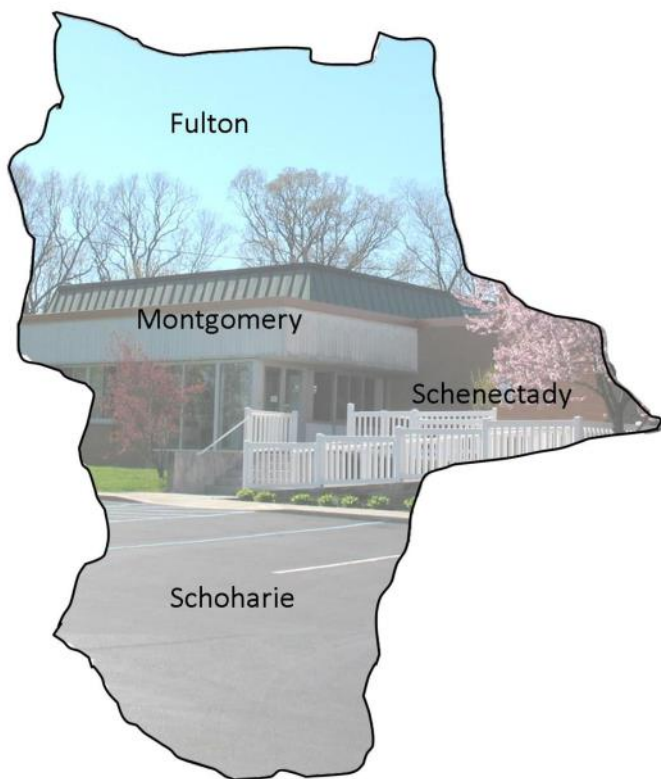


The **Foundation**

Supporting Libraries for the Future

For Mohawk Valley Libraries



Annual Report

For calendar year

2016

Foundation Mission and Overview

The Foundation for Mohawk Valley Libraries supports the Mohawk Valley Library System, providing funding that helps the fourteen member libraries in Fulton, Montgomery, Schenectady and Schoharie Counties. The Foundation is a fully registered public charity with a mission of raising money to benefit libraries.



Volunteers at the Mohawk Golf Tournament

Formed in 2014, we have now established successful traditions as an organization that works to provide opportunities for public libraries in the Mohawk Valley Library System service area.

Given our mission, those traditions include fundraising efforts, grant programs to support libraries and the annual Foundation meeting.

Fundraising events now include two annual golf tournaments and the annual year-end campaign. With these combined efforts, we have established a tradition of raising \$15,000 annually to benefit libraries. The grant programs have been established to provide that funding in ways that will maximize the impact on library services. And our annual Foundation program, held each June, provides a new educational opportunity for library staff and trustees.

The remainder of this report provides the details of how these traditions played out in 2016. The Foundation's volunteer board—representing all four counties—many other volunteers, the Mohawk Valley Library System board and staff and the many donors and supporters listed later in the report are committed to continuing to work together to raise and distribute extra funding for libraries in the Mohawk Valley. We invite all to join us in this valuable and vital work.

Fundraising Efforts

Two golf tournaments and the year end campaign formed the basis of Foundation fundraising efforts in 2016. On June 20, we held our second annual tournament at the Mohawk Golf Club. With major sponsors Ellis Medicine and the Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital, many other sponsors and donors, and a good contingent of volunteers and players; the Foundation successfully raised more than \$8,000 at what has become the signature annual library fundraising event in Schenectady. Thanks to all who contribute to this ongoing success.

A second tournament was started in 2016, in an effort to include and cater to potential donors and players in the remaining three counties. Bonnie Kerr and her dedicated group of volunteers planned, recruited donors and golfers, and hosted a great tournament at the Canajoharie Golf & Country Club on August 6, 2016. With Fuccillo Autoplex of Nelliston as the major sponsor, many other sponsors and donors, and eight foursomes of golfers; the tournament was a smashing success, raising nearly \$2,000 and getting many businesses, individuals and libraries involved in the mission of raising money for libraries. Another tradition begun that will benefit Mohawk Valley libraries for years to come.



Canajoharie Golf Tournament Basket Raffle

Finally, our second successful year-end appeal raised over \$6,000 from 50 donors, establishing a tradition that involves donors from across the service area that give to benefit libraries. To this suite of traditions, we are working to add the ability for libraries to establish dedicated funds that allow for individualized fundraising for specific library purposes as well as for planned giving efforts. This tradition should be fully developed in 2017.

Grants to Benefit MVLS Libraries

The Foundation Grant Programs established in 2015 matured and expanded in 2016, bringing greater benefits to the MVLS member libraries. The *Dream and Do Grants* allowed every library to enhance or expand public service in the library. 2016 projects included adding display shelving, computer furnishings, human comfort through HVAC upgrades, marketing initiatives, library classes and events for adults and children, and expanded access to library materials.

In addition, four member libraries received assistance through the *Advocacy Grant* program. These libraries used Foundation grant funding to increase their community engagement and local public funding. Three libraries held successful library proposition



campaigns to boost the community's investment in the library. These efforts will continue in 2017.

Cobleskill Battle of the Books, supported by a Foundation grant

2017 Projects & Goals

Grants for MVLS Libraries will continue, with both grant programs expanding in 2017.

Two Golf Tournaments are planned: June 9 at the Mohawk Golf Club and July 31 at the Canajoharie Country Club.

Planned Giving initiatives to raise and hold money specifically for member library projects will begin.

Financial Reports - 2016

In this second full fiscal year, the Foundation continued to establish norms for both income and expenses. The fundraising initiatives that have been established have settled in to regular occurrences that will net at least \$15,000 per year, money that is then available to the MVLS member libraries through well established grant programs. The Foundation remains very focused on minimizing administrative and overhead costs, so all of the money raised is available for helping MVLS serve the member libraries in Fulton, Montgomery, Schenectady and Schoharie Counties.

Statement of Activities January 1 through December 31, 2016

Income

Contributions	\$5,998
Grants	\$1,327
Event Revenue	\$19,798
Total	\$27,121

Expense

Grants Awarded	\$8,855
Event Fees	\$8,937
Supplies & Postage	\$2,634
Total	\$20,426

Net Assets Beginning of Year \$11,032

Net Assets End of Year \$17,727

Donors & Supporters

Major Donors (\$1,000 or more)

Adirondack Beverages
Ellis Medicine - Ellis Hospital
Neil and Jane Golub
Stewarts Shops
Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital
Esther Swanker

Sustaining Donors (\$500 - \$999)

Jane Borrelli
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Marion Grimes
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Supporters

1st National Bank of Scotia	Congressman Paul Tonko
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Black Cat Café & Bakery	Ron and Amy Dievendorf
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Bowman's Market	Doris Dutcher
Karen Bradley	Dutchtown Ace Hardware
Breault and McGovern DDS	Earthly Remedies by Erin
Elizabeth Camarra	Christopher Eastman
Canajoharie Golf Club	FAGE USA
Capitaland Subaru	Nancy D. Fitzroy
Anne Christman	Dale Folmsbee
Cioffi, Slezak, & Wildgrube	Fort Plain True Value
Cobbler & Company	Patricia Franco
Lenard and Carolyn Combi	

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GE Foundation
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Performance Fitness
Jonathan D. Pessen
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Pine Lake Stove & Fireplace
Price Chopper
Proctors
Mari Jo Quinn
Raindancer Restaurant
Bruce Renison
Stephen and Ellen Renison
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Jerry Ryan
Edward Salvo
Schenectady Cty Sheriffs
James Schulteis
SEARS
Senator George Amedore
Socha Plaza
Sondra's Fine Jewelry
Sunmark Foundation
The Green Iguana Bistro
The Open Door Bookstore
The Shults Agency
The Tire Shop
The Wrath of Grapes
Tough Traveler, Ltd.
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Wal-Mart -Cobleskill
Deborah Wyngowski
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Treasurer:	Cheryl Cufari

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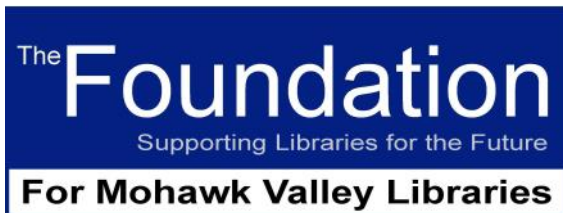
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Foundation board meetings are held the 2nd Friday of the month at the MVLS Service Center, 858 Duaneburg Rd., Schenectady, NY 12306



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