

**HANSON PUBLIC
LIBRARY
FOUNDATION, INC.**

Annual Report

2023

HANSON PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OFFICERS

John Papp	President
Teresa Santalucia	Vice President
Linda Wall	Treasurer
Dianna McDevitt	Recording Secretary
Jen Hickey	Corresponding Secretary

DIRECTORS

Corinne Cafardo
Mark Haydon
Betsy Jackson
Nancy Myers
JoAnne Ricca

JUNIOR DIRECTORS

Jillian Coose
Erin Fager
Mariela Santalucia

EX OFFICIO DIRECTOR

Karen Stolfer, Library Director



The Hanson Public Library Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation designed to operate exclusively for the benefit of the Hanson Public Library.

The goal of The Hanson Public Library Foundation is to help the Hanson Public Library reach a higher standard of excellence by supplementing funds received from public sources with private financial support.

MISSION

- Expand public support, understanding, and use of the Library.
- Increase and improve the resources of the Hanson Public Library.
- Supplement, augment, and complement the basic Library programs by providing new opportunities that would only be available through private resources.
- Sponsor literary, cultural, musical, and artistic programs, and secure materials of cultural value for the Library.
- Encourage, receive, solicit, accept, hold, administer, and invest gifts, grants, endowments, and bequests for the benefit of the Library.

USES OF FOUNDATION FUNDS

- Fund capital projects that would benefit the Library. Such projects might include Library construction and building renovations.
- Create a general endowment fund.
- Sponsor musical, artistic, literary, cultural, and educational programs.
- Secure cultural enrichment materials for the Library.
- Promote literacy and lifelong learning.

MEMBERSHIP

- Any individual, association, organization, partnership, or corporation interested in the purposes of the Foundation will become a member upon payment of annual dues.
- Donors attain lifetime 1884 Society Membership once their cumulative contribution level reaches \$5000.

FOUNDING MEMBERS

Barbara Anderson
Dorothy Corbeels
East Bridgewater Veterinary Clinic
Joanne Estes
Richard & Janet Fougere
Al & Carolyn Galambos
Thomas & Jennifer Hickey
Philip & Justine Huntley
Antonia Leverone
Gerry & Gret Lozeau

William & Ellen McDonough
Kathleen Needleman
Clayton & Leslie Prario
John & Beatrice Reynolds
Nancy Shave
Robert Shave
Kurt & Donna Spencer
Ruth Stephansky
Robert & Mary Lou Sutter
John & Linda Wall

HISTORY OF THE FOUNDATION

- March 2003: The Hanson Public Library Board of Trustees established a subcommittee to research foundations and make recommendations for a library foundation.
- January 2006: Foundation Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation were approved by the Library Trustees and filed with the Commonwealth of MA.
- March 2006: The Hanson Public Library Foundation, Inc. was established.
- September 2006: The Hanson Public Library Foundation, Inc. was granted nonprofit status.
- February 2007: The Hanson Public Library Foundation, Inc. Endowment Fund was established.
- February 2008: The Hanson Public Library Foundation, Inc. was recognized by Shaw's as an outstanding local nonprofit organization for its contributions to the community and was awarded a \$1000 grant.
- January 2016: Hanson Public Library Foundation, Inc. accepted a \$351,690 bequest from the estate of patron Bruno Guerra.
- September 2019: The Hanson Public Library launched *In the Middle Book Club* and *Half-Day Hangouts* in memory of Mary (Gret) Lozeau.
- Fall 2020: The Foundation launched a Facebook page and an online giving website.
- October 2021: The Foundation launched *Adopt A Reading Buddy* program for beginner readers.
- November 2022: The Hanson Public Library Foundation, Inc. was awarded a \$40,000 Economic Development Act Earmark by the State for Library expansion, renovations and improvements.
- January-December 2023: The Foundation spent \$13,700 of the Economic Development Earmark for a Library Consultant to create the new *Strategic Plan* and *Library Building Program* in preparation for a Library Construction Grant.





Foundation Directors, Officers, and Members,

We had a very busy year. Based on the new Foundation Bylaws, we had our first annual Director's meeting where the general public was invited to join us for the 2023 election of Directors. A presentation of the past year's accomplishments was reviewed along with a few treats following. In February, the officers were elected, and I returned as the president.

We had our first "Singo" which is a bingo type game based on song titles. While the venue was considerably cramped, and the restaurant was expecting considerably less participants, we all had a good time. The DJ supplied a number of prizes, and there was a grand prize of a gift certificate to the restaurant.

We also had our "Annual Trivia Night" contest at Camp Kiwanee. These are used as our fundraisers to support the library, their programs, and future developments like Library improvements.

We held our "Annual Basket Sale," surpassing previous total sales and the number of baskets for sale. Thanks to the Foundation's Basket Team for making it a success. This too, is one of our major fundraisers. Your support was outstanding. The "Reading Buddies" program continues with Ty, Inc. supplying a supply of "buddies." This has also been followed up with the Library having a buddies' sleepover during the year. Another event was the annual "Library Open House" with pastries and treats supplied. "Music in the Library" seems to have become an annual event. The group played music at request; many songs based on the '60s through the '80s with a few even more recent.

One of our huge accomplishments, with credit to Karen Stolfer and our area representative Josh Cutler, was an economic grant which we've been using to plan and develop a strategic plan for the Library. You may have been asked to supply what you would like to see in the new or updated Library; this input is going into a document for future Library development. The development of the Strategic Plan is in cooperation with Karen Stolfer, Library Director, the Trustees, and the Foundation. There is also a breakout committee pulling all this data together along with a professional developer, Ruth Kowal, leading.

We have another busy year, with the previously mentioned "Singo" and Trivia in the plan, plus other programs we lead and sponsor. You are all invited to join us at our meetings and certainly at our events. These will be announced on several social media sites and often on the electronic board outside the Town Hall.

I thank you all for your continued support of the Foundation and of the Library. It is your support that keeps us going.

John Papp
Hanson Public Library Foundation President



Dear Library Community,

I'm pleased to share with you all of the great accomplishments that occurred in 2023 thanks to the support of the Hanson Public Library Foundation.

Library support funds from the Foundation were vital in enriching our programs and collections. With the Foundation's help, we continued our mobile hotspot service, provided a wide range of events from yoga to paint-by-sticker to *Singo*, and sponsored author talks with historical fiction writer Jane Healey, former Hanson resident Martha Hall Kelly, and cookbook author Tammy Donroe Inman. We welcomed Gregory Hischak for a presentation on Edward Gorey, and Tom O'Carroll for *A Concert of Irish Music*. Returning were the Foundation's immensely popular *Annual Trivia Night*, *Music in the Library* with Kelsey Gilbert and Paul Doolittle, and Heidi's ice cream coupons for our summer reading participants. Proceeds from the *Holiday Gift Sale* exceeded expectations, and a visit from costumed character Mario followed by an Animal World Experience show made the 18th *Annual Open House* one of the most successful in recent years. The day was also an opportunity to honor the award recipients of our 8th *Annual Art Show*.

The Foundation continued to recognize the importance of early literacy through its funding of the *Adopt a Reading Buddy* beginning reader program, which is still going strong. Participants were invited to celebrate the program's two-year anniversary with a *Pizza Party and Sleepover*. The children were thrilled to see the adorable PowerPoint presentation featuring their buddies engaging in fun activities (and some mischief!) while spending the night in the Library. We're grateful to the Foundation and Ty, Inc. for their support of this popular literacy program.

Memorial donations made through the Foundation are very much appreciated and vital as well. Thomas Moore memorial funds made possible our other early literacy program *1000 Books Before Kindergarten*, and children used the Makerspace Cart purchased in memory of Ellen Gustafson to build amazing creations. The middle grade book collection was enhanced with Mary "Gret" Lozeau memorial funds, which also supported *Half-Day Hangouts* for teens to enjoy food taste tests, henna tattoos, inflatable jumpers, button making, and cookie decorating. A donation made in memory of Marie Caci was used to hold a *No Sew Quilt Workshop*, purchase titles promoting women in the sciences, and was crucial in adding new memory care kits and a children's coding robot to our Library of Things.

Thank you to Hanson Public Library Foundation members, donors, and volunteers for all their hard work in 2023. Generous donations by members and donors provided financial resources to enrich Library offerings throughout the year. Foundation volunteers are committed to supporting the community through their service to the Library and invest many hours to make Foundation events an enjoyable experience for all participants. I'm immensely grateful for the Foundation's continued support of our goal to pursue a state construction grant and excited to plan wonderful Foundation-sponsored events for 2024.

Sincerely,

Karen Stolfer
Library Director

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MEMBERS BY CATEGORIES

1884 SOCIETY MEMBERS

Marie Ann Caci - In Memoriam
Carolyn & Al Galambos
Bruno Guerra
Ellen Johnson Gustafson - In Memoriam
Mary (Gret) Lozeau - In Memoriam
Linda & John Wall

PATRON

\$5000 TO \$9999

Corinne & Fred Cafardo - In Memory of Marie Ann Caci

ASSOCIATES

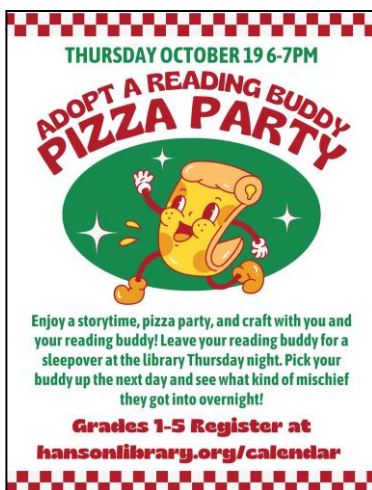
\$1000 TO \$4999

Sally Cavicchi - In Memory of Dan Cavicchi

CONTRIBUTORS

\$500 TO \$999

Maureen & Joseph Geller, In Memory of Mary (Gret) Lozeau
Linda & John Wall



SUPPORTERS

\$100 to \$499

Anonymous (3)
Barbara Anderson
Maryanne Bray
Corinne & Fred Cafardo
Christine Cameron
Linda Carey
Chiccarelli Family, In Memory of Tom Moore
Andrea & Leonard Cipolla III
Amy & Keith Clemens
Marianne DiMascio & Nicholas Donohue
Karen Duclos
E. Sheehan Corporation
Joanne Estes
Louise Grant
Leslie Anderson Hickey
Mary House
Margaret Kitchenham
Antonia Leverone

Maurine & Philip Lindquist
Gillian & Gregory Litchfield
Dianna & Jim McDevitt
Ellen & William McDonough
Annette & Henry Monet
Kathleen Moore, In Memory of Tom Moore
Maryanne Moore, In Memory of Mary (Gret)
Lozeau
Nancy & Keith Myers
Rose & John Papp
Janet Perkins
Rosemary Richards
Teresa & Pepper Santalucia
Shaw's Supermarket, Hanson
Patricia & Lionel Swan, In Memory of Mary
(Gret) Lozeau
Maureen Twomey



DONORS

\$10 TO \$99

Anonymous (8)	Mary & Bryan Kienke
Allison Andrews	Ramona & David Mansfield
Ann & Gus Beaton	Janice Miley
Carolyn Belmore	Eileen Moore, In Memory of Tom Moore
Barbara Bergin	Betty & Joseph O'Sullivan
Linda & Lance Bertino	Geoffrey Potter
Judith & Joseph Bina	Donna & Richard Powers
Madeline & Charles Cannon	Timothy Qualter
Joanne Clemons	Susan & Dexter Robinson
Noel Constantino	Mary Ryan
Clarice Doliber	Sylvia Salas
Jane Downie	Carol & Peter Smith
Jane Durante	Donna & Kurt Spencer
Linda & David Dymont	Joan Sullivan
Lorraine Edwards	Penelope Troupe
Nancy Gaffey, In Memory of Mary (Gret) Lozeau	Ann Weiss, In Memory of Mary (Gret) Lozeau
Jen & Tom Hickey	Ann Weiss
Michele & James Hickey	Denise Wilson
Mary Ann & Fred Johnson	Leslie Wolfe
Barbara & John Kelly	

GIFTS IN KIND

Corinne Cafardo	Marianne Naffah
Lori Cook	John Papp
Jillian Coose	Joanne Ricca
Erin Fager	Ty. Inc.
Pam Fager	Linda Wall
Dianna McDevitt	Kim Walters



TREASURER'S REPORT

2023 Financial Summary for Hanson Public Library Foundation, Inc.

December 31, 2023

Deposits		
Category	Amount	Percentage
Membership Contributions	\$5949.54	18.00%
MA Economic Development Earmark	\$13,700.00	41.45%
Memorial Donations	\$8397.22	25.40%
Holiday Gift Sale	\$2919.05	8.83%
Trivia Night	\$1231.12	3.72%
Singo	\$808.50	2.45%
Yoga	\$40.00	0.12%
Cookbooks	\$10.00	0.03%
TOTAL	\$33,055.43	100%

Expenditures		
Category	Amount	Percentage
Foundation programs, activities	\$618.39	2.18%
Planning and Design Consultant	\$16,800.00	59.19%
Open House	\$950.00	3.35%
Library Support*	\$2386.52	8.41%
Memorial Fund Programs/Purchases	\$2941.93	10.36%
Postage, Mailing Permit & Stamps	\$479.57	1.69 %
Endowment Purchase	\$2682.00	9.45%
Supplies & Materials	\$371.47	1.31%
Tax Preparation	\$1100.00	3.88%
Tax Filing Fees	\$53.50	0.19%
TOTAL	\$28,383.38	100%

Bank Summary – Checking Account

Checking Acct. Balances – January 1, 2023	\$8211.10
Total 2023 Income	\$33,055.43
Total 2023 Expenditures	\$28,383.38
Checking Balances as of December 31, 2023	\$12,883.15

Investment Account

Beginning Balance Jan. 1, 2023	\$503,216.44
2023 Endowment Purchase	\$2682.00
Change in Investment Value	\$56,646.70
Ending Balance Dec. 31, 2023	\$562,545.14
Balance as of 12/31/2023: \$562,545.14	

The Foundation remains financially sound with an operating budget based upon the previous year's income. The conservative investment portfolio responded favorably to higher interest rates and market gains. Generous donations and proceeds from Trivia Night, Singo, and the Holiday Gift Sale are major sources of income. Dedicated volunteers keep operating expenses low and allow more funds to be available to support the Library and enhance its offerings. Thank you to our members and supporters who are critical to the Foundation's success.

*Includes programs, mobile hotspots, newsletter mailing

2023 Hanson Public Library Foundation Highlights

