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TOP 25 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BURLINGAME LIBRARY & COMMUNITY

BURLINGAME LIBRARY FOUNDATION BOARD

- Expanded our original Foundation Board from 12 to 24 members who collectively volunteer over 6,000 hours annually to support the library.
- Organized a bookselling team of 16 dedicated volunteers processing thousands of book, CD, and DVD donations for purchase in-person and online.
- Manage the Burlingame Main Branch Library Foundation Bookstore which sells over 14,000 donated books, DVDs, and CDs every year.
- Plan and execute 3-day book sale events twice yearly, offering thousands of donated books and media items to the public at an average price of $1.
- Sustain literacy by donating materials to local nonprofits, e.g. Sonoma fire survivors, area book drives, and San Mateo Youth Services Center.
- Provide volunteers for multiple library events and programs.
- Update and distribute the Foundation’s Annual Report, which adds an additional $50,000 in donations each year from generous community members.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

- Annually underwrite more than 1300 programs for tots, teens, adults, and seniors, all FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
- Subsidize the ever-expanding collections of hardback and e-books for all ages.
- Digitized the printed issues of The Burlingame Advance-Star newspaper, which was published 1906 through 1969.
- Underwrite career, employment, and technology workshops for job-seekers.
- Fund the innovative ideas of library staff through “Pitch Your Idea” grants that aid our community with their creative learning workshops.
- Contribute funding for innovative and well-attended adult programs for the community.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

- Beginning in 2006, hosted 12 Book & Author Luncheons featuring 36 acclaimed authors raising over $500,000.
- Sold out five Guess Who’s Coming to the Library! Speaker Series events at the Main Branch between 2018-2020 with celebrated guests such as Ira Glass, Patricia Arquette with Jackie Speier, and Susan Orlean.
- Created “Fund-a-Need” opportunities to add tablet devices, Wi-Fi hotspot loans, a STEAMfest program, and Homework Help Center.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Led the 2015 Capital Campaign to raise $1,000,000 to renovate the Main Library adding updated community spaces.
- Contributed $230,000 to renovate the Easton Branch in 2002-2004.
- Supported efforts to save the Easton Branch from impending closure in 2009 due to City budget cuts.
- Donated $25,000 for murals in the Children’s Room in 2008.
- Continuously fund tech upgrades, laptops, sewing machines and 3D Printers to The Lab.

CHILDREN’S EVENTS

- Underwrite the popular Children’s Summer Reading Program with a kick-off party and prizes.
- Fund early-literacy storytime programs in five languages throughout the year.
- Coordinated five Children’s Holiday Tea Parties featuring a children’s author and musical talent.
- Underwrite innovative teen programming including Coding for Girls and SAT Prep.
- Contribute funding for innovative and well-attended teen programs for the community.
OUR DOORS MIGHT BE CLOSED, BUT WE’RE STILL BRINGING YOU THE BEST OF OUR LIBRARY.

**SINCE MARCH 16TH, WE HAVE:**

- Hosted over 90 virtual programs
- Answered over 1,500 reference questions
- Provided access to over 44,000 eBooks and eAudiobooks, with over 1,700 eBooks and eAudiobooks being borrowed by Burlingame Library patrons each week.
- Streamed over 2,780 feature films and documentaries
- Registered 515 new library patrons
- Registered 1,130 people for the Summer Learning Challenge
- 3D printed 520 PPE (Face shields and ear guards) for front-line workers
- Connected patrons with 59,716 Books, Audiobooks, DVD’s, and CD’s.
- Answered over 1,500 reference questions
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- Hand picked over 4800 books to fill 960 Children’s Book Bundles
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- Filled over 5650 Curbside Pickup Requests

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