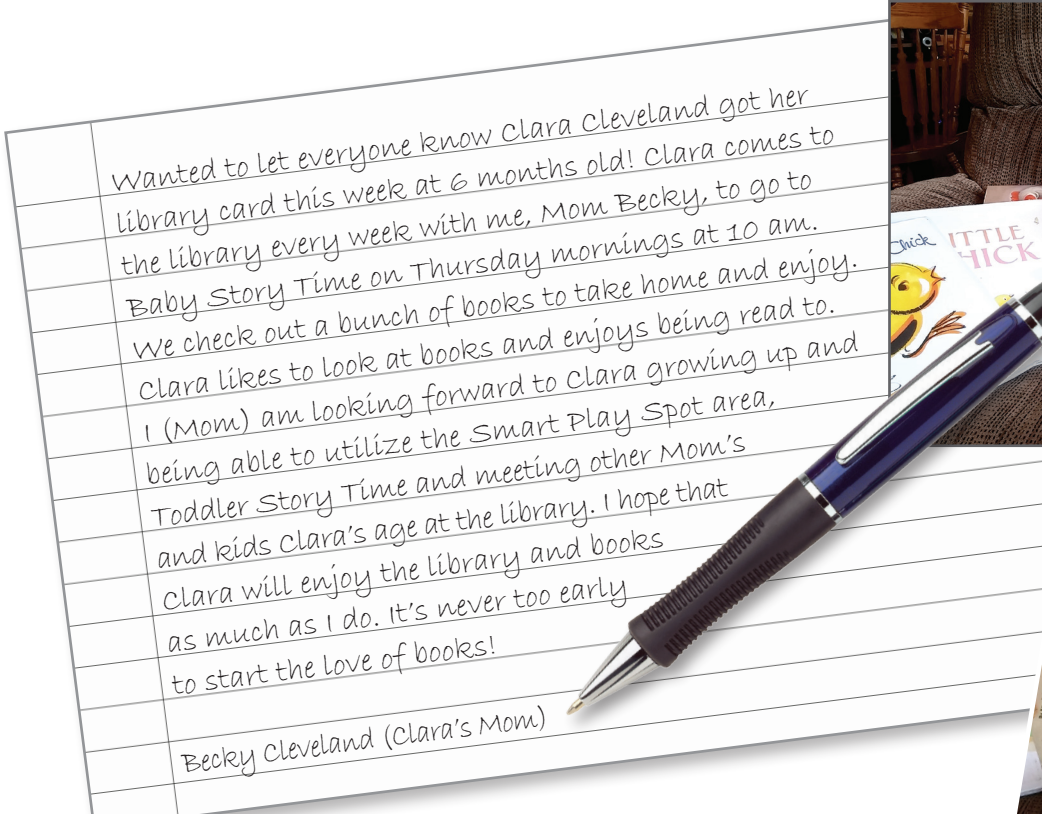



# Foundation Builder

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wanted to let everyone know Clara Cleveland got her library card this week at 6 months old! Clara comes to the library every week with me, Mom Becky, to go to Baby Story Time on Thursday mornings at 10 am. We check out a bunch of books to take home and enjoy. Clara likes to look at books and enjoys being read to. I (Mom) am looking forward to Clara growing up and being able to utilize the Smart Play Spot area, Toddler Story Time and meeting other Mom's and kids Clara's age at the library. I hope that Clara will enjoy the library and books as much as I do. It's never too early to start the love of books!

Becky Cleveland (Clara's Mom)




## Letter from the Executive Director

Partnerships, art projects, and happy babies are all part of your library. Where once libraries were a place you went to read in solitude, they are now so much more!

The Rochester Public Library is at the heart of our community. Here is where you, the citizen, the donor, the community member come to engage with others. In the month of April, over 43,000 community members walked through the doors of your library. You were here to read, use the internet to find employment, attend a class on Marshmallow Building, get free tax help, find housing, go to chess club, learn about gardening and try your hand at quilting. You bettered yourself, you shared your stories, you changed lives. You demanded the best the library has to offer and we responded.

Over the next few months, we will have a clearer picture of where your library is going. Are we going up 2 floors with a proposed 2 story expansion or are we moving to a new location? At this time, we can tell you – We are committed to having an exemplary library in the heart of downtown Rochester. As the Rochester City Council President, Randy Staver, so eloquently stated, "The library is a key destination in the downtown where a true cross-section of the community comes together to learn and engage."

Please voice your support for growing your library in the heart of downtown Rochester. Attend City Council meetings and community forums. Let your voices be heard. This is your library - Where do you want it to be?

*Vicki Allen*

Executive Director, Rochester Public Library Foundation  
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# 14th Annual Wit, Wisdom & Wine

Great speakers, great wine & great food, all make for a great event! The 14th Annual Wit, Wisdom, Wine was a huge success! This special event is put on each year by the Rochester Public Library Foundation, and showcases the library and all we have to offer. Approximately 230 attendees plus 40 volunteers enjoyed a fun evening on January 17.

Starting with appetizers from Omar's Kitchen and wines from Apollo Liquors, attendees had a chance to mingle with friends during social time. At 7:00 the first speakers got rolling sharing insights on everything from travel to Rochester history to weird laws.

Following the first programs, there was a break for time to check out the fabulous food selections, bid on some auction items and buy a raffle ticket before heading off to a second class. The night ended with the announcement of silent auction and raffle winners and the eating of some outstanding desserts.

Having an after hour's event here at the library poses some challenges, but none that we couldn't overcome. It does take a small village of staff and volunteers to set up the rooms and transform the 2nd floor of the library into a space suitable for eating and drinking! Many hands make light work, which benefits all the attendees.

Many thanks to everyone for the tremendous help in making WWW 2015 a great success. Just over \$40,000 gross was raised that evening, which is \$5,000 more than the previous year! These dollars go to support the mission and goals of the Rochester Public Library. Last year's proceeds were used to pay for library collection materials, computer software and training, and wifi access in the library.

Here is a list of the awesome speakers and topics offered this year:

- Error Splitting: An Examination of Failure - Father Nick Mezacapa
- Ethics in Politics – Tim Penny
- Chapters of Europe - Shannon & Larry Larsen, Ed-Ventures
- More New Stories About Old Rochester - Alan Calavano
- CIA Cooking Boot Camp: The Experience and Tips - Elaine Case and Bill Wiktor
- Fine Wines of France - Kim Johnson, Michael Corso Selections
- Wit, Wisdom and Bob Dylan - Chad Israelson
- A Walk Through The History Of Cuisine And It's Evolution - Chef Jon Dykeman
- I'll take "Weird Laws" for \$400, Alex - Chris Wendland and Julie Nagorski of Wendland Utz, Ltd.
- What We Know About Alzheimer's Disease and What You Can Do To Reduce Your Risk – Angela Lunde

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- 5** New Donors
- 18** Board Member & Employee Donations
- 3** Memorials & Honorarium Donations
- 7** Designated Donations
- 56** Undesignated Donations
- 66** Separate Donations totaling \$8,015

**When you add in the March Millions Match, over \$14,000 was raised in one month!**

**Thank you to all donors and the Otto Bremer Foundation**

**SAVE THE DATE FOR WWW 2016: JANUARY 16**

# ROCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

## Rochester Public Library Foundation Statement of Financial Position

Current Assets	2014	2013
Bank Accounts		
US Bank Brokerage Account	10,002.16	10,000.55
US Bank Checking	93,551.81	51,411.33
Total Bank Accounts	103,553.97	61,411.88
Total Current Assets	103,553.97	61,411.88

### Fixed Assets

Furniture & Equipment	1,898.28	1,898.28
Leasehold Improvements	11,275.00	
Accumulated Depreciation	(1,266.00)	(1,266.00)
Total Fixed Assets	11,907.28	632.28

### Other Assets

Investment Portfolio	2,305,719.28	2,191,398.89
Accrued Interest	2,331.02	2,225.70
Total Investment Portfolio	2,308,050.30	2,193,624.59
Total Other Assets	2,308,050.30	2,193,624.59

Total Assets	2,423,511.55	2,255,668.75
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### Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities	2014	2013
Total Liabilities		
<b>Equity</b>		
Perm. Restricted Net Assets	2,191,399.00	1,940,250.00
Unrestricted Net Assets	64,269.75	86,075.51
Net Revenue	167,842.80	229,343.24

Total Equity	2,423,511.55	2,255,668.75
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## Letter from the Library Foundation Board President

2014 was year of transition for the Rochester Public Library Foundation. We have our first ever Executive Director, Vicki Allen, who replaced Kathy Olson, our long-time administrator, at the start of 2014. Vicki hit the ground running and was immediately immersed in the Foundation's largest fundraiser, Wit, Wisdom & Wine. The Foundation also built-out a much needed office for Vicki and our new Administrative Assistant, Terri Heim. We spent the rest of the year doing some restructuring as we look toward a more staff-lead Foundation.

With 2014 behind us, the Foundation is planning for the future. We've already had a great first quarter of 2015. Wit, Wisdom & Wine saw an increase in attendance and dollars raised at an event that attracted 230 attendees and raised over \$35,000 for the Library. The Foundation participated in the Otto Bremer Foundation's March Millions, and received over \$14,000 during the month of March. We are also looking for new ways to engage with the community, thank our supporters, and increase awareness about the Foundation and the Library.

On behalf of the Foundation, I thank each and every supporter, volunteer, advocate and donor who contributed time, energy, money or other valuables to the Foundation. Your continuing support is greatly appreciated.

*Christopher C. Wendland*

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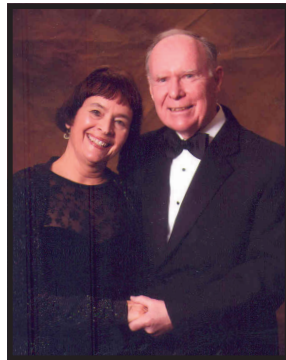
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# OPPORTUNITIES FOR DONATING TO THE ROCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION



## **BEQUEST** your estate to the Foundation and make a difference after you're gone.

Karen Moxness is remembered as an avid reader who shared her time and talent as a long time library volunteer. Through her bequest to the Endowment Fund, Karen continues to support special projects at the library she loved.



## **DESIGNATE** your support for a specific program or purpose.

Through their foundation, Jim and Judy Sloan have supported a variety of programs at the Rochester Public Library.

*"We have been very fortunate to have received many blessings and have had a chance to help many organizations. It is both gratifying and humbling to be able to do so. The library is a favorite of ours in that they assist people who have a passion for learning. Learning should be a lifelong goal."*



## **HONOR** a family member or friend with a gift in their name.

Dorothy Callahan's seven children have wonderful memories of hours spent at the library during their childhood. To honor her, they made a donation to the Foundation's Book-A-Year Endowment Fund.



## **ENCOURAGE** a new generation of readers.

Robert and Sarah Keller make a gift every year designated to the Youth Services area including Storytime Kits, programming or materials.

*"Sarah and I believe the future of our country lies in our children, so we want to support them. We feel good about it."*



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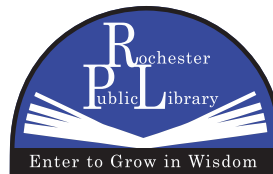
For more information about these giving options and others, call 507.328.2387. The Rochester Public Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

# Rochester Public Library BookBike: Shifting Gears...It's How We Roll

In April, Rochester Public Library launched the BookBike outreach program. RPL's BookBike, a little library on wheels, will visit locations within a one-mile radius of the downtown library this spring, summer and fall. Pulled by library staff on bicycles, RPL's BookBike will offer library books, library cards, program information, assistance with digital materials, bike trail maps and fun incentives for kids.

The BookBike will visit many area events including Art on the Ave in Slatterly Park on May 16th, Rochester Downtown Farmers Market on May 9th, June 6th and June 20th, and PrideFest at Peace Plaza on July 19th. With partners, We Bike Rochester and Olmsted County Public Health, the BookBike will visit Rochester Honkers games on Sunday, June 14th and Sunday, July 5th from 12 to 1:30PM. Fans who walk or bike to these games and arrive before 1pm will receive free tickets to that day's game. The BookBike will also visit area parks throughout the summer. The BookBike schedule can be found online: <http://www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/bookbike>

Visit the BookBike to check out some "wheelie" good books or just to say, "Hey, nice bike!" The BookBike project was funded in part with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, through a Community Collaboration grant from Southeast Libraries Cooperating (SELCO).



We are pleased to announce that the Rochester Public Library Foundation is now part of the Thrivent Financial Thrivent Choice Program. By directing Choice Dollars, all Thrivent Members can recommend which nonprofit organizations they feel should receive charitable grant funding.

If you are an eligible member, please consider the Rochester Public Library Foundation when directing Choice Dollars. To learn more visit [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice). Thank you!

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