Mission
Friends supports the Cedar Rapids Public Library services and programs; promotes literacy through outreach programs that encourage and enhance reading throughout the community; and conducts fund raising activities to assist with library and outreach projects.

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The Cedar Rapids Public Library Foundation secures resources in order to enhance and enrich library programs, services and facilities not normally met by public resources.

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Calling all Book Sale Volunteers!

If you would like to volunteer for the October book sale at the Cherry Building, you can do so, one of three ways:

1. Sign up online at: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4dadaa22a57-crpl
2. Email Libby Slappey at: libby.slappey@gmail.com and she'll sign you up
3. Call Nancy Kodros at: 319-396-1592

Expanding the Library Reach: Books By Mail

Much as the new downtown main library and the Ladd Library west side branch have been popular destinations for thousands of people, not everyone has the ability or mobility to get to either one. For that reason, Books By Mail continues to be an important service provided by Friends of the Cedar Rapids Public Library. It’s a personalized service for any homebound cardholder. And it’s free.

Patrons complete a Reader Profile form to indicate the type of materials they prefer (i.e. fiction, non-fiction, books-on-tape/CD, music CDs, or movies). Then, once a week, Friends volunteers mail materials to patrons. Specific titles can be requested or the Friends volunteer can make selections for the patron.

Program volunteers really enjoy getting to know the Books By Mail patrons, even though they’ve never met in person. And those same volunteers are heartsick when one of their patrons passes away. Clearly, Books By Mail is also Friends by Mail.

It’s All About the Books, After All

Most people know the work of Friends of the Cedar Rapids Public Library through our many book sales. And we appreciate the supportive community that donates used books to make our sales possible. What may not be known is that hundreds of books given away each year to extend our literacy reach as far as we can. Friends has partnered with groups like Young Parents Network, Kenwood Elementary School, United Way of East Central Iowa, Four Oaks and the Cedar Rapids Police Department, with the singular goal to get books into the hands of children who don’t typically have books to call their own. Partnership opportunities abound in east central Iowa and we’re glad to play a part!
Another Amazing Out Loud! Author Series

Out Loud! The Metro Library Network’s author series was thrilled to present three of the nations’ most well-known this summer. The collaborative program of the Cedar Rapids, Hiawatha, and Marion public libraries presented Sarah Vowell, Wally Lamb, and Elizabeth Berg in free events at The Hotel at Kirkwood Center. More than 1,300 fans connected to these stand out authors in an entirely new way, developing an even deeper relationship with their public libraries.

This signature series would not be possible without the generous support of the Giacoletto Foundation, The Gazette Company and the following new sponsors:

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Sarah Vowell delighted a packed house at The Hotel at Kirkwood Center on Friday, June 27.

Wally Lamb continued the series on Friday, July 11, sharing humorous personal stories life on the book tour road. He read from his fifth novel We Are Water, a gripping novel dealing with human resilience in the face of a devastating flood.

Elizabeth Berg closed the series on Friday, July 18. She visited with many new and returning fans during the book signing after her presentation about how she became a writer and her creative process.
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Vision:
The Cedar Rapids Public Library Foundation advocates for and provides a reliable and growing funding source so that the library may impact our community and transform its quality of life through education, civic engagement, the arts, and entertainment.

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July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

Total gifts received:
$398,551

Foundations:
$251,606

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$73,592

Corporations:
$58,371

Organizations:
$14,981

Gifts were given in support of:

Unrestricted:
$195,486

Children’s & Young Adult Services:
$173,160

Books & Materials:
$10,060

Program Support
$5,350

Technology:
$5,000

New Library Project Downtown:
$4,786

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$3,475

Ensure the future of the Cedar Rapids Public Library by remembering the Cedar Rapids Public Library Foundation in your will.
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We gratefully acknowledge the following individuals, organizations, businesses, and foundations that contributed to the Cedar Rapids Public Library Foundation during the past fiscal year.

Many other supporters continue to make payments toward campaign pledges made in prior years. These donors were recognized in the year the Foundation received the pledge. We continue to be grateful for their continued commitment.

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Eastern Iowa-based band Awful Purdies played at a private event in Whipple Auditorium.
Bubble Wonders was a big hit as part of the Fizz, Boom, Read summer reading program.

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3rd grade students of St. Pius Elementary continue a tradition of creating a paper mache dinosaur for display in the library.

The Ladd Library Gallery gives community artists a place to display their work and provides inspiration to everyone.

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The library hosted two Minecraft Days this year – on March 25 and August 18. The Technology Classroom was packed with kids playing this popular virtual block building game.
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World Book Night was on April 23. Shakes the Monkey and the Library were excited to be a distributor of books for nine local givers and many more in future years.

The end of summer carnival in Beems Auditorium was a blast! Not only did the kids have fun, but so did the staff and volunteers.
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Go to crlibrary.org/CelebrateYear1 to see the library’s annual report online with impressive statistics and links to great pictures celebrating life at the library.