

Friends of the NGPL Finance report for the year ending December 31,2024

The Friends of the North Grenville Library have successfully continued their support for the library by contributing towards expenses beyond the library's budgetary allocations. With the help of our members and community supporters, we funded a summer student, contributed towards the purchase of a Cricut machine, assisted with upgrading the children's computers and related software, and donated to the start-up costs of the musical lending library (MILL).

Our fundraising efforts this year were varied and creative. We provided the community with an opportunity to enjoy an entertaining evening featuring Kim Kilpatrick and her guide dog Ginger, who shared stories about their life together. In collaboration with St. John's United Church, we presented *Romance on the Road*, a theatre production from the North Grenville Community Theatre volunteer group.

The Friends also offered the open door Babin Inspirational event featuring a panel of four local musicians who answered questions and shared their talents by performing. Our Annual General Meeting hosted guest speaker Vic Suthren, a Canadian writer and novelist interested in colonial and maritime history, who entertained us in full costume with his stories.

Our 2024 expenses were minimal, covering guest honorariums, new brochures, thank you notes, and library support payments. Our meetings at the library incur no costs.

Financially we are in good standing and are already planning ahead for 2025 opportunities to support our community library.

Barbara Rousseau

Treasurer