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Your Library in 2018/2019 (borrowed from the Duluth Library Foundation annual reports, gathered from the Duluth Public Library annual report and staff):

927,330 visits to the library, in person and online

27,716 people attended 803 free programs

81,685 the number of times the library's public computers were used for research, to look for jobs or housing, to access email, to play games, and much more

868,740 items were checked out or downloaded

41,580 card holders

4,394 hours were donated by 132 volunteers who orchestrated book sales, assisted with library programs, provided materials for people who are homebound, delivered books requested by local inmates, and more

In June we presented the Duluth Public Library a check for \$15,000 from the Friends. The staff, though unable to provide services to the public in the building, have been very creative in finding new ways of serving the community. Programs, storytime and trivia contests for teens and adults are offered online, a monthly book club happens on Zoom. Materials are available via curbside pickup. "Curbside crafts" take-and-make projects for kids are also available. Summer reading took place. Some of the funds were used to purchase prizes for summer reading, supplies for craft projects, giveaway books, PR materials to help promote services. There was increased spending on downloadable e-books and audiobooks.

Thank you for helping the Friends of the Duluth Public Library support the Library and its many ways of serving our community.

Marcia K. Semerau, President

Please visit the Friends of the Duluth Public Library website at friendsofdpl.com for updates concerning book sales, annual meeting, events.

Carla's Corner

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As we've all gotten more used to the many changes that the past several months have brought, I hope you've been able to discover and make use of the new services that the library is offering.

Curbside pickup at the Main Library began last April and continues to be a popular option for borrowing materials. If you haven't used curbside yet I'd encourage you to give it a try. All you need to do is log into your library account and place a hold on the items you want to pick up. Once you are notified that the items are ready, stop by the Main Library and let us know you're here by texting or walking up to the table. We'll gather your items, check them out, and deliver them outside. It's easy, convenient, and contactless.

Returns are being accepted 24 hours a day, seven days a week at the Main Library. If you're still hanging on to those books that you checked out last February, we'd love to have them back so we can make them available to others in the community.

Computers and internet access have become even more crucial these days as so many services have moved online. In October we opened up the Computer Center at the Main Library for one-hour appointments.

If you're looking for a fun, socially distanced activity for your family, check out our GooseChase scavenger hunts. All you need is a smartphone, the Goosechase app, and a sense of fun and adventure.

For more information about these services and updates about anything new, please visit the library's website at www.duluthlibrary.org or call us at 218-730-4200. Phones are staffed from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 1 to 7 p.m. on Thursday.

Thank you for being a Friend of the Library. Your support makes many of these services and programs possible.

An Opportunity for Friends

A committee is being formed to explore additional opportunities and benefits for Friends Members. If you would like to brainstorm ideas, please send an email to: info@friendsofdpl.com You will be contacted in early 2021.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Friends of the Duluth Public Library on Give to the Max Day. Your generosity is truly appreciated!



Membership renewal

Your membership is active from January to December.

As a member, you will have early access to the next Annual Book Sale and receive the newsletter.

To save printing and postage costs, the mailing list will be trimmed to current members only.

Please consider renewing your membership. We invite you to join us at any level.

If everyone who receives this newsletter renewed at just the Good Friend level, we could raise over \$9,500.00.

We need your help

Due to COVID-19, the Friends of the Duluth Public Library was unable to hold its annual book sale which typically brings in \$20,000.00 for the Library.

In the past, our fundraising has helped the Library in multiple ways such as providing funds for programming, the purchase of materials, guest performers and electronic resources.

Together we can continue to support these vital services.

Whether or not you renew your membership, please make a donation.

If everyone who receives this newsletter gave \$10.00, we could raise over \$6,500.00.

Many thanks for your support.

Renew your membership and make a donation using the form below.

Name

Email Address

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Phone

_____ Good Friend \$15

_____ Family Friend \$30

_____ Best Friend \$50

_____ True Friend \$100

_____ Loyal Friend \$200

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