

Friends of Neill Public Library



FNPL Board: (Left to Right) Julie Coyle, Mandy Thompson, Megan Welling, Becky Dueben, Julie Tarlyn, Jodi Bordeaux, Jaclyn Gotch, and Laura Winder

Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

Recently I had a conversation with someone considering relocating their family. "Tell me about Pullman." My answer went something like this: Well, it is not very big. There are 33,000 people living in Pullman and 21,000 of them are students, so it's pretty quiet in the summer. My kids walk to Reaney Pool all summer to swim. The Palouse is beautiful in the summer and the spring and the winter. Oh, and in the fall...it is glorious. There are some great hills for sledding, lots of great parks and trails. My husband and I walk all over Pullman in the evenings. The views from the top of the hills are stunning. It is safe. Pullman schools have great teachers and sports and arts and music. Come to think of it, Pullman is very education minded. The more we talked, the more I realized how proud I am to live here.

I love living in Pullman! I love my neighbors, the ones who live on my street as well as the ones I cross paths with around town. I have a special fondness for my library friends; fellow volunteers, employees, patrons, and donors. As president of Friends of Neill Public Library, I have the opportunity to help gather and distribute your contributions. Each meeting, as we meet with Library Director Joanna Bailey to coordinate our efforts and discuss the great things that are happening in the library, I am filled with gratitude for each one of you, my neighbors. Thank you for believing in our community and for choosing to invest in our Library!

- Your Friend, Megan



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Your Membership Matters!

In 2018, Memberships accounted for 41% of FNPL income. Please consider becoming a Friend, and help our library thrive!

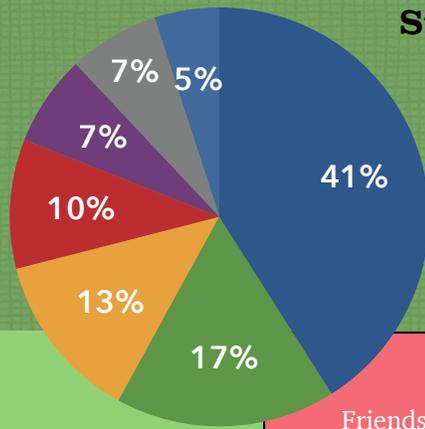


Lentil Festival

Thanks to the generous efforts of Eagle Scout Preston Johnson and local artists, Friends raffled off Little Free Libraries during Lentil Festival to encourage sharing of books and literacy in our neighborhoods.

**FNPL Annual Board Meeting:
February 12, 2019.
5:30pm**

Supporting our library. Enriching our community.



- Membership
- Unrestricted Gifts
- Designated Gifts
- Endowment Interest
- Book Sale
- Other
- Little Free Library

2018 Income

Your continued contributions allow Friends of Neill Public Library to support many programs not covered by the city budget. Thank you to all who donate each year!

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Friends simply wouldn't be what it is without you. Our volunteers donate hours of their time to help with events, fundraisers and so much more. In 2018 volunteers provided hundreds of hours of support!

Board of Directors

Helping our members help their library

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- Joanna Bailey
Ex-officio



Volunteer Spotlight

Barb Robbins believes the library is a great equalizer where

everyone is treated the same. She has volunteered with Friends of Neill Public Library for the past five years, where she started out dusting shelves, then moved on to coordinating the Newborn Literacy Program which ensures each baby born in Pullman Regional Hospital leaves with a new library card and a free book. "Many parents aren't yet thinking about the library," she says, "but the infant literacy packet puts the library on the parents' radar, and encourages them to read with their infant." Barb volunteers with the Summer Reading Program and enjoys watching the children engage with reading. She also takes library books to Bishop Place the second Monday of each month so Pullman's older residents also have a chance to engage with the library.

Barb is a prime example of the host of volunteers working with Friends of Neill Public Library to guarantee our community, from infants to seniors, have access to the library. Thank you, Barb, for your work!

Helping Adults

A note from Dan Owens, Adult Services Librarian

Overall, FNPL funding provided more than 20% of Neill Public Library's budget for adult materials in 2018. These crucial funds purchased more than 325 print books, 50 electronic books, 50 large print books and nearly 150 audiobooks.

The Friends also strengthened the library's programming efforts in 2018, allowing us to screen the documentary "Ex Libris" at the historic Cordova Theater and provide refreshments to all of our program attendees throughout the year. The Friends also supported our regional *Everybody Reads!* program, which brought award-winning author Emily Ruskovich to the Palouse.

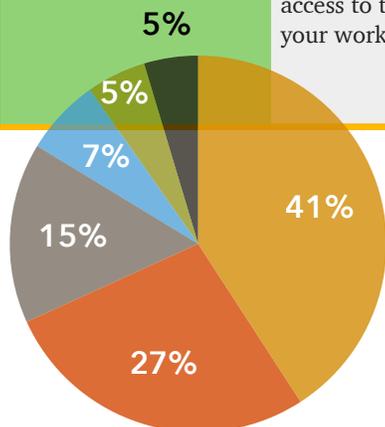
Adult services staff members were able to attend library conferences in 2018, thanks to support from the Friends. These professional development opportunities allow us to incorporate new ideas and best practices into our work, benefiting the entire library and Pullman community.

Helping Youth

A Note from Kathleen Ahern, Youth Services Librarian

The Friends provide funding and volunteers for two key early literacy projects. Each spring, Friends join Pullman Public Schools for Kindergarten Registration to hand out a literacy packet to each soon-to-be kindergartner. Each packet includes a library card and a new book to enjoy.

Friends also make sure our youngest citizens start off on the path to lifelong reading by providing a literacy packet to every baby born at Pullman Regional Hospital. Each packet has the baby's first Neill Public Library card, along with a beautiful board book for parents to share with their little one.



2018 Expenses

- Materials
- Designated Gift Purchases
- Programs
- Admin and Promotional
- NPL Employee Development
- Other

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