



Annual Report FY 2021-2022

Friends of the Wilmette Public Library in 2021-2022:

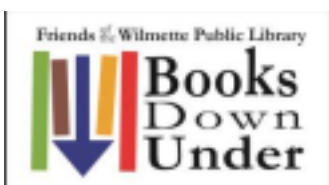
- FOL supports library special events/programs for the Wilmette and Kenilworth communities. Funds to support programming are generated from memberships, donations, and sales of gently used books, etc. at our store, Books Down Under. The bookstore is staffed by dedicated volunteers. Books Down Under reopened in October 2021 with limited hours. Over the course of the year, we were able to expand our hours to near pre-pandemic levels.
- 2022 marked the 16th year Friends sponsored One Book Everyone Reads. The virtual event featured author Dawn Turner and her book, *Three Girls From Bronzeville*.

Thank You to Our Friends: Friends' Board, BDU Volunteers, Members, Donors, WPL Staff, Library Trustees, BDU Customers, and Mid-Central Printing & Mailing in Wilmette.

Friends of the Wilmette Public Library Funded Programs:

Adult/Teen/Youth Summer and Winter Reading Clubs

One Book Everyone Reads & Author Events



Books Down Under is Wilmette's only bookstore. Located in the Library's lower level, sales of gently-used books help fund Library programs and events.

Thanks to our Books Down Under Booksellers, Sorters and Shelves: FOL kicked off our grand reopening plans by hosting a Welcome Back Luncheon for volunteers at Gillson Park in September 2021. Books Down Under reopened with limited hours in October 2021, and our hours steadily increased over time. Outdoor Pop-Up events were held in front of the Library during Wilmette's Summer Sizzle (July 2021) and Winterfest (February 2022).

Friends by the numbers in 2021-2022:

Bookstore sales: \$13,000 - Donations: \$12,415 - Memberships: 111 - Volunteers: 50+

Books Down Under accepts gently-used book donations with books left inside the staff entrance, off the east end of the parking lot during regular Library hours. Donation receipts available.

Learn more about Friends at www.wilmettelibraryinfo/friends-of-the-library



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