



# 2023

## IMPACT REPORT

***“I am humbled and grateful that so many of you have chosen to stand with me under this honorable banner that unites us as Friends. Thank you.”*** Randy Casey-Rutland



There's never been a more exciting time to be a Friend of our wonderful library.

This year, I step into a new position – President of the Board of the Friends of Williamsburg Regional Library Foundation. I'm taking over from Sam Sadler, a tireless library advocate who has spent more than a decade on the Friends' board. Sam leaves mighty big shoes to fill.

But I feel like I'm up to the task in large measure because of you: the Friends. Your commitment is unshakable. Your generosity knows no bounds. Since 2013, the Friends have given upward of \$1.2 million to WRL, allowing our beloved libraries to venture into territory that would be impossible without your support.

Today's library is a far cry from the institution that many of us grew up with. Stakeholders have frequent, ongoing conversations about how the library should engage the community in a world awash in technology. The Friends eagerly support efforts to make library resources more accessible, supporting initiatives like the Makerspace, Digital Memory Lab, Library Speakers Consortium, and the Better Health Through Culinary Literacy program, which brings a mobile demonstration kitchen into the community to teach nutritional cooking skills.


The Friends also help enable Williamsburg Regional Library events that have become cherished occasions, including 23 (so far) seasons of the Dewey Decibel Concert Series and the Children's Summer Reading Program, which fosters literacy and a love of learning for thousands of our youngest and most impressionable neighbors every year.

We love to sing the praises of this community cornerstone, but you need not rely on our words. Recently the Virginia Library Association named Williamsburg Regional Library the Virginia Library of the Year, underscoring what we've known all along: We are fortunate to live in a place with a library system that is second to none.

Your kindness has made that possible, and I embark on this new journey eager to see what you will help accomplish in the years to come. I am humbled and grateful that so many of you have chosen to stand with me under this honorable banner that unites us as Friends. Thank you.

Randy Casey-Rutland  
President, Friends of Williamsburg Regional Library Foundation





# FAST FACTS

**\$328,118**

MONEY RAISED IN 2023

**\$224,249**

SPENT IN PROJECT FUNDING IN 2023

**20**

PROJECTS FUNDED IN 2023

**\$3,400,423**

TOTAL FUNDS UNDER MANAGEMENT  
AS OF 12/31/23

**\$225**

AVERAGE GIFT IN 2023



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The Friends Board of Directors is made up of a talented and dedicated group of volunteers from Greater Williamsburg who are supported by a host of subcommittees. These groups work together to make an impact on the future of the Williamsburg Regional Library and be good stewards of the resources entrusted to the Friends.

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# THE ENDOWMENT

## OUR LIBRARY - OUR FUTURE

While local governments cover our library's general operating costs, funding from the Friends of Williamsburg Regional Library Foundation helps our library achieve a level of excellence by adding to its collections, supporting new programs, and investing in special projects. The Friends of WRL Foundation currently has about \$3 million in endowment and other invested funds which generate around \$80,000 annually in income.

The Endowment is conservatively invested under the supervision of the Friends Finance-Endowment Committee. Only the earnings are spent, keeping the principal intact. The Friends of WRL Foundation's Board of Directors allocates funding based on the library's strategic priorities and in keeping with the wishes of our donors.

You can donate to any of the endowment funds listed below and ensure that our library's collections, programs, and services continue to grow in perpetuity.

### FRIENDS OF WILLIAMSBURG REGIONAL LIBRARY FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT

#### **GENERAL FUND**

This endowment is used for the areas of greatest need.

#### **COLLECTIONS FUND**

This endowment supports all aspects of our library collections.

#### **THE NEXT GENERATION FUND: CHILDREN & TEENS**

This endowment not only supports the collections, programs, and services for children and teens, but also allows us to create new programs that support reading readiness for children, as well as discovery and experimental learning.

#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FUND**

This endowment supports all aspects of our library programs and services, from funding traveling library exhibitions to educational programs and outreach into our community.

#### **TECHNOLOGY FUND**

This endowment allows us to meet the growing demand for digital content; to make investments in technology at the library; to expand our collection of audiobooks and e-books; and to subsidize our technology classes and seminars.

#### **NAMED FUNDS**

For a minimum investment of \$10,000 you can establish a named fund for the purpose of your choice. For more information, please contact Benjamin Goldberg (757) 741-3390.

# DONATIONS JANUARY 2023 - DECEMBER 2023

Our library delivers award-winning services and is accessible to everyone because of the commitment of our local governments and the generosity of private donors. While tax dollars keep the lights on, buildings open, and cover the operating expenses, we know the library is so much more. That's what the Friends do.

We help make a good library an excellent one – with your help. We are grateful to all our Friends who made a gift between January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023.

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 forward to my book  
 reading time; it is total  
 enjoyment for me  
 since I was a child. I  
 encourage parents to  
 participate in library  
 reading programs like  
 1,000 Books Before  
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*“We are so appreciative of the wonderful selection of books we find at the Williamsburg Regional Library. Our little one loves to read and gets so excited to discover books on so many different topics, and our bedtime stories are definitely the highlight of my day. It was such a treat for us to be a part of the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten celebration.”*

Latara Rouse



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Williamsburg  
Colonial Italian American  
Organization  
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Eli Lilly and Company  
Foundation, Inc.

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of the VA Master  
Naturalists  
James City County/Wmbg  
Master Gardeners  
James City Lions Club  
Junior Woman's Club of  
Williamsburg  
Kiwanis Club of Colonial  
Capital  
Kiwanis Club of Toano  
Kiwanis Club of  
Williamsburg

Kiwanis Club of  
Williamsburg  
Foundation  
League of Women Voters  
of the Williamsburg Area  
Phi Beta Kappa Alpha of  
Virginia  
Rotary Club of  
Williamsburg  
Russian School of  
Hampton Roads  
Sentara Health  
Shoofly Dairy Bar

Temple Beth El of  
Williamsburg  
The Benevity Community  
Impact Fund  
The Rotary Club of the  
Historic Triangle  
Virginia Commission for  
the Arts  
Virginia Department of  
Taxation  
William and Mary Literati  
Society  
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Williamsburg - GFWC

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Organization  
Daughters of the American  
Revolution, Ann Wager

Chapter  
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Kilwins  
Menchie's Frozen Yogurt  
Pirate's Cove Adventure  
Golf  
Retro's Good Eats  
Rita's

Science Museum of  
Virginia  
Sno-to-Go  
Sweet Frog Williamsburg  
The American Friends of  
Lafayette  
The Mariners' Museum  
and Park  
The Wagsters Magic  
Theatre

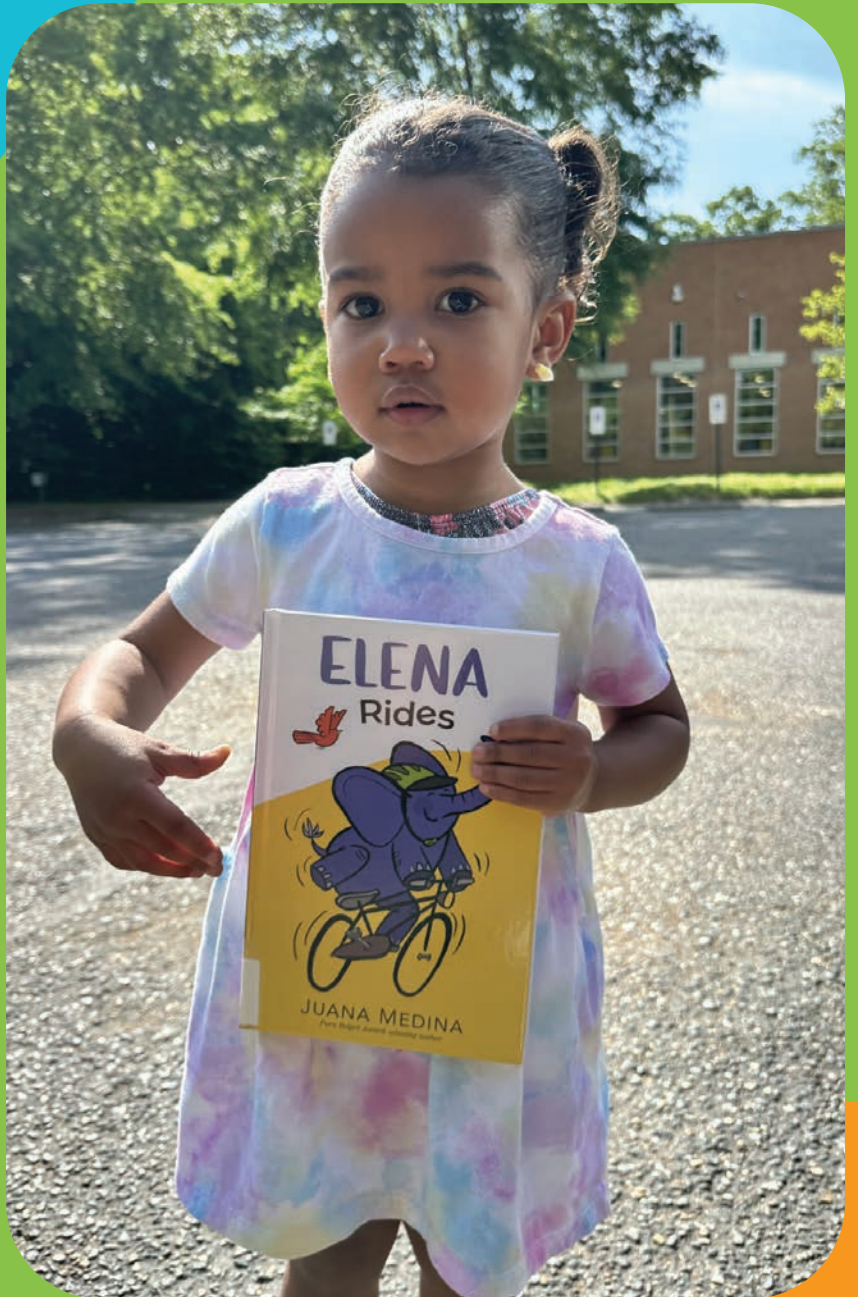
Two Trolls LLC  
Virginia Living Museum  
Wawa, Inc.  
Whitley's Peanut Factory  
Williamsburg Area  
Amateur Radio Club  
Williamsburg  
Campground

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*“My daughter, Elena, loves going to the James City County Library. She loves the tube system that is right when you walk in [the Kiwanis Kids Idea Studio] as well as “going shopping.” Over the summer, she enjoyed collecting the tags for her necklace and telling anyone that would listen about the books she’s read. I love that we have the ability to check out so many books as it has helped keep her love for books growing.”*

Nicolette Cuevas







*“The Dewey Decibel Concert Series helps greatly in providing artists a fantastic opportunity to showcase their music and talent on a class A stage. It also enables many, that otherwise couldn’t afford a higher ticket charge, a chance to come and hear the many versatile performer’s and groups that are featured throughout the year in the theater. It serves its purpose quite well in Williamsburg.”*

Jae Sinnett  
(Dewey Decibel musician)



# FAST FACTS

Friends volunteers gave over 6,000 hours last fiscal year

There are nearly 50 active Book Nook volunteers

There are over 800 Friends donors

4,906 children participated in 2023 Summer Reading

1,323 music lovers attended the Dewey Decibel Concert Series in FY 2023


The Kiwanis Kids Idea Studio has saw a total of 138,681 visits in FY 2023



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Sandy Towers





Thanks to the generous support from the Friends of WRL Foundation this year, the library has been able to deliver innovative and outstanding programs that have truly made a positive impact on the lives of individuals within our community. In 2023, the library proudly received the prestigious Virginia Library of the Year Award, as well as maintained its national star status—achievements made possible by individuals like you who believe in the life-changing power of libraries.

In 2023, the Friends generously sponsored more than 20 exceptional programs, including the library's collaboration with the Library Speakers Consortium. This partnership provides users with the opportunity to enrich their lives by enjoying virtual author talks featuring nationally renowned figures like John Irving, Rick Steves, and Geraldine Brooks—all from the comfort of their homes.

Your contributions have not only supported these initiatives but have also opened doors to new outreach opportunities. Thanks to the Friends and a grant from Sentara Health, the Bookmobile's mobile teaching kitchen will bring healthy cooking classes on wheels to areas where library access is limited. WRL's popular Saturdays @ Frink have expanded from monthly to weekly, and the Cena con Cuentos (Dinner with Stories) program has reached the Grove area, providing Spanish-speaking English learners with a program that fosters togetherness and early literacy.

The Kiwanis Kids Idea Studio is an astounding success story that gets better each year, with nearly 140,000 visits in 2023. This revolutionary children's museum-inspired space created in collaboration with the Friends and three local Kiwanis Clubs has become a focal point for families of all backgrounds and abilities to explore learning in a fun, engaging way. Thanks to the Friends, WRL expanded this space to include an open art studio and sensory corner, with plans for a natural playground opening in late 2024.

In addition to these remarkable new programs, the Friends continue to support much-loved programs such as One Book One Community, WRL's annual community read program in partnership with William & Mary; the Dewey Decibel Concert Series; and youth and adult Summer Reading Programs, which play a pivotal role in promoting literacy.

The Friends' unwavering dedication to our library is a testament to the power of community, collaboration, and a shared vision for a brighter future. We are excited to see what the future holds as we continue to work together to empower and enrich the lives of our users.

Sandy Towers  
Williamsburg Regional Library Interim Director