2019 Annual Report: adapting to change
Mission of the Friends of Minneapolis Central Library:

to support Minneapolis Central Library by providing volunteer resources as well as promoting library programs and services to the community.

(Revised 2019)

In 2019, Friends of Hennepin County Library assumed total responsibility for fundraising and the distribution of raised monies.

Friends of Minneapolis Central Library, no longer active in these areas, adjusted its priorities for 2019 to include:

- Advocacy
- Community Outreach/Engagement
- Volunteerism

When you’re finished changing, you’re finished.
Benjamin Franklin
2019 priorities – ADVOCACY

Information booths at events such as North Loop Annual Meeting, Mill City Farmers’ Market and Minneapolis PRIDE Festival Parade provided opportunities to promote programs and services provided by Minneapolis Central Library. A trivia wheel and book give-away lent fun to some events. Librarians were on hand to issue library cards.

By the numbers:
# events:  10
# books given out:  188
# people with whom we spoke (est.): 933

2019 FMCL Board of Directors
Angela Anderson               Cathy Hogan
Linda Brehmer, Treasurer     Carol Jordan, Past Pres.
Bob Callahan                  Jennifer Samaha
Sonny R. Graves               Carol Siegel
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Valarie Griep                 Sarah Tittle, Secretary
Susan Hanna-Bibus, Pres.  
     ex officio: Stephanie Steinwedel, Library Liaison

Jennifer Samaha, Pride Festival 2019
Photo by Harvey Linder

The only thing you have to know is the location of the library.
Albert Einstein
New outreach initiatives in 2019 focused on increasing service to the Elliot Park Neighborhood of downtown Minneapolis:

- Promoted the Library by having a booth and book give-aways at two family events at Franklin Steele Park.

- Worked with Elliot Park Rec Center on a story time pilot and creating a reading nook promoting literacy and library awareness.

- Began conversations with Augustana Apartments to revitalize their library.

**Bad libraries build collections.**  
**Good libraries build services.**  
**Great libraries build communities.**  
R. David Lankes
Friends of Minneapolis Central Library volunteers not only staff Friends events, but also provide help at Library events and activities. If librarians request help, it is the Friends who provide the extra hands.

In addition to the hours shown below left, many Friends contribute to the library by working occasionally or on an ongoing basis for a particular library program and/or department.

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they just have the heart.

Elizabeth Andrew

By the numbers:
# volunteers recruited: 88
# events/activities staffed: 30
# volunteer hours in support of Minneapolis Central Library: 242

(does not include board members’ time on assigned board duties)
Under the new structure, Friends of Minneapolis Central Library was allocated a modest amount from donations by Friends of Hennepin County Library to cover operating expenses.

### 2019 INCOME & EXPENSES

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Looking Ahead

In 2020, we will continue to define our new role, including:

- Holding a planning retreat
- Working to expand the volunteer base
- Continuing to build partnerships in the community
- Connecting an increasing number of people to the Library
- Strengthening relationships with library staff

You cannot expect to achieve new goals or move beyond your present circumstances unless you change.

Les Brown