

## FOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2020

Membership: 40 Individual Members and 16 Business Members (as of December 2020)

Meetings: In person: January, February, March. Zoom: May, September, November.

Accomplishments throughout the year included:

January: Greater Hudson Chamber of Commerce membership was renewed. Monies were appropriated for Teen Maker Monday items including Cubal Maze, Electronic Learning Circuits and Blue Track Junkyard Challenge.

February: Friends created an informational display board about “Who” the Friends are, and “What” they do which they displayed at School and Town Meetings.

March: Preparations were made for the Leonard Smith Scholarship. Movie license was renewed. Two full time librarians attended the Public Library Association conference in Nashville, TN with funds from the Friends paying for plane fare and hotel.

April: The Library and SHP were closed due to COVID-19. The NLW Lunch was canceled. An ad thanking our Business Members was placed in the NLW edition of the Nashua Telegraph. A staff appreciation event was held on the Library Lawn in July. Monies were appropriated for the National Poetry Contest prizes.

May: The Library and Second Hand Prose at Hills remained closed. A virtual business meeting was held at which the following officers were elected for the 2020-2021 year: Sue Gould, President; Jan Walsh, Vice President; Linda Kipnes, Treasurer; Susan Malen, Corresponding Secretary; and Margaret Femia, Recording Secretary. Monies were appropriated to explore advertising in the Senior Center newsletter North News

June: The Leonard A. Smith Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Alvirne student Jillian Paige Nangle during a Virtual Award Ceremony held by the school. It was decided to renew all memberships for current paid members, both individual and business, for the July 1, 2020 –June 30, 2021 year.

July: The postponed NLW Staff Recognition event was held on the library lawn on July 28. Service awards were presented to Kristen Paradise (15 years); Glenna Rosenstein (10 years), and Karen Nappo (5 years). Note cards and \$10 Hannaford gift cards were presented to 29 staff members. Connie Owen was surprised with several gifts recognizing her years of support and leadership of the Friends: a brick, a gift card to Anne’s Florals, and a framed card with sentiments from the membership. The Library opened with restrictions so SHP book sales inside the library resumed. SHP at Hills remained closed and would not re-open until August 8, 2021.

August: Plans for an Outdoor Book Sale on the Hills Library Lawn were investigated. Due to COVID restrictions it was determined this was not feasible at this time.

September: A virtual Business Meeting was held on Zoom attended by 15 members. Members were encouraged to join Committees despite membership dues having been suspended until June 2021.

October: The Friends publicized and sponsored a virtual One-room Rural Schoolhouses NH Humanities program during National FOL Week. About 30 Hudson residents registered for the program. Several members contributed candy for the Library Halloween Walk.

November: Thirteen members attended the November meeting on Zoom. Several book dealers were invited to Hills (by appointment) to purchase books before the SHP weeding project began. Second Hand Prose prices were raised. Funds were approved for a NH Humanities Program in April. Friends decorated the outdoor shed as a gingerbread house with hopes families would use it as a photo backdrop. The library was also decorated for the holiday. Friends provided Night Before Christmas books for Santa's visit to the Alvirne parking lot. There was no Santa Visit at the library this year due to COVID.

December: Staff and Friends members completed an extensive weeding project of Second Hand Prose at Hills. No book donations are being accepted by the Rodgers Memorial Library.