The Friends organization continues its mission to provide library support and is pleased to present a summary of accomplishments during 2022. We held two “mini” book and bake sales, one in June and one in December, which also included a small yard sale portion. The Book Nook drew new volunteers, along with steady interest and support from library patrons. An October craft fair featured 19 vendors and brought several hundred shoppers into the library. An on-line See's Candy Fundraiser took place in November and December. Library patrons continued turning in grocery receipts from Lees Market and Clements' Marketplace, with resulting donations from Lees and Clements' adding to the organization’s income. In addition, the Friends sold books and other items on Ebay and Amazon.

The Friends continued funding Constant Contact, the library's subscription service for monthly e-newsletters to library patrons. Our donations to Tiverton Public Library paid for the watercolor and landscape painting classes, cross-stitching craft supplies, summer reading prizes for all ages, “Take and Make” craft kits for all ages, the children’s outdoor Storywalks, the new adult Book Walk and Talk program, 10 museum and activity passes which were used 198 times in 2022, and the movie licenses for film screenings at the library. In addition, the Friends funded the new Little Free Library at Grinnell's Beach in Tiverton.

Other support provided by the Friends of Tiverton Libraries included sponsorship of the annual Holiday Gift Drive benefiting East Bay Community Action Program, collecting over 350 gifts for area families in need, providing the publicity in November and December for the annual Penguin Plunge, and we closed out our year by funding the annual holiday staff lunch. All of this was accomplished thanks to the generous support of our membership and the library community.