

Annual Report FY 2019-2020

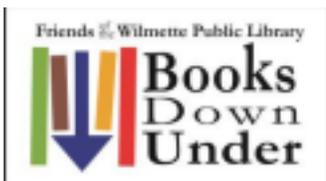
Friends of the Wilmette Public Library in 2019-2020:

- Friends support library programming and events for the Wilmette and Kenilworth communities. Funds to support programming are generated from memberships, donations, and sales of gently used books at Books Down Under, the Friends' bookstore. The bookstore is staffed and supported by dedicated volunteers. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Friends' funded programming shifted from in-person to virtual, while much of the normal programming and excess inventory donations paused. Books Down Under had to cease operations and close.
- Friends normally fund the Library's annual community-wide reading program, One Book Everyone Reads, held each spring. Unfortunately, the 2020 One Book Everyone Reads did not occur. We look forward to the return of this annual popular community program.

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

Friends of the Wilmette Public Library Funded Programs:

Book Giveaways
Reading Clubs for Youth and Teens
Reading Clubs for Adults



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: BDU

volunteers were celebrated for their dedication at a Thank You luncheon in October 2019, and received a gift card in December 2019. Books were sold at the Wilmette Sidewalk Sale, Wilmette French Market, and Go Green Wilmette. While Books Down Under closed due to the pandemic and book donations were suspended, we thank our dedicated community volunteers who make Books Down Under possible. We look forward to welcoming you back!

Friends by the numbers in 2019-2020:

Bookstore sales: \$27,450 - Donations: \$11,250 - Memberships: 130 - Volunteers: 50+

Prior to March 2020, Books Down Under accepted gently-used book donations with books left inside the staff entrance, off the east end of the parking lot during regular Library hours, and donation receipts available. **However, all book donations have been suspended since March 2020, and Books Down Under is currently closed.**

Learn more about Friends at wilmettelibrary.info/friends



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