

Annual meeting highlights

The Friends of the Willmar Public Library held their annual meeting on Jan. 26.

Some highlights from the annual report:

- A total of \$10,610.79 was directly gifted in 2021 to the Willmar Public Library or invested toward future grants to the library.
- Grant dollars in 2021 were spent on book club kits, contest prizes, craft supplies, summer reading activities for children and adults, and more.
- From the portion of funding set aside each year for the large print collection, 48 new titles were purchased.
- Despite ongoing challenges posed by the pandemic, participation in library programs rebounded in 2021 to levels close to pre-Covid times
- Board members for the coming year are: Jeni Ritz, president; Anne Polta, secretary; Deb Paterson, treasurer; Sharyl Helgeson, past president; Vicki Melbye, at large; Bill Paterson, at large.