

THE LANIER LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Letter from the President

2022 was a busy year for the library, in part, due to the unexpected bequest from former board chair and longtime member, Harry Goodheart. As the year began, we started handling the work involved in inheriting the Tryon Fine Books building, all of Harry's books, and other contents.

Special thanks goes out to our staff, board members, and a host of volunteers for their dedication and hard work on this project. As of this writing, the books have new homes and the building has been sold.

Harry's bequest is an example of how important planned giving is to Lanier. The gift helped us to catch up on many much needed repairs and upgrades such as installing new carpet and painting the exterior and interior.

The easing of pandemic conditions allowed us to return to in-person programs throughout the year including an Annual Meeting which we had not been able to schedule for several years. Author Kathryn Schville delivered a fascinating talk about the research for her book, *What Luck This Life*. Monthly Live@Lanier programs included the Felburn Nature and Wildlife series, wellness, magic, bootlegging, wine, and other topics well attended by members. In several cases, the programs were standing room only. In July, best-selling author, Delia Owens, appeared at a special event screening of the movie based on her novel, *Where the Crawdads Sing*. Fellow author Mary Alice Monroe joined her on stage before and after the movie. This one-night-only joint fundraiser benefited both our library and the Foothills Humane Society.

Thanks to the Kirby Endowment Fund at the Polk County Community Foundation (PCCF), we were able to offer two hands-on crafts workshops free to the community.

We continue to work on making improvements to our building. We have replaced carpeting in the periodical room, the staff offices, the children's room and the stairwell. Several upgrades to the Le Duc room have made it even more inviting and comfortable. The worn out carpeting has been replaced with engineered laminate and walls have been refreshed with a new coat of paint. Additionally, we have acquired a "new-to-us" table and chairs which function well for our board meetings and make the space more welcoming for anyone exploring the Felburn Nature Collection. Probably the most visible and longest overdue work was the exterior painting. Equally

needed work was undertaken on the upstairs bathroom. Thanks to a grant from the Cannon Foundation, this past December we were able to completely renovate the bathroom to make it fully accessible to anyone with mobility issues. If you have not visited the library in the last couple of months, please be sure to take a peek at all these improvements when you come into our building.

Our financials are in good shape as you will see from the Treasurer's Report. This is due in large part by keeping our expenses under budget, but has also been helped by the one-time revenue related to the bookstore mentioned above. Additionally, our members once again exceeded expectations in response to our Annual Fund. These funds play an important role in our ability to operate the library. Another big part of our ongoing fiscal health can be attributed to the Local Commitment Grant from PCCF, as well as funding from the Forbes and the Felburn Foundations. Yearly disbursements from funds held by other institutions for the benefit of the library by Legacy Fund donors James and Hertha Flack and Earl and Lilian Bettinger also help our bottom line.

One of the most important aspects of 2022 was our ability to appreciate and reward our superlative staff. Last year, PCCF began an important program that helps us recognize our outstanding staff by fully funding SEP-IRAs for them. Our staff create the warm and welcoming atmosphere in the library. They know us as individuals—what we like to read, watch or listen to and are truly interested in helping us find stimulating, entertaining material in our collection.

Finally, and probably most importantly, our library is truly a community that fosters friendship, neighborliness, and intellectual stimulation. We are blessed with a knowledgeable and caring staff, an active and engaged board, and a membership of remarkable giving individuals.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicky Jackson
President



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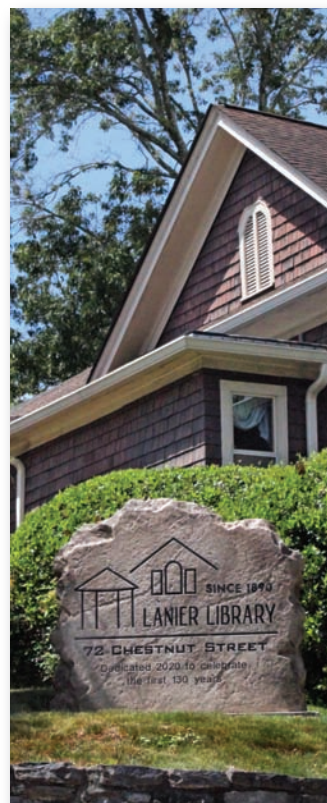
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Key Facts

42 programs including literature, the Felburn Nature/Wildlife Series, history, magic, paper crafts, whisky, wine, and more.

Total print media acquisitions for 2022: 696 (fiction 361, non-fiction 120, large print 23, mystery 64, biography 48, Felburn Nature/Wildlife 10, juvenile 66, young adult 4). DVDs 141, CDs 38.

Treasurer's Report

Last year saw a decrease in Lanier Library's endowment, offset in part by another year of strong operating results. Overall operating revenues continued to increase due to: 1) continued member support via our Annual Fund, 2) institutional support from a number of organizations, including the Polk County Community Foundation, the Felburn Foundation, the Cannon Foundation, and the Forbes Foundation, and 3) the generous bequest of Harry Goodheart, a long-time Lanier Library Board member. This financial support allowed the Library to address pressing maintenance needs, including a total repainting of the exterior, a refurbished, ADA-compliant restroom, and new flooring. Operating expenses, on the other hand, remained at or below budget.

The Library's endowment, while prudently invested in highly diversified Vanguard index funds designed to provide long-term capital appreciation, nevertheless realized a loss of approximately 13.85%, roughly equal to other similarly diversified benchmarks. The Board is re-evaluating its current endowment holdings, as well as its fund manager, to insure the most prudent path forward under current conditions. Many thanks to all who helped support the Library, financially and otherwise, in 2022. I look forward to another successful year in 2023. Financial statements and the Library's most recent federal tax return (Form 990) are available upon request at the Library.

Timothy J. Boyce, Treasurer



Revenues	2020	2021	2022
Member driven	\$70,445	\$84,222	\$82,492
Bequests	N/A	\$103,100	\$99,030
Grants	\$27,526	\$144,958	\$153,777
Other	\$1,749	\$17,637	\$6,670
Total	\$101,188	\$349,917	\$341,969
Expenses	2020	2021	2022
Personnel	\$90,831	\$97,054	\$108,949
Books/other media	\$17,780	\$15,830	\$17,123
Facilities	\$17,706	\$23,554	\$16,451
Capital items:	N/A	\$63,315	\$37,988
Painting, Flooring			
Professional	\$11,154	\$4,500	\$11,625
General/Admin	\$21,653	\$35,708	\$34,363
Total	\$162,458	\$239,961	\$226,499
Operating Gain/Loss	-\$61,271	\$109,956	\$115,470