

Friends of the Oakland Public School Libraries 2016 Annual Report



Mission

The mission of Friends of the Oakland Public School Libraries is to ensure that every OUSD student has access to a quality school library.

Vision

Our vision is that all Oakland public schools have professionally-staffed school libraries with literature and information rich centers of learning for their students, teachers, and broader school communities.

A quality school library meets the Model School Library Standards for California Public Schools adopted by the California Department of Education in September 2010, which defines standards for access, resources and staffing. The California Education Code: Section 18100 states, "The governing board of each school district shall provide school library services for the pupils and teachers of the district by establishing and maintaining school libraries or by contractual arrangements with another public agency."

Letter from the Executive Director



Dear Friends:

An optimist once told me, “You (FOPSL) are not yet where you want to be, but you are no longer where you used to be.” That’s progress! This year we celebrated our fifth anniversary. Those of you that have been on this journey with us for the last five years have seen school libraries appear where there were none, book shelves fill up with popular fiction and nonfiction and old tired libraries become vibrant learning centers.

Together we have witnessed numerous changes at the administrative level in Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) and faced new challenges with each transition. However, in 2016 the pendulum began to swing in the right direction, as FOPSL and OUSD worked in partnership with many other stakeholders to begin updating a board policy for school libraries. By the close of the year, the policy had passed a first review by the Board of Education and will be voted on early in 2017. This policy demonstrates an unprecedented commitment to improving library services district-wide and will provide the framework needed to realize the District’s vision for school libraries.

In the words of another optimist, “And that’s not all, oh no, that’s not all!” (Seuss). FOPSL provided volunteer assistance and stipends to OUSD library staff enrolled in the Diablo Valley College Library Technology Certificate program. We awarded our first Ann Mayo Gallagher Scholarship to Juliana Paslay and were honored that Noemi Alvarado, another dedicated FOPSL volunteer received the OUSD Volunteer of the Year award. Joining the fun at Family Literacy events, we sent hundreds of books home with excited children and families to boost their home libraries. In partnership with OUSD Library Services, FOPSL helped update and organize the libraries at Skyline High School and Bret Harte Middle School and completed the restoration of the library at East Oakland Pride Elementary.

Our 2016 annual report celebrates the progress made and the people that keep up the good work. We hope you enjoy our review of a productive year, with a few glimpses back over the last five years. Your support has made an impact.

Kari Hatch, M.Ed.
Executive Director

FOPSL Volunteers

Yes, those are spider webs that belonged to a large brown arachnid. Also in this photo are hand printed spine labels from the 1950's, woefully outdated books and a quarter inch of dust. This was a shelf in the library at Skyline High School before dedicated, brave and determined FOPSL volunteers came on site.



Gloves were donned.

Books were sorted and polished.



Shelves were emptied and cleaned.



Perfection! All in a day's work of a FOPSL volunteer.

Community Volunteers join FOPSL to support OUSD Libraries



The University of California Office of the President spent a day with FOPSL at East Oakland Pride Elementary School processing books for the library and filling backpacks with books to give away at Family Literacy Night.

FOPSL and We Are Family Wellness Group worked with the District Library Manager, Amy Cheney to begin updating the library at Bret Harte Middle School.



Putting Books in the Lives of OUSD Students

McClymonds Continued...



In 2014, FOPSL and OUSD Library Services stepped through the closed and locked doors of the once beautiful and thriving McClymonds library. For nine years, Mack Warriors were denied access to literature, information and technology, essential to building information literacy and a culture of library use that would prepare them for college and beyond. Hence the process of creating a modern teen centered “learning commons” began, and although slow, progress continues.



Leah Jensen became the project’s lead and motivator when she became the library teacher in 2015. While the physical space continues to evolve, Leah is creating a welcoming, comfortable library that inspires students to pick up a book, often for the first time, and read.

In 2016, FOPSL purchased over \$6500 worth of popular teen fiction, graphic novels, biographies and informational texts for McClymonds’ library.



OUSD Library Technician Scholars

The OUSD/ Diablo Valley Library Technology Certificate program that was spearheaded by FOPSL and District Library Services, got off to a great start in April. Fourteen OUSD library clerks became a cohort of scholars. These dedicated library staff will take 18 credit hours over a year and a half to achieve their certification. Through a generous donation, FOPSL has been able to provide each participant with a small stipend to help offset travel and material expenses.



Reference/Research Services

Information Literacy

Computer Technology for Libraries

Library Access/Technical Services



Diablo Valley College Library Technology student Todd Davis runs the library that is shared by Manzanita Community and Manzanita SEED elementary schools. He feels these classes have opened up a whole world of understanding about how the library works. "I've learned about great research tools and wonderful sites for finding new and diverse titles for our library."

FOPSL provided support to the DVC cohort library staff by helping with end of year inventories, book processing, shelving and other general library tasks.

Community Support



Ethan Nosowsky, Editorial Director of Graywolf Press, led a lively discussion with award winning novelist and San Francisco Chronicle columnist Vanessa Hua at FOPSL's third annual fundraising event.



The event opened with Skyline drama teacher and OUSD Oratorical Director Awele Makeba introducing Skyline High School student Nadia Brooks, who read a poignant original piece of poetry.

Putting a little fun in fundraising!

The Oakland community came out for two festive opportunities to support FOPSL and OUSD libraries. Eric Paul Anderson gave an exquisite piano recital, playing works by Beethoven, Liszt and Scriabin.



Underwood Café hosted a variety of local artists that shared a portion of their evening sales with FOPSL to support Oakland public school Libraries.



Supporting Family Literacy

Owning books is fundamental to increasing literacy for children. FOPSL collected thousands of books to give away at Family Literacy Events.



Global Family Elementary School



East Oakland Pride Elementary School

Awards and Recognitions

Noami Alvarado, a dedicated FOPSL volunteer, was honored as OUSD Volunteer of the Year for 2016. Noami has volunteered in OUSD libraries and worked with FOPSL for the last five years. She has volunteered every week in the library at Bridges Academy for the last three years.



Juliana Paslay was the first recipient of the Ann Mayo Gallagher (AMG) Scholarship award. Juliana is the library clerk at East Oakland Pride elementary school, pursuing her Master of Library and Information Science degree from San Jose State University.



FOPSL offers two AMG scholarships a year. This scholarship provides reimbursement for OUSD employees enrolled in an accredited school librarianship program, a Master in Library and Information Sciences (M.L.I.S.) degree program or a teacher credentialing program if he/she already holds a M.L.I.S. degree.

School Libraries are the Literacy and Information Hub of the School

A glimpse back in time.

Over the last five years, FOPSL has worked tirelessly to help OUSD open library doors and advocate for a district policy and funding to keep library doors open. This collaborative endeavor has been made possible by numerous volunteers, businesses, foundations, individual donors, community-based organizations, principals, parents, OUSD library staff, OUSD board of education and OUSD administration. In celebration of our fifth anniversary we share a few photos of OUSD libraries that are thriving because of this work.



Fruitvale Elementary in 2011 and in 2016



Global Family Elementary in 2012 and in 2016





Community United Elementary School/Futures Elementary School in 2012 and in 2016



Rise Community/New Highland Elementary School in 2013 and in 2016.



Bella Vista Elementary School in 2014 and in 2016



Financial Summary

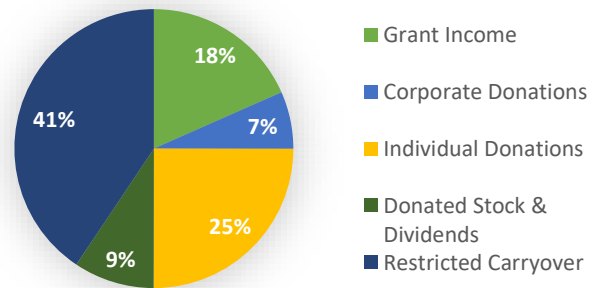
For the year ending December 31, 2016

Income

Grant Income	\$11,000
Corporate Donations	3,981
Individual Donations	14,968
Donated Stock & Dividends	5,603
<u>Restricted Carryover</u>	<u>24,217</u>

Total Income **\$59,869**

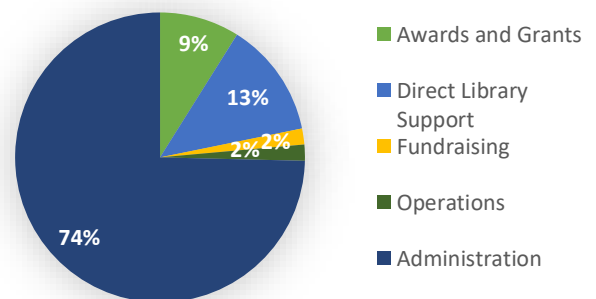
Income



Expenses

Awards and Grants	\$ 4,750
Direct Library Support	\$ 6,858
Operations	949
Fundraising	957
<u>Administration</u>	<u>39,737</u>
Total Expenses	\$53,251

Expenses



Volunteer hours = 3400 Monthly average = 283

In-Kind Donations



Janette Maher is a retired school librarian. She donated several hundred beautiful new hardcover books to OUSD school libraries in 2016.

The following individuals and organizations gave generous in-kind donations in 2016.

Jon and Connie Hartung	Friends of the Oakland Public Library
Nancy Auker	Oakland Literacy Coalition
Susie Goodin	East Bay Children's Book Project
Orinda Public Library	Oakland Public Library
Whole Foods	Water Front Hotel
IKEA	Carlene and Richard Anderson
Thomas Kaun	Charles Rath
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We extend our appreciation to these foundations, businesses and individuals for their generous support in 2016:

The Rogers Family Foundation	The Elder Family Foundation
Jon and Connie Hartung	The East Bay Community Foundation
The Kate Family Foundation	Intel Volunteer Grant Program
PG&E Campaign for Community	Kaiser Permanente Community Giving
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**In memory of Wendy Shuken
our dear friend and dedicated FOPSL volunteer.**

