**Friends of Tiverton Libraries Annual Report for 2024**

The Friends organization continues its mission to provide library support and is pleased to present a summary of accomplishments during 2024.

We held two book and bake sales and two on-line See’s Candy fundraisers. Earnings from the Book Nook steadily increased, and library patrons continued turning in grocery receipts from Lees Market and Clements Marketplace with resulting donations from Lees and Clements. Patrons’ contributions to the coin jar on the circulation desk also added to the organization's income, along with generous donations from Friends’ supporters. The Friends’ sales of books and other items on eBay generated additional income, and continued investments in high-yield CDs substantially increased interest on savings.

The Friends continued funding Constant Contact, the library's subscription service for monthly e-newsletters to library patrons.

Our donations to Tiverton Public Library also paid for:

* 12 Museum and Activity passes, which were used 347 times
* Landscaping Painting Classes for adults
* Poetry Workshops for adults
* Crafternoon craft supplies for adults
* Summer Reading program for adults
* *Battle of Rhode Island* presentation
* Half the cost of screening license for *Cycle of Memory* film and honorarium for film maker
* *Gold Rush* presentation and live musical accompaniment
* *Norman Rockwell Remembered* Presentation
* Presentation on *African American Foodways in RI*
* “Larchmont Remembered” presentation
* URI Donation in Gratitude for Spring speakers and participation at Earth Day Expo
* *How to Talk About Slavery* program
* *Solito* presentation
* New Bedford Whaling Museum donation in gratitude for presentation of the *Life of a Whaler*
* Supplies for Earth Day Expo
* Comics for Free Comic Book Day
* Half the cost of the Community Shred Event
* Donation in appreciation for *Meet the Pocasset* program (half)
* Folding Table
* Stuffed animal making program for teens
* Supplies for Sno-Cone Saturday, Smokey’s 80th Birthday Bash, and Halloween Storytime children’s events.
* “Make and Take” craft kits for children
* Books for children’s Outdoor Storytime Stroll
* Summer Reading program prizes for children
* Art program supplies for children
* Vornado Room fan and safety outlets
* Raptor Program and refreshments
* Aquarium supplies
* Solar energy classroom kit
* Learn to Write wooden tracing pads
* Medium Loose Part Bones, 3D puzzle for children
* Cardboard crafting tool kits for chili dren’s activities
* Potting supplies for children’s programs
* Materials and supplies for additional programs and activities

The Friends replaced or added 225 children’s, young adult, and adult books with an estimated value of $5,000 to the library’s collection from our inventory of donated books.

In April, we participated in the Earth Day Event by selling gardening books and holding a raffle, and we also sponsored the John Fitzgerald Memorial History lecture, featuring Silver Moon LaRose of the Tomaquag Museum, who presented *Indigenous History*, *Narragansett Tribe’s Past and Present*. The Friends also assisted at the popular Sno-Cone Saturday events held in June, July and August, Smokey’s 80th Birthday Bash in August, and Halloween Story Time in October.

The Friends continued to sponsor the annual Holiday Gift Drive benefiting East Bay Community Action Program, resulting in the collection of 12 large trash bags of gifts for area families in need, provided 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.