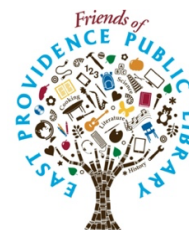


FRIENDS OF EAST PROVIDENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2025

In fulfillment of our mission to support East Providence Library and our community, in 2025 the Friends of East Providence Public Library provided more than \$27,000 for programs and services and donated more than 4,000 books to people of all ages to encourage reading and to promote lifelong learning.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF LIBRARY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- Museum passes for library patrons – paid for reduced cost or free admission to 13 museums, including Audubon, Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Museum of Science, Boston, Mystic Seaport Museum, New Bedford Whaling Museum, New England Aquarium, Old Sturbridge Village, Plimoth Patuxet Museums, Providence Children’s Museum, Rhode Island School of Design Museum, Roger Williams Park Zoo, The Breakers and Save the Bay’s Hamilton Family Aquarium, for a total cost of \$3,955
- Children’s and Teen Summer Reading Program – furnished \$200 for prizes
- Summer Reading Program – provided coupons for free books for patrons of all ages
- Summer Block Party – supplied prizes for free drawings for adults & children (\$100) at the June Block Party
- Weaver main library and children’s room renovations – provided \$20,000 for the project



- Fuller Creative Learning Center – gave \$1,200 to purchase 5 sewing machines and \$579 for course for Center Assistant to learn sewing machine repair and maintenance
- Pumpkin Stroll – provided \$300 for pumpkins, prizes for pumpkin decorating and the costume contest
- Funded the purchase of poinsettias for Weaver and Riverside Library and Fuller Creative Learning Center to decorate for the holidays
- Provided \$525 to fund a 4-week course to teach teens to be Dungeon Masters for Dungeons & Dragons
- Allocated \$200 to social worker for the purchase of bus passes to assist community members in accessing needed services

SUPPORT OF LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY

Library Events – provided 1900 books for free distribution to attendees at library-sponsored community events throughout the city, including

- 1554 books for all ages at our weekly Free Stuff Friday at Never-Ending Book Sales
- 50 books for the Little Library at Fuller Creative Learning Center
- 223 books for all ages at the June Summer Block Party
- 73 books for the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program



Community, Local Schools, Hospitals and Service Providers – donated 2100 books, including

- 610 soft cover books to Providence Books Through Bars
- 220 non-fiction books to Amos House for distribution to clients
- 145 novels, children's and young adult books to patrons to restock their Little Free Libraries
- 120 novels to Miriam Hospital for their book cart for patients
- 60 large print novels to Rhode Island Veterans' Hospital for their waiting room and in-house library
- 130 young adult books to UCAP (Urban Collaborative Accelerated Program) in Providence for their in-classroom libraries for students to take and keep
- 83 large print novels and novels in Portuguese to East Providence Senior Center for their library
- 110 soft cover novels to Rhode Island Hospital inpatient psychiatric unit
- 132 books by African American authors to Black Lives Matter RI
- 50 children's books for the Little Library and Wee Ones Wednesdays at Roger Williams Park Botanical Center



- 50 children's books for the EP Parks & Recreation Department summer camp at Pierce Field
- 75 Antiquarian and vintage books to stock the antique Traveling Library Box and vintage bookcase in the museum at Pomham Rocks Lighthouse
- 35 children's books to Rhode Island Philharmonic Music School
- 148 children's and young adult books to East Providence teachers
- 92 children's books, including books in Spanish, to Inclusion Family Counseling Center in Brockton, MA

To accomplish these goals, Friends of East Providence Public Library held two Thursday to Sunday book sales, in April and October, in addition to the Never-Ending Book Sales, held every day at Weaver and Riverside Library. A total of 34 volunteers actively participated in Friends' activities, volunteering more than 1,400 hours.