate, we have just debuted a new Online Donation portal and that link is now live on our website: https://ffrplapps.libraryweb.org/donate-now

In grant news, by end of the month we hope to hear on a $50,000 Spectrum Digital Education grant to fund a 12-bay Laptop Lending Kiosk for Central Library’s upcoming Technology Center.

And good news: I overturned the couch cushions in the Rundel Boardroom and I have an updated FY2018-19 total for transfer of funds to/for the Library: through donations, grants, bequests and gifts, FFRPL paid/transferred $726,785 to support the Library!

PROGRAMS/MARKETING and EVENTS
The Fall Books Sandwiched In series begins September 17th at 12:12pm each Tuesday through November 5th.

For MCLS Board on 16 September: tonight we’re holding two event receptions, co-sponsored by FFRPL & the Central Library – for the Crafting Democracy exhibit in Harold Hacker Hall, 4-6pm, and from 6-8pm that same night a ceremony for the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Exhibit.

UPDATE: On 18 September, FFRPL and the Staff Association will hold the MCLS Retirees’ Early Bird Dinner from 4-5:30pm in Kusler-Cox Auditorium. Invites went out last month, and an update: funds raised through this year’s Annual Campaign Retirees’ Challenge will support the Harold Hacker Fund for the Advancement of Libraries. If you would like to challenge the retirees to match your donation of any amount, please let Ned know – we have had good success in the past with matching gifts from board and staff.

Saturday 14 September kicked off Central Library as a Rochester Fringe Festival venue, for our ‘Weekend at the Library’ events – FFRPL/Library board and staff ran River to Roof Tours and Spooky Stories in the Stacks, plus Sunday there was a Silent Reading Party in KGA (Patty may regale you with stories). Also, this week, on Monday/Wednesday/Friday nights there will be live party bands in KGA.

Finally, I am proud to announce we have secured Eric Klinenberg, NYU Sociology Professor and author of one of Patty Uttaro’s favorite books Palaces for the People: How Social Infrastructure Can Help Fight Inequality, Polarization and the Decline of Civic Life, as our speaker for this year’s Publishers’ Circle Library Celebration Dinner on Wednesday, 13 November 13. And the Harold Hacker Library Lifetime Achievement Award is going to Library lover, advocate and 20-year FFRPL Board member (just retired) Gary Squires!