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25 HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR FIRST 25 YEARS TOGETHER

25
YEARS
1995-2020

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The Burlingame Library Foundation celebrates its 25th Anniversary this fall and, needless to say, it won't be the festive celebration that we imagined! As our organization pivots to operating during COVID-19, it is only with your assistance that we can continue to fulfill our mission: "to preserve and enhance the Burlingame Public Library's vital role within the community through advocacy and raising funds to supplement City library support."

Over the past 25 years, we've completed many items on a lengthy "to do" list. We are proud to have accomplished these important tasks. It is truly your support and generosity that have made it possible.

Our library will continue to play a key role in assisting our community through the recovery process. Please help by making a donation to the Foundation to support online career help, virtual programming, resources for our littlest learners, and so much more. Be a part of the next 25 years, because together we can do so much!

With gratitude and our very best wishes,

Christina Funk and Cindy Montgomery
Co-Presidents, Burlingame Library Foundation

TOP 25 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BURLINGAME LIBRARY & COMMUNITY

BURLINGAME LIBRARY FOUNDATION BOARD

- ✓ Expanded our original Foundation Board from 12 to 24 members who collectively volunteer over 6,000 hours annually to support the library.
- ✓ Organized a bookselling team of 16 dedicated volunteers processing thousands of book, CD, and DVD donations for purchase in-person and online.
- ✓ Manage the Burlingame Main Branch Library Foundation Bookstore which sells over 14,000 donated books, DVDs, and CDs every year.
- ✓ Plan and execute 3-day book sale events twice yearly, offering thousands of donated books and media items to the public at an average price of \$1.
- ✓ Sustain literacy by donating materials to local nonprofits, e.g. Sonoma fire survivors, area book drives, and San Mateo Youth Services Center.
- ✓ Provide volunteers for multiple library events and programs.
- ✓ Update and distribute the Foundation's Annual Report, which adds an additional \$50,000 in donations each year from generous community members.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

- ✓ Annually underwrite more than 1300 programs for tots, teens, adults, and seniors, all FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
- ✓ Subsidize the ever-expanding collections of hardback and e-books for all ages.
- ✓ Digitized the printed issues of The Burlingame Advance-Star newspaper, which was published 1906 through 1969.
- ✓ Underwrite career, employment, and technology workshops for job-seekers.
- ✓ Fund the innovative ideas of library staff through "Pitch Your Idea" grants that aid our community with their creative learning workshops.
- ✓ Contribute funding for innovative and well-attended adult programs for the community.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

- ✓ Beginning in 2006, hosted 12 Book & Author Luncheons featuring 36 acclaimed authors raising over \$500,000.
- ✓ Sold out five *Guess Who's Coming to the Library!* Speaker Series events at the Main Branch between 2018-2020 with celebrated guests such as Ira Glass, Patricia Arquette with Jackie Speier, and Susan Orlean.
- ✓ Created "Fund-a-Need" opportunities to add tablet devices, Wi-Fi hotspot loans, a STEAMfest program, and Homework Help Center.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- ✓ Led the 2015 Capital Campaign to raise \$1,000,000 to renovate the Main Library adding updated community spaces.
- ✓ Contributed \$230,000 to renovate the Easton Branch in 2002-2004.
- ✓ Supported efforts to save the Easton Branch from impending closure in 2009 due to City budget cuts.
- ✓ Donated \$25,000 for murals in the Children's Room in 2008.
- ✓ Continuously fund tech upgrades, laptops, sewing machines and 3D Printers to The Lab.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

- ✓ Underwrite the popular Children's Summer Reading Program with a kick-off party and prizes.
- ✓ Fund early-literacy storytime programs in five languages throughout the year.
- ✓ Coordinated five Children's Holiday Tea Parties featuring a children's author and musical talent.
- ✓ Underwrite innovative teen programming including Coding for Girls and SAT Prep.
- ✓ Contribute funding for innovative and well-attended teen programs for the community.



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SINCE MARCH 16TH, WE HAVE:

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 (Face shields and ear guards)
 for front-line workers

Filled over
5650
 Curbside Pickup
 Requests

Hand picked over
4800
 books to fill
960 Children's
 Book Bundles

Hosted over **90** virtual
 programs
 AND
 presented over **70** online
 storytimes

Connected patrons with
59,716
 Books, Audiobooks,
 DVD's, and CD's.

Streamed over **2,780**
 feature films and documentaries

Answered over **1,500**
 reference questions

Registered **515**
 new library patrons

Registered **1,130**
 people for the
 Summer Learning Challenge

Provided access to over
44,000
 eBooks and
 eAudiobooks,
 with over
1,700
 eBooks and
 eAudiobooks
 being borrowed by
 Burlingame Library
 patrons each week.

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