Dear Friends,

2016 was truly a remarkable year for The Seattle Public Library Foundation because so many people like you made generous contributions and in-kind gifts to support our Library.

› We completed an important challenge from the Norcliffe Foundation to raise funds for our Program Endowment for Children and Teens. This will provide funding for the Library’s children’s programming for generations to come.

› We received very generous in-kind gifts from Microsoft and Harriet Bullitt—the first will provide important updates to our public computers and the other will give us access to a beautiful rare collection of Edward S. Curtis’s work.

› We were able to place a Community Resource Specialist in the Central Library to assist patrons with complex needs related to housing, employment, legal matters, financial literacy, immigration, as well as physical and mental health care.

› We brought two amazing exhibits to the Central Library—Shakespeare’s First and Third Folios and Streetwise Revisited, the documentary photography of Mary Ellen Mark.

In the past year, the Foundation took on challenges like the ones mentioned above and continued its important investments in Library collections, community engagement, and technology.

The hard work by the Foundation board and staff, combined with your generous support, allowed the Library to do so much more and to touch the lives of so many more people in our community. As part of our donor family, you helped make our Library come alive and keep our city learning, growing and connected.

So, on behalf of the thousands of people from all walks of life who turn to The Seattle Public Library every day to learn or experience something new, my sincere thanks.

Ross C. Baker
President of The Seattle Public Library Foundation

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Thanks to your support of The Seattle Public Library Foundation in 2016:

**98,000**
Children, parents and caregivers attended storytime at the Library gaining important early literacy skills.

**50,000**
Books, materials and online resources were purchased for the Library collection, including 15,000 children’s books.

**28,000**
People saw the First Folio and Streetwise exhibits at the Central Library, a new type of library experience for patrons.

**11,000**
Patrons checked out a museum pass, gaining free access to 17 local arts organizations.

**2,500**
Attended business events, getting free information on how to start or grow a business.

**1,000**
Patrons were served by the Community Resource Specialist, who helped patrons with complex needs related to social services.

**880**
Classes for immigrants and refugees were offered, including ESL, citizenship, world language storytimes, and job search services.
2016 Financial Information

Year Ending December 31, 2016

Contributions

Cash donations $4,706,200
Donated goods and services $6,968,700

Total Contributions $11,674,900

Expenses

Library Support

25% Collections and Resources
13% Other – Training, staff and strategic support
28% Community Engagement

2% Re-Imagined Spaces
5% Technology and Access
4% Seattle Culture and History
1% Marketing

Community Engagement $1,300,400
Youth and Family Learning $1,147,000
Technology and Access $243,000
Seattle Culture and History $187,000
Re-imagined Library spaces $93,000
Marketing $44,700
Other $606,500

Total Library Support $4,657,600

Foundation Operations

Administration $698,500
Fundraising $401,600

Total Operations $1,100,100

Total Expenses $5,757,700

These figures are unaudited. The Foundation’s professional independent audit is released in the spring.

Extraordinary Gifts to the Foundation

Norcliffe Challenge Met

Thanks to more than 500 generous donors, The Seattle Public Library Foundation completed the Norcliffe Challenge—raising $3.5 million for the Library’s Program Endowment for Children and Teens.

In 2014 The Norcliffe Foundation promised that if the Library Foundation could raise $3.5 million for that endowment by December 31, 2016, they would donate an additional $1 million to help fund the many children’s programs the Library offers. The community responded generously to the challenge and by the end of the year, we made it!

Harriet Bullitt

Harriet Bullitt Gives Rare Collection to the Library

Philanthropist Harriet Bullitt donated her rare collection of Edward S. Curtis’ “The North American Indian” to The Seattle Public Library working through the Foundation. Edward Curtis (1868-1952) was an American photographer and ethnologist whose work focused on the American West and Native American peoples.

“The North American Indian” is a collection of 20 informational books and 20 folios of large images, written and photographed by Curtis and his collaborators over the course of nearly 30 years, detailing the traditions and customs of more than 80 of North America’s native nations.

Microsoft Software Donation

In 2016, Microsoft made a generous donation of computer software licenses to the Library through The Seattle Public Library Foundation. The grant will allow the 625 public computers throughout the Library to be upgraded to Windows 10 and Office 2016. It will also improve the Library’s internal computer operations, making its systems faster, more stable, and more secure.
A Special Thank You to our Business, Foundation, and Community Partners

In addition to gifts from more than 5,800 individuals, the Foundation’s success in 2016 was made possible by organizations throughout the community that believe in the power of libraries to enrich lives. We want to thank the following businesses, foundations, and community organizations that contributed $250 or more in cash, employee gift matching programs, grant funds, or in-kind donations in 2016.

Abe & Sidney Block Foundation
Amazon.com
American Endowment Foundation
Bank of America Charitable Gift Fund
Benjamin & Margaret Hall Foundation
Benjamin and Margaret Hall Charitable Lead Trust
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
British Consulate General
Cogan Family Foundation
Elaine and Vincent Bell Foundation
Elliott Bay Book Company
Employees Community Fund of Boeing Puget Sound
Feinberg Foundation
Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund
Friends of The Seattle Public Library
G. W. Cadbury Charitable Trust
Gemperle Brothers
H. D. Fowler Company
Horizon House Residents’ Council
Jewish Community Foundation of Southern Arizona
John C. & Karyl Kay Hughes Foundation
Kunis Foundation
Mayflower Society of Washington State
Milliman
Mirabella Seattle Residents’ Association
Moccasin Lake Foundation
Morgan Stanley
Network for Good
Nintendo of America
Nordstrom
The Norman Raab Foundation
Northwest Literacy Foundation
Open Books: A Poem Emporium
PEMCO
Puget Sound Energy
Raven Foundation
Rotary Club of Ballard
Ruth and Robert Satter Charitable Trust
Seattle Metropolitan Credit Union
Seattle Seahawks
SHKS Architects
Tableau
Tateuchi Foundation
The Boeing Company
The Hanlon Foundation
The Loeb Family Charitable Foundations
The Neukom Family Foundation
The O’Donnell Foundation
The Pride Foundation
The Reed Foundation
The Seattle Foundation
TIAA Charitable
UBS Financial Services
Union Bank N.A.
United Way of King County
University Book Store
US Bank Foundation
Vanguard Charitable
Verizon Wireless
Washington State Employees
Washington Women’s Foundation
Wealth Strategies Group
Wells Fargo
World Vision
Wyman Youth Trust
Yancey C. Blalock Lodge # 265

Legacy Gifts

The Foundation received several generous legacy gifts in 2016 from individuals who included The Seattle Public Library Foundation in their estate plans. Their thoughtful planning will help sustain the Library’s collections, programs, and services for future generations.

Rosalie Alice Edburg
Louise Hafen
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