FFRPL Report to MCLS Board – June 2019

Good day. Just a brief update on the Friends & Foundation office since we last met.

MONEY
Our 2018-19 Annual Campaign ends this month, and we have surpassed our June 30th goal with three weeks still left, raising a total of $237,586 from about 1900 people – of those, about seven percent are new donors and more than 1/3 are our Legacy Donors (givers of 10+ years). Some are from to our teleparty last month, and people who responded to those calls were also sent Planned Giving information, so they may support the Library now and forever – people like Dr. Burton Spiller, who gave us $15 in 1999, $30 in 2003, and then a $26,000 bequest last month, a pattern we often see in people who have the Library in their estate plans.

In good grant news, this month the Ames Amzalak Memorial Trust just completed paying their $6000 FC2C pledge and signed on for a new $6000 pledge for the Rundel Terrace Project. We expect to hear this week if we will receive any additional grant funding for the Terrace from the Gannett Foundation.

PROGRAMS/MARKETING and EVENTS
On June 4, we held the annual Director’s Lunch, and Patty presented both the Rundel Terrace and Branch Facilities plan to more than 60 donors at the $250+ level – annual fall events for retirees and volunteers are being planned right now.

You’ll recall on May 30, the Central Library celebrated the Carlson Center’s 20th Anniversary as a Patent & Trademark Resource Center (PTRC), and renamed it the Carlson Center for Intellectual Property. The Center has been partially supported since it began by grants to the FFRPL through the Chester F. Carlson Family Trust. Patent and trademark luminaries from Washington DC and Rochester came for the anniversary program, and the folks from the US Patent & Trademark Office told us the staff, patron service work and the level of FFRPL and Library Administration support for the Carlson Center was impressive and unique.

Also impressive and unique: FFRPL’s latest Annual Report, which we published on our website last month and printed copies of which should be mailed in the next month along with RPL’s Annual Report, which they are finalizing right now. Both reports document the extraordinary and critical impact the Library has on our community, and the strength of the RPL and FFRPL partnership.

And don’t forget these upcoming events:

Tomorrow, June 18, is the last of three lunchtime June Jazz Trios in the lovely Dorris Carlson Reading Garden, sponsored by FFRPL through the generosity of an anonymous music lover – this is an opening act to the Central Library’s annual The Jazz Starts Here Lunchtime Concerts in the Garden, during the Rochester International Jazz Festival in the last week of June.

The Local History & Genealogy Division’s community exhibition Stonewall: 50 Years Out (sponsored by FFRPL and Trillium Health) remains on view through July 20, with a special remembrance in Harold Hacker Hall on Stonewall Anniversary Day of June 28.