

Library materials, children's programming, continuing education

In 2011, the Friends provided adult and children's CDs and DVDs for the Main and Fowler libraries, museum passes, e-readers and e-content, teen movies, summer lawn concerts, and librarian continuing education.

Annually, the Friends honor an American historian. In 2011, Pauline Maier received the Ruth Ratner Miller Award for Excellence in American History.

The Friends' gifts and programs are funded primarily through book sales and memberships. Books are for sale every day on the Friends' shelves the Main Library. The next book sale is Saturday, June 2, 2012 (rain date June 9).

More than half of Friends revenue came from sales of donated books. Some 20,000 books were offered for sale in June, raising more than \$18,000. The Holiday Book Sale in December raised more than \$8,000. To donate books, bring them to the reference desk at the Main Library, 9AM to 3PM. Monday through Saturday.

Friends memberships are tax deductible. To join, pick up a brochure at the Library or visit the Friends page at www.concordlibraryfriends.org.

If you love the Library, the Friends offer many volunteer opportunities. Volunteers sort donated books for sale; publicize, set up and staff the book sales; and handle publicity, marketing, membership, database management and finances. To volunteer or learn more, email friends@concordlibrary.org. or you can follow the Friends on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn as well as at www.concordlibraryfriends.org. Everyone is welcome.

CONCORD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY CORPORATION

The Concord Free Public Library Corporation is a Massachusetts charitable corporation created by the Massachusetts Legislature in 1873 for the purpose of forming and maintaining a public library in Concord, which it undertakes to do in collaboration with the Town and the Library Committee.

The primary responsibility of the Trustees is to maintain the Library buildings and grounds – the Main Library in Concord Center and Fowler Branch in West Concord –

and to preserve and grow the Special Collections. This year we were able to also financially support Library services with funds totaling over \$100,000.



*Library Corporation Board of Trustees
from left: Mario Favorito, Sandy Smith, Diana Clymer, Jeff
Adams, Sherry Litwack, Walter Birge, Fred Lovejoy
Not pictured: Rick Briggs, Sally Schmitzer*

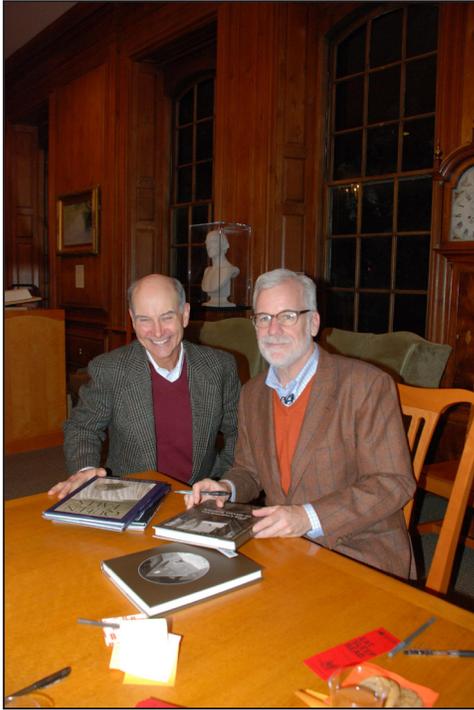
A highlight of the year was the completion of the Fowler Branch renovation on-time and on-budget. The building re-opened in March and a Grand Opening was held in May. The building has been busy every day. The renovation preserves the intimacy of the original building while bringing the facility into the 21st century with state-of-the art technology, "green" systems, and accessibility. There is a Children's Room, Young Adult space, quiet study areas, collaborative working spaces, and a community meeting room. We thank the community and the Town for supporting this project! The building has also won a prestigious architectural award.

The William Munroe Special Collections continues to be an outstanding resource for researchers from around the world and the community. A highlight this year is the collaborative exhibition "Collecting Transcendentalism" with a display in the Art Gallery from our Collections and related lectures by scholars, curators, and book dealers.

As Trustees of the Williams Scholarship Fund, made possible by a bequest from Charles H. S. Williams, we continue to award grants to several students pursuing studies in the arts.

The 2nd annual Leslie Reidel Lecture for Young People featured award-winning author/illustrator Chris Van Allsburg. An enthusiastic audience attended despite the October snowstorm.

This year has been busy and productive for the Library. The future promises to be exciting as the long-range plan guides us in the growth and development of the Library in the 21st century. The Library Corporation is committed to supporting this plan by ensuring that our beautiful historic buildings meet community needs.



Seated left: Rod Riedel and Author/illustrator Chris Van Allsburg who was the featured speaker at the 2nd Leslie Riedel Memorial Lecture for Young People. The series has been made possible by the generosity of the Riedel family

CONCORD CULTURAL COUNCIL

Richard Perkins, co-chair
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The Concord Cultural Council (CCC) supports community cultural projects through its grant program. Funds are received from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) whose mission is “to promote excellence, access, education and diversity in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences in order to improve the quality of life for all Massachusetts residents and to contribute to the economic vitality of our communities.”

Information about applying for grants was publicized in the *Concord Journal* and *Boston Globe Northwest*; guidelines and applications were distributed at the Town House and both branches of the Concord Free Public Library, and at other selected areas around the Town. The application deadline was October 15. Public Meetings were held on September 13, October 18, October 25, and November 22. Richard Perkins and Diana Lee acted as co-chairs.

Information packets/grant applications were reviewed for funding at the October 18 and 25 meetings, and with final decisions made at the November 22 meeting, which included consideration of reimbursements from

CONCORD CULTURAL COUNCIL GRANT 2011-2012

Mapping Thoreau's ideas	Thoreau Farm Trust	\$178
Latin Music Performance	Willard PTG	\$340
Big Art Artists Talks	(Emerson Umbrella)	\$685
Robert Creeley Poetry Award	Creeley Foundation	\$150
Concord Players Costume Collection	Concord Players	\$235
Architecture of the Spiritual	Concord Art Assoc.	\$350
Faculty Performance Series (Council on Aging)	Concord Conservatory	\$420
Music Enrichment for special needs children	Concord Area Special Ed	\$315
Poetry in Motion - David Zucker	Alcott School	\$250
Amahl & the Night Visitors	FOPAC	\$215
Stone Carving Symposium	Contemporary Arts Int'nl	\$565
Peter and the Wolf Concert	Concord Children's Center	\$190
A Celebration of Preservation	Luminarium Dance	\$165
TOTAL		\$4,058