

## **Friends of Barker Library President's Report 2020**

We have been especially glad during the challenging year of 2020 to be able to support Darwin Barker Library. This support, summarized below, depends on the generous donations of community members. We also applaud the amazing work of library director, Sara Hart, and all of the library staff members for their willingness to quickly adapt to changing circumstances and their commitment to continued quality services and programming for patrons. Thank you everyone!

In 2020, we had 181 members, with 15 at the Life membership level. We raised \$8775 through memberships and gifts, which has supported the library patrons and staff in many ways as listed below.

### ***Covid-19 related expenses:***

- UltraViolet Air Purification System
- Alcohol for sanitizing books and surfaces
- Plexiglass protector shields
- Face masks for adults and children
- Fans
- Zoom fee for virtual program capability
- Laptop for virtual programs

### ***Due to COVID-19 restrictions a virtual format was used for educational and entertainment programs. Program offerings were:***

- *Kids Take Over the Library event (in person, pre COVID)*
- *The Great Reading Adventure*
- *Beauty and the Beast*
- *Amazing Magic Show for Summer Camp*
- *Dragons*
- *Barker Book Club*

### ***Other expenses we funded:***

- Supplies for story times and special programs
- Refreshments for special events
- Gift bags for children attending special events
- Bookmarks
- Three tote bags with books and reading related items for a giveaway to increase both awareness of Friends and our membership. (There were 84 entries resulting in 7 new donors (\$450))
- Virtual Reality System
- Laser Jet Printer
- Mailing supplies for the membership drive
- Broadband Service renewal
- The Christmas tree and holiday plants to give the library a festive flair

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne Frerichs, President