



2018 Annual Report

This was an exciting year with great success in fundraising culminating in the opening of the new Brentwood Library. The funds came from many individual donors, organizations and foundations.

After being awarded a grant for \$300,000 in 2017 from the Leshner Foundation, we applied for other grants. We received a donation from the Fremont Bank Foundation for \$30,000 after they sponsored our 2017 author luncheon for \$1000. We applied to the Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation for \$45,400 to fund a laptop kiosk with twelve laptops and received that amount. An application to the HEDCO Foundation resulted in a donation of \$22,751 to pay for furniture for the children's room. Also, John Muir Health gave us a \$500 donation for health books and programs.

We were also supported by large community groups. We organized a campaign through the Brentwood Union School District called "Love Our Libraries--Bucks for Books." Students donated money to be split between children's books for the Brentwood Library and the school libraries. This resulted in the School District and the library each receiving \$3,827 and unmeasurable publicity. Also, for the second year The Art Guild of the Delta raised funds for the library's art through their Banner Up! event. We held a small reception to receive their check of \$4,093 and to thank people who donated four banners that are hanging in the library.

In April, we invited donors and potential donors to a Sneak-a-Peek. We had refreshments and tours of the construction, which generated more excitement about the building project.

Finally, on September 29, 2018, the big day arrived. At least 5,000 people attended the opening with many enthusiastic comments. There was entertainment throughout the day, and the Foundation and Friends of the Brentwood Library supplied prizes for people who completed their "passports." We also jointly supported a Brentwood Chamber of Commerce Mixer in the library in November.

Our donations have always been recorded in the Donor Perfect program. That shows that we have had 353 donors with 411 gifts for a total of \$594,840. We have also had four fundraising events since 2015 resulting in a total closer to \$700,000. Our goal was \$625,000, so we are thrilled that we surpassed that. These funds have allowed us to purchase furniture, a 3-D printer, 10 sewing machines, cabinets and flooring for the Makerspace, the children's portal, early literacy kiosk, the wood wall in the Community Room, the wood tree in the children's room, landing bench at the stairwell, metal oak tree sculpture, young adult books, the laptop kiosk with computers, bronze book bench, and the plaques for the Keystone Donor wall.

The Foundation continues our outreach through our website, www.brentwoodlibraryfoundation.org, and our Facebook and Instagram accounts. We look forward to another positive year in 2019 with an emphasis on purchasing art for the library.

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