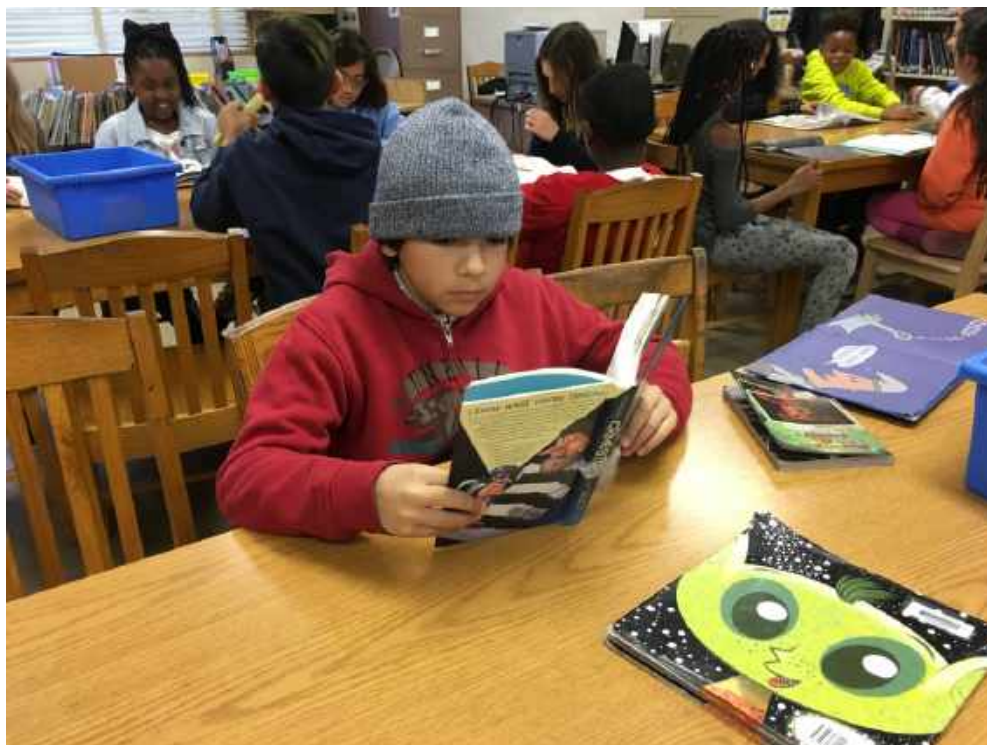


Friends of the Oakland Public School Libraries 2017 Annual Report



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

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."



Dear Friends,

Everybody can use an advocate, someone that looks out for them, a best friend. That is how I see our role in Oakland. We are an advocate for school libraries, promoting everything about school libraries from quality books and resources to professional staffing qualified to prepare students for success in their education and beyond. Supporting school libraries is not as simple as raising funds for resources or providing volunteers to assist library staff, not when there are closed libraries across Oakland Unified

School District. I believe that awareness and education are the first steps toward remediation.

In 2017, Friends of the Oakland Public School Libraries intensified our awareness campaign. After a year of working with the District and community stakeholders on a policy for school libraries, the School Board unanimously approved Board Policy 6361.1 in March, demonstrating their intent to provide equitable access to a professionally staffed quality school library for every student in OUSD.

This year OUSD convened a cross section of stakeholders on the Blue Print for Quality Advisory Committee, charged with reviewing District goals for improving facilities and programming. As a member of this committee, I promoted school libraries as core infrastructure of a quality school and encouraged the community to advocate for school libraries as fundamental to quality through the Blue Print Survey.

For the first time, community partners that provide support for OUSD libraries met with District Library Services on a monthly basis. These meetings were designed to share information, open lines of communication and build collaborative partnerships in support of libraries.

In December, it was announced that the District Library Manager position would be a casualty of dramatic mid-year cuts, FOPSL stood strong with District Library staff in support of this critical District position and it was reinstated.

Our work, our successes and our ability to support libraries is a collective effort of our funders, the community, library staff, parents, students, teachers and principals. School libraries are on the District's radar and if all goes as planned will become part of the District's strategic plan as an impactful investment in strong literacy and academic support.

I invite you to review our year of advocacy and support for school libraries.

Warmly,

Kari Hatch, Executive Director

Building Capacity

Dagmar Serota joined FOPSL as Development Director, bringing her wealth of knowledge in finance from the corporate world and experience working for five years in the library at Sankofa Academy.



Nancy Rowell is a retired Teacher Librarian with over 25 years working in school libraries, as a District Librarian and as a college instructor in library sciences. She joined our Board of Directors early in the year and also serves on our Advisory Group.

Natalie Van Tassell joined the FOPSL Board of Directors. Natalie worked for 35 years as a high school counselor and most recently served on the board of Volunteering for Oakland.



Direct Support to School Libraries

Putting Books in the Hands of Kids



FOPSL awarded ten OUSD elementary schools with \$500 each for the purchase of quality library books. Since most OUSD libraries do not have funds to keep up with student requests or books that are so popular they are worn and torn, FOPSL began their Elaine Wells - Book Kids Want to Read Fund (BKWTR).

Temple Sinai People of the Book Project and Faith Network of East Bay provided matching funds for a couple of schools.

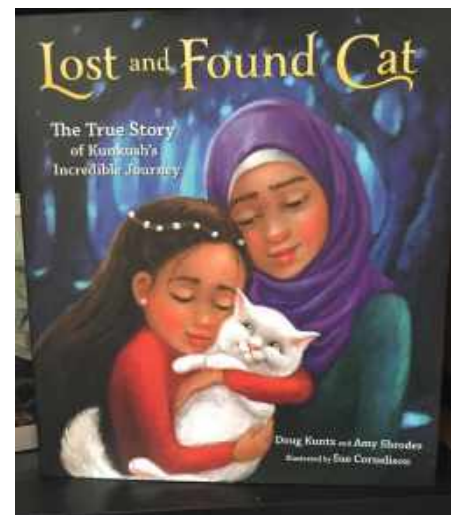


The Oakland Community Contributes Multicultural Titles



Pat and Sandra Hayashi donated \$500 to FOPSL for the purchase of Fred Korematsu Speaks Up by Laura Atkins and Stan Yogi. FOPSL made the purchase through Heyday Publishers, Berkeley, CA and delivered the books to District Library Services for distribution to school libraries.

Mohamed Mugalli Saleh, the Imam at As-Salam Mosque donated \$500 to FOPSL to purchase a copy of the book Lost and Found Cat by Doug Kuntz and Amy Shrodes for every elementary school library.



A Place for Books



FOPSL volunteers Ann Gallagher, Ellaine Wells and Shantha Ursell passed out classy white bins to students at the Rise Community and New Highland Academy Family Reading Night. IKEA donated 250 Pluggis bins so children would have a special place to keep their books at home.

Over 1000 books were donated by East Bay Children's Book Project, Orinda Public Library and many individuals.



Crafts and Beer = Support for Libraries



Temescal Brewing and Stephanie Wells hosted an arts and crafts fair in the spring. Aritisans shared a percent of their profits with FOPSL.

FOPSL Volunteers are Dedicated



FOPSL volunteers contributed over **2100 hours** supporting OUSD libraries.

Volunteers spent a few days at Oakland Military Academy to help library staff clean and reorganize.



Long time FOPSL volunteers Shantha Ursell and Jon Hartung lent a hand at Laurel Elementary School Library.



Volunteers Ann Gallagher and Shundeen Martinez helped out at Allendale and Sankofa.

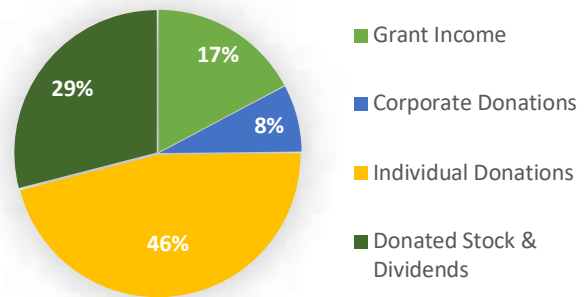


Financial Summary

For the year ending December 31, 2017

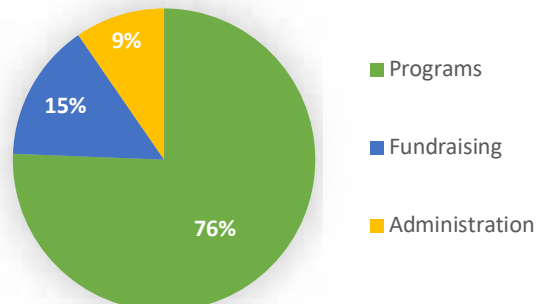
Income and Assets

Grant Income	\$12,500
Corporate Donations	5,514
Individual Donations	33,489
Stock & Dividends	21,049
Total Income	\$72,552



Expenses

Programs	\$41,657
Fundraising	8,144
Administration	5,287
Total Expenses	\$55,089



Our Supporters

We are grateful to the many foundations, businesses and individuals that made generous donations to Friends of the Oakland Public School Libraries in 2017. These contributions are critical to support our work and help ensure every OUSD student has access to a school library.

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