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Dear Friend,

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2016 was another banner year for the Friends of the Guilford Free Library. With almost \$100,000 raised through book sales and membership dues, the Friends were able to support ongoing programs and services, and sponsor exciting new initiatives:

- Technology, technology, technology! The Friends provided 2 new laptops, 4 new Chromebooks, 2 new 3-D Printers/Scanners and a newly overhauled Meeting Room Microphone system.
- A bright red fire truck now delights “preschool firefighters” in the Children’s room.
- Staff attended a national Computers in Libraries program and the American Library Association Conference.
- A “Book Club Collection” was kick started with a \$3,000 extra gift from the Friends. These titles enhance and support the many active book groups in Guilford.
- The Friends again led two seasonal “pop up” book sales. December featured merchandise for holiday gift giving and May combined paperbacks with books about spring, gardening, and outdoor activities.

Friends' hard earned dollars continue to support additions to the print and non-print collections and fund illuminating programs. Friends' support is vital to making the library a vibrant and welcoming hub of community learning. For example, library patrons checked out over 250,000 items and attended over 4,100 programs, with 31,000 attendees.

We hope you will join us on the first Tuesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. If you wish to participate and work with the Friends on any of our projects, please call me at 203 457-0083. We welcome new Friends as well as old Friends.

If you have not yet become a member or to renew your membership, please return the enclosed envelope with your tax deductible 2017 contribution.

Thank you,

Douglas Gregory, President

- If you wish to receive advance notice of all library events, please include your email.

Check out our Friends of the Library page at www.guilfordfreelibrary.org