McKinney Public Library Foundation Annual Report - 2025

"A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert."
~ Andrew Carnegie

The McKinney Public Library Foundation (MPLF) is a non-profit that promotes the interests and welfare of the McKinney Public Library System (MPL). We do this by providing financial support to complement funding from the City of McKinney and thereby enhance the library's ability to develop and deliver innovative and enriching programs. Our two signature programs are awarding Library Volunteer Scholarships and supporting the McKinney Literary Fest.

ENHANCING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

MPLF participated in seven library events this fiscal year, giving away 58 books.

"Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest." ~ Lady Bird Johnson

EXPANDING ACCESS TO RESOURCES

In August, MPLF hosted the second annual Literary Fest in McKinney's City Hall. Forty two regional authors presented key note addresses and panel discussions to more than 400 attendees over the two-day event. MPLF gave away twenty books plus two coffee themed gift baskets and MPLF swag.

In April, MPLF had its first fundraiser - Sunset in the Stacks. We were thrilled to have Judy Gay as the guest of honor. The event was generously supported by donations from the community and allowed us to raise funds for an MPL priority – an unattended 24/7 lending kiosk that will provide access to library materials and services.

Through a generous donation, MPLF is providing a climate controlled storage unit to protect the library's genealogical resources while Hall is under renovation.

In September, MPLF participated for the first time in North Texas Giving Day. Donors contributed $2,775, fully funding the two scholarships for 2025. We had 22 donors, with 8 new ones.

"Without libraries what have we? We have no past and no future." ~ Ray Bradbury

FOSTERING A LOVE FOR LEARNING

Our other signature event was awarding the first two college scholarships to graduating high school library volunteers. Our initial scholarships were $1,000 each and were presented to two volunteers.

Established a partnership with UTD's EPICs program to create a proprietary database to track MPLF's donors, donations and grants.

Other Items of Note

In December the Executive Committee participated in MPL's Staff Development Day.

Thank you to Chris for redesigning the MPLF Logo providing us with more options and greater flexibilty!!

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

In the next year, MPLF will begin to seek corporate sponsorships and explore setting up an endowment to provide long term future funding for the library. We will award additional scholarships and continue to pursue funding for a 24/7 lending kiosk.

In addition, we will continue to regularly promote and participate in library events. We look forward to the re-opening of the downtown Hall library, and the opportunities this will provide.

The Numbers

MPLF Fiscal Year Annual Report (Article 13 of the MPLF Bylaws)
Assets as of September 30, 2025: $31,665.89
Cash on deposit at Chase Bank: $31,665.89
Liabilities as of September 30, 2025: $0.00
Accounts payable: $0.00
Note: MPLF has neither trust funds nor endowments.
Principal change in assets during FY 24: $10,138.29
Principal change in liabilities during FY 24: $0.00

Revenues:
Unrestricted: $21,361.06
Restricted: $2,620.37
Total: $23,981.43

Expenses:
Unrestricted: $9,205.31
Restricted: $4,637.83
Total: $13,843.14

"Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries."
~Anne Herbert