



The Seattle Public Library Foundation

# Report to Donors

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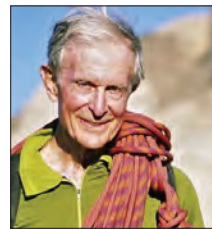
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Dear Friends,

It has been my great pleasure to serve as the President of The Seattle Public Library Foundation for the past two years. During that period, with the help of donors like you, we were able to give vital support the Library through a time of tough budget cuts, leadership changes and difficult economic times. Despite those challenges, use of the Library and its resources continued to climb, with well over 14.3 million patron visits in 2011. Our library now has an exciting new leader, Marcellus Turner, a new strategic plan and the future is looking very bright.

The Seattle Public Library Foundation has many people like you to thank for our success. More than 6,800 individuals, businesses and foundations made gifts to the Foundation this year, many for the first time through The Seattle Foundation's GiveBIG community day of giving. We were delighted to finish that day as the nonprofit that raised the most gifts. On May 2nd of this year, I hope you will help the Foundation defend that title!



Stim Bullitt

Before I close, I would also like to pay special tribute to Foundation donor, community leader and author, Stimson Bullitt. Stim was an individual who believed in creating equal opportunity for everyone and supported organizations that advance the public good. Prior to his passing in 2009, he named The Seattle Public Library Foundation as one of the nonprofits to receive a significant bequest from his estate. This bequest has the potential to move The Seattle Public Library to a new level of excellence in the years to come. We are deeply grateful to Stim for his devotion to our community and its libraries.

Our libraries educate, entertain and illuminate. They bring lifelong learning to individuals, and bind together our community. Thank you for making The Seattle Public Library Foundation a priority in your philanthropic giving. With your help, we can continue to have vibrant libraries where great things happen.

Sincerely,

*Dave McShea*

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President of The Seattle Public Library Foundation



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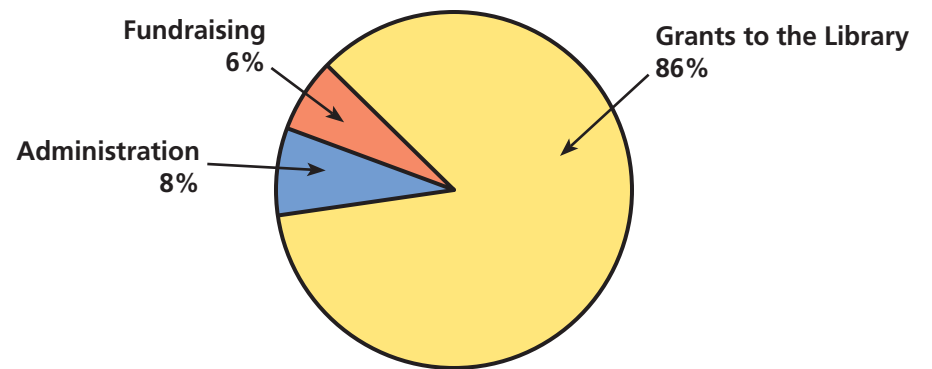
## Statement of Foundation Activities

Year Ended December 31, 2011

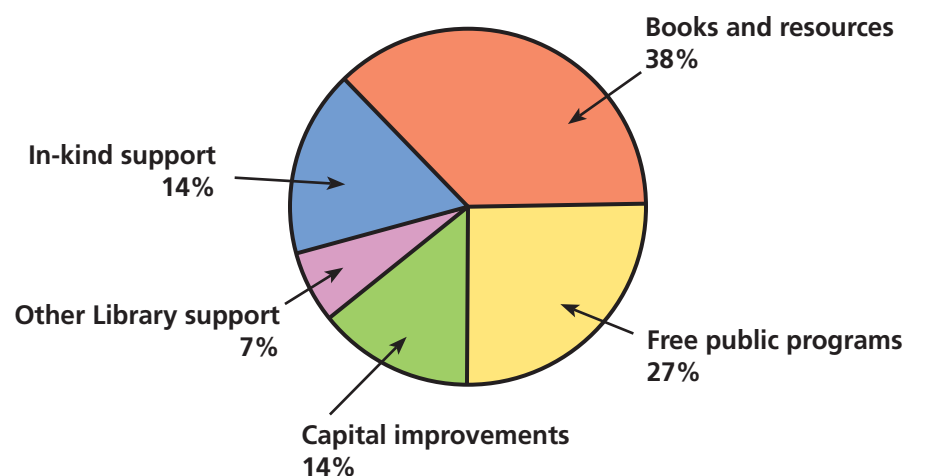
	2011 Figures in Thousands
<b>REVENUE</b>	
Contributions	\$4,401
In-kind contributions	\$586
Endowment and investment income	\$435
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$5,422</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Grants to The Seattle Public Library	
Books and resources	\$1,561
Free public programs	\$1,113
Capital improvements	\$558
Other Library support	\$276
In-kind support	\$561
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,069</b>
Foundation operations	
Administration	\$404
Fundraising	\$289
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$693</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$4,762</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	
Unrestricted	\$9,808
Temporarily restricted by donor	\$9,106
Board-directed quasi-endowment	\$5,952
Permanently restricted endowment	\$26,889
<b>NET ASSETS AT YEAR END</b>	<b>\$51,755</b>

These figures are unaudited. The Foundation's professional audit is completed in the spring in accordance with normal practice.

## Foundation Expenses



## Grants to the Library





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## Thank You to Our Business and Foundation Partners!

The Foundation's success in 2011 was made possible by the thousands of people in our community who gave gifts large and small to support the Library. Our special thanks to the following business and foundations that contributed \$250 or more in cash, employee gift matches, grant funds or in-kind donations in 2011.

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## Your Gifts Make Great Things Happen in Our Libraries

Here's how your gifts affect the work of these Library staff members and serve our community.

The Foundation's funding for early learning programs allows me to create some of the very first library experiences for young children and their families. I have the awesome job of taking programs and resources we offer in our buildings and bringing them out into the community to serve families who need us most. There is no better feeling than seeing a child excited about receiving his or her Raising A Reader bag of books every week or watching a group of caregivers and children interact at Play & Learn groups at their local branch. The Seattle Public Library's resources can help every child in our community learn to love books and reading. Thank you for helping raise the next generation of library lovers!



– CiKeithia Pugh, Early Literacy Program Coordinator

As manager of collections here at The Seattle Public Library, I can't thank the Foundation and all its donors enough for their support of books and materials. In 2011, that support totaled almost \$1.5 million! Your dollars allowed the Library to buy more books, audiobooks, DVDs and music recordings for adults, teens and children, making more than 42,000 new items available on library shelves across the city. Approximately 25% of the 50,000 new ebooks and e-audiobooks added to the Virtual Library in 2011 were funded by the Foundation. *Freegal Music*, a new service added in 2011 and fully funded by the Foundation, offers a collection of over 500,000 songs representing dozens of musical styles and genres. It would be impossible to keep up with our city's appetite for books, music, movies, and online information without your help.



– Tom Horne, Assistant Director of Technical and Collection Services

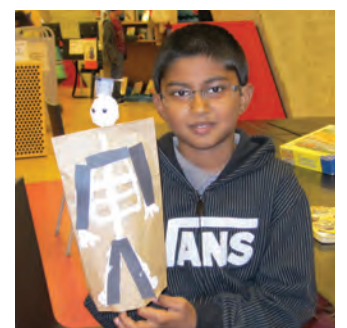
During the 2011 Seattle Reads events, author Chris Cleave raved about the high level of discussion, the engagement of our audiences, and the joy of walking into our meeting rooms packed full of people who wanted to talk about his book and the serious issues it raised. He thanked the Foundation for supporting "the world's best city reads program, one a lot of people have tried to copy but few have really managed to emulate."



I want to thank the Foundation's donors for making Seattle Reads, the A. Scott Bullitt history lecture, Living History with Clay Jenkinson, and many other author events available to everyone in our community. I am the "library lady" who gets stopped and thanked in grocery stores, bookstores, and cafés for bringing all those "great, free programs to us" when really the credit goes to you!

– Chris Higashi, Washington Center for the Book at The Seattle Public Library

Thanks to support from the Library Foundation, I was able to offer a wonderful range of Spanish language programs last year, and to celebrate the many countries and cultures of our Latino patrons. I am most proud of the programs that served families and gave parents an opportunity to show their children that the Library values their heritage. My favorite is Día de los Muertos – we invite families to do traditional art projects like decorating sugar skulls. Children come with parents and grandparents and learn about their own Mexican culture. Some of these programs had lines of people, Latinos and others, waiting for their turn to make traditional art! These programs help the Library send a powerful and important message to immigrants and refugees saying, "You are welcomed and valued here."



– Marcela Calderon-Vodall, Senior Librarian, Outreach Services