



**Stillwater Public Library Foundation  
2019 IMPACT REPORT**

*with deep appreciation for  
and in support of*

*the Extraordinary Librarians & Staff  
of the  
Stillwater Public Library*



It is an honor and a privilege to serve our community on the Stillwater Public Library Foundation.

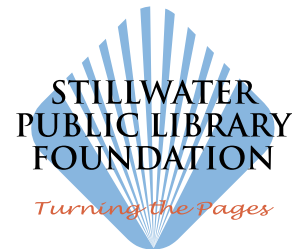
Ann Wolff has done such a wonderful job the past 11 years in setting up the SPLF to be successful and tremendous supporter of the Library. I know she would say that she couldn't do that without thanking you for your support and love for the Library.

The Library remains a wonderful resource and a staple for everyone in our community. As a resource to our community, everyone can go in and come out a new person thanks to everything it has to offer. Some people come in and use it as a place to study and grow. While others find it a wonderful place to catch up on the news. Maybe you want to escape daily life for a little while with a good fantasy or romance novel, no problem there. Perhaps you find yourself in the library for the same reason I go so often, the numerous children's books and programs that help me instill a love of reading and thirst for knowledge in my kids.

Regardless of why you go to the library and choose to help support, you have my deepest thanks. Without your help and support, we wouldn't have such a wonderful place that we can call our own.

With gratitude,

Shawn Glaser  
2020 President  
Stillwater Public Library Foundation



# THE LIBRARY AND ITS WEB OF ALLIANCES

## who what when where why

Before a public library was established in Stillwater, the city had a history of making reading materials available to its residents through a library association and a lending library. Neither of these organizations was a true public library, however, because citizens had to pay per use for the service. In 1897, voters (men) went to the polls and passed a referendum to establish a city library.

When local attorney S. Blair McBeath heard that Andrew Carnegie was giving money to cities for libraries, he applied for and received a grant for \$27,500 for the construction of the building if the City would provide the site and ensure funding for library services. The Stillwater Public Library has undergone three major renovations since 1902 and each time the community has generously provided private dollars to supplement what the City was able to provide.

**The City of Stillwater** is the funding authority for the Library. The City levies property taxes, which provide 90% of the library's operating expenses. The City appoints a nine-member Board of Trustees, and the Board appoints the Library Director.

**The Washington County Library** consists of eight libraries. The Stillwater Public Library was already in existence when the state mandated a regional system that would provide all people with access to a library, so it was admitted, as was the Bayport Library, to the county library system as an associate library. The ten libraries have a joint catalog and honor each other's borrowers' cards. Through the Washington County Library, the libraries benefit from our regional library system, MELSA, the Metropolitan Area Service Agency. In addition to reciprocal borrowing throughout the metropolitan area, MELSA administers state Legacy funds and supports library resources and programming.

**Friends of the Stillwater Public Library** was established in 1987 as a nonprofit 501(c)(3), after the library's second expansion and renovation. It raises money to support the library through memberships and two significant book sales each year.

**The Stillwater Public Library Foundation** was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization December 21, 2007 to enhance the Library's materials, programs, and services in ways that would otherwise not be possible.

# VISION: A WORLD CLASS LIBRARY FOR STILLWATER

Dick Huelsmann, a man of vision and action



Dick Huelsmann was a lifelong resident of Stillwater who dedicated his life to serving his community. He was a former member of the Library Board of Trustees and Chair of the Centennial Capital Campaign Committee. Dick's dynamic leadership of the 2005-2006 library expansion and renovation resulted in a spectacular blend of old and new that gives the library unparalleled beauty and strength.

On July 4, 2008, in memory of Dick, the Huelsmann Foundation provided major sponsorship for Light a Spark, the inaugural event that officially introduced the Stillwater Public Library Foundation.

In 2018, the Stillwater Public Library Foundation crafted a new vision and mission statement to guide the development of a strategic plan. We think Dick would have enthusiastically approved our bold vision:

**VISION:** The Stillwater Public Library is celebrated as a world-class library!

**MISSION:** To engage the community and its resources to expand the reach and the impact of the Stillwater Public Library.

We are grateful to the Huelsmann Foundation for its continued generous support.

Dick Huelsmann  
1941-2007

# FUNDRAISING EVENTS

provide a unique library experience.

**Light a Spark**, the Foundation's signature fundraising event, has become such a favorite tradition that guests will not be deterred by weather. In 2012, they endured record-breaking temperatures of 101 degrees.

In 2019, thanks to sponsors, donors, volunteers and nearly 350 attendees, Light a Spark raised more than \$46,000.

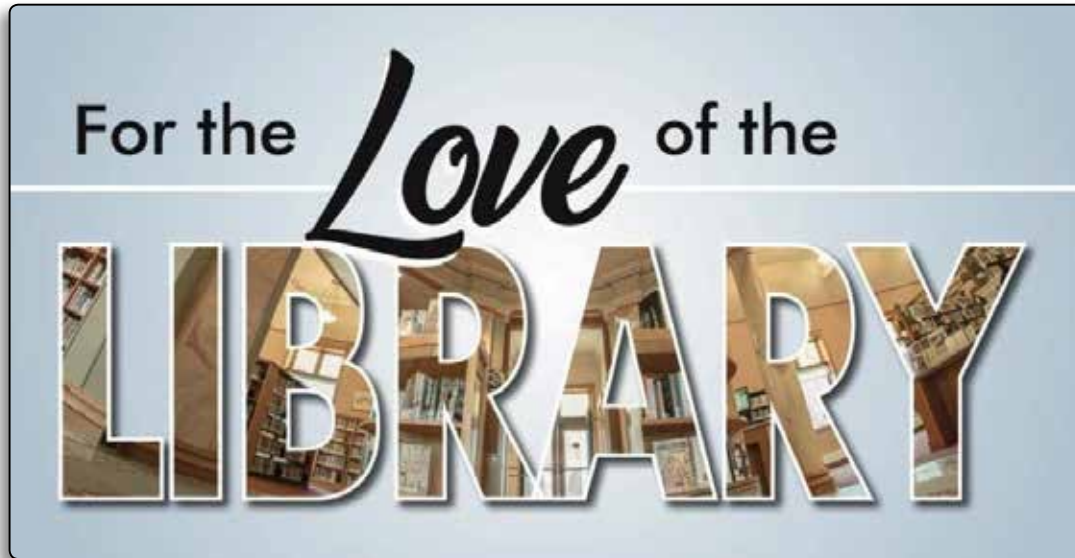


Proceeds from Light a Spark enrich the Library's materials, programs, and services that enlighten lives every day at the library!

# FUNDRAISING EVENTS

provide a unique library experience.

**For the Love of the Library** was the successful May event. 100 people joined us and helped us raise over \$15,000.



An Engaging Evening with Tom Combs  
Emergency Physician, Suspense-Thriller Author, and Lifelong Lover of Libraries  
&  
A Time to Generously Support Your Library







# THE IMPACT OF YOUR GENEROSITY

“Donations and grant funding for our library is a great example of investing to grow those intangible benefits that are difficult to quantify, but continue to accrue over a lifetime and thereby impact people’s lives in many positive and unexpected ways.”

~SPLF Donor

## MATERIALS

- Books for adults, teens, and children
- Up-to-date editions of favorite nonfiction materials
- Props and décor for the children’s Imagination Station
- Support for newspaper subscriptions, which are ballooning in cost and becoming ever more valuable to patrons

## PROGRAMS

- Opportunities to learn, to connect, and to grow
- An awesome summer of enrichment, engagement and fun for kids
- Special programs and classes through the year for children, teens and adults

## SERVICES

- Sunday hours
- Hearing Loops in the Storytime Room and the Conference Room
- A Volunteer Coordinator to arrange valuable support for the library staff
- A Wedding and Special Events Coordinator to raise additional funds for the library



## Coordinator of Volunteers

Your investment funded a coordinator to recruit, train, schedule, manage, and recognize volunteers. A strong volunteer program extends the reach of the library and increases the library’s capacity to serve the public. The energetic volunteer labor provided tremendous support to the library staff, while giving meaningful work and reward to the volunteer.

2,520 volunteer hours

# THE FINANCIAL REPORT

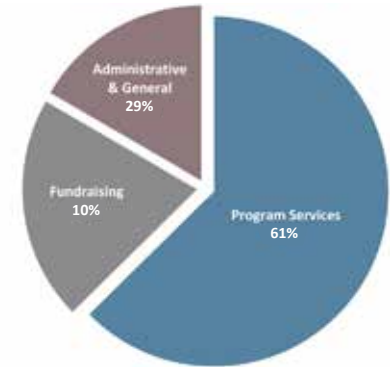
## A statement of the community's stand for a strong library

The strength of the Library Foundation is evidenced by a strong record of fundraising events and initiatives, leadership and management, financial stability and accountability, and most importantly, a committed, diverse, and rapidly growing pool of generous donors. During the ten years of the Foundation's existence, donations have steadily increased in number and in size.

<b>Revenue and Support</b>	
Contributions	\$199,756
Events Income	\$52,790
Investment Income	\$9,343
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<b>Total Revenue and Support</b>	<b>\$261,889</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Program Services (Grants, Awards, and Gifts to Library)	\$140,829
Fundraising & Events	\$24,397
Management & General	\$64,884
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<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$230,110</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$31,779</b>

<b>Total Assets</b>	
Reserve Savings	\$5,006
Endowment	\$80,875
Restricted Cash	\$22,748
Unrestricted Cash	\$196,356
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$304,985</b>

### 2019 EXPENSE ALLOCATIONS



“Money moving in the direction of our highest commitments nourishes our world and ourselves.  
~Lynne Twist, author of *The Soul of Money*

# THE ENDOWMENT FUND

making a difference today . . . and tomorrow

In 2016, the Foundation demonstrated its long-term commitment to supporting the library by establishing an endowment fund with the Stillwater Area Foundation, an affiliate of the St. Croix Valley Foundation. The fund will provide an additional revenue stream to assure the long-term growth and stability of the Foundation and its role in keeping the library up-to-date and relevant amid the rapid proliferation of media types and the ever-changing services people need and expect.

Thanks to many generous contributors, as of December 31, 2019, the Foundation Endowment Fund has more than \$80,875 invested with the Saint Croix Valley Foundation.



“We revere the Stillwater Public Library and celebrate its 120 year history. The best way to honor that history is to provide permanent financial support that will continue the programs and services that make our library special. Future residents will surely benefit from the bold decision to establish this permanently endowed fund.”

~Donor to the Endowment Fund

# WAYS TO GIVE

There are many ways to financially support the Library Foundation!

- Online contributions made on the website ( [Stillwaterlibraryfoundation.org](http://Stillwaterlibraryfoundation.org))
- Mail your check to 224 North Third St. Stillwater MN 55082
- Attend one of the fundraising events held by the Foundation
  - Light a Spark (July 4)
  - For the Love of the Library (Fall)
- Deposit your Kowalski's receipt in their "Groceries for Good Causes" Library box
- Honor a loved one on a special day by making a tribute gift to the Foundation
- Celebrate your birthday or anniversary by making a gift to the Foundation
- Include the Foundation in your estate plans
- Make a charitable contribution from your IRA
- Transfer appreciated stock
- Set up a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust with your financial advisor

*"I love the library. Most importantly, I love what the library represents for the community."  
~SPLF Donor*



# GENEROUS HEARTS FOR THE LIBRARY

provide a wealth of resources and opportunities that would otherwise not be possible.

The Foundation is deeply grateful to all who gave support in 2019. Private funds make the difference between good libraries and great libraries. **We have a great library! Thank you for making it so!**

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This has been a year made possible by you. Your involvement with the Stillwater Public Library Foundation enables the library to offer significantly more than would otherwise be achievable.

I'd like to share with you just a portion of a deeply moving letter written by the daughter and son-in-law of a beloved, longtime patron who passed away in 2019 to illustrate, in very personal terms, the importance of libraries, particularly the Stillwater Public Library.

"As long as Dad could get books from a library, no matter how bad the day at work, there was hope it could be redeemed with a good read at the end of the day. Libraries also made the research he needed to write his books possible, obviously before the internet, but even afterwards when he needed books through interlibrary loan. And certainly, the personal attention he received from the Stillwater Library reference desk was invaluable. He wouldn't have succeeded so well with his books, or keeping him in touch with a wider world when he lived alone, were it not for the capable attention he received from the staff.

Libraries for Dad were godsend, life blood, and soul food. I don't think it's an understatement to say that to be without a library would have been unbearable deprivation. In fact, when Dad was aging and my brother and I tried to get Dad to consider moving closer to one of us, the first question was: "Is there a good library?" Inferred was if the answer was no, it was a nonstarter. When he finally was leaning into the truth that driving was no longer going to be possible, the last hold-out to keep the car was how to get to the library. When the Stillwater library began its program to hand-deliver books to shut-ins, becoming one himself became doable."



This family wanted to make sure staff never underestimates the importance and impact they have in people's lives, and I hope we have conveyed to you just how significant your continued support of the Foundation is to the library and the community we serve. Your contributions allow us to enhance the programs and collection materials provided, services offered, and even the hours we're open.

Thank you for the difference you make.

Warmest regards,

Mark Troendle  
Director, Stillwater Public Library

# The 2019 Stillwater Public Library Foundation Board

We are your friends and neighbors who share your love and appreciation for the library and want our community to enjoy the benefits of a world-class library today and for years to come. We are inspired by your generosity!

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