



Alpine Library Friends Association

ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020

This year's Annual Report should be in two separate halves - pre- and post-shutdown. Charles Dickens sums it up well: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." From November to March ALFA flourished and continued its support of the Alpine Library in four major ways, and then the pandemic hit!

- 1 We budgeted \$6,000 for the County Library matching Funds program which provides "Hot Right Now" books to refresh the general collection, some STEAM books and \$1700 for periodicals and newspapers. All donations are matched 1-1.
- 2 We budgeted \$8,000 for programs and materials which supplement what the County provides.
- 3 We provided refreshments and/or support for many programs offered by the library such as the Crochet Club, Stretch classes and Alpine Reads materials.
- 4 We operated the Bookstore selling a wide array of books, CDs and DVDs for all ages. We continued online sales which provided an additional \$1200 to our regular revenues. Our Bookstore volunteers put in over 300 work hours per month: we are fortunate to have such a talented and devoted group of people.

Generous donations and membership dues provided the remainder of our revenue. Almost 200 loyal members continued to support ALFA's mission and we are so grateful to you. We hope to continue ALFA's mission through these trying times and ask for your support during the coming months. Members enjoy a ½ price sale every 2nd weekend of the month and enjoy our weekly blog which details new arrivals and upcoming special events. Unspent budgeted funds will be used when the library and Bookstore reopen for normal operations.

The limited reopening of the library gives us hope that, possibly after the election, the Bookstore may reopen on a limited basis. We are working on protocols which will assure the safety of our customers and volunteers. When you receive your membership renewal form, please return it and continue your support for our wonderful Alpine Library.

Together ALFA members and the Alpine Library Staff will not only survive these trying times but will continue their support and enjoyment of this wonderful resource in our community.

Christine Connell, ALFA President, on behalf of the 2019–2020 Board of Directors

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