



Friends of the Willmar Public Library Annual Report

Since establishment in 1994, the purposes of the Friends of the Willmar Public Library have consistently been: To enhance the Library Collection, To sponsor Library Events, To promote Library Resources, To support Library programming for children, teens and adults, and To conduct fundraising events to benefit Willmar Public Library

2023 Financial Support from Friends to Willmar Public Library (WPL) through direct gifts **and** by investments which will yield future grants to WPL

Funds provided directly to the Library in 2023:

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| Proposed \$ 3552.43 | Annual Grant from the Friends of the Willmar Public Library Fund (FWPL Fund), a Field of Interest Fund, established by Friends, owned & administered by the Willmar Area Community Foundation, with advice from Friends on grants to WPL (check coming Feb 2024 to Library) |
| \$0000.00 | Donation from the Friends of WPL Administrative Account |
| \$6500.00 | Wisdom & Wine donation to WPL |
| | Proceeds from Book Sale (Not done in 2023) |
| \$10,052.43 | *TOTAL |

Funds directed to the Friends of the Willmar Public Library Fund in 2023 for future grants to WPL:

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| \$1267.00 | Proceeds from Give to the Max added to the Friends of the Willmar Public Library Fund (FWPL Fund) |
| | TOTAL |
| \$11,319.43 | *GRAND TOTAL directly gifted to WPL or invested toward future grants to WPL |

Thank you again to our members for their extremely generous support during the year.

Thank you to the library staff for continuing to work through the challenges of the pandemic. Serving the community requires rethinking access and developing 'workable' **Wisdom & Wine's** Author Event was held on June 9th and donation was given to support the Willmar Public Library. Wisdom and Wine Author Event has been set for June 2024 and information will be sent out in the next few months,

National Friends of Libraries Week (October 17-23)

Members: The Friends of the Willmar Public Library is a volunteer, membership organization with annual memberships starting at \$10. The 2023 memberships will align with the calendar year.

Friends of WPL Board:

Jeni Ritz, President
 Open , Past President Deb Paterson, Treasurer
 Anne Polta, Secretary

Bill Paterson, At Large Vicki Melbye, At Large. Sandy Gardner At Large

in our community through funding, advocacy, and volunteerism.