

also set up a Rare Book Repair exhibit in the Main Library vestibule to showcase her amazing work. Our colleague Kitty Smith was nominated for the 2014 Massachusetts Library Association Paralibrarian Award. We would like to thank all of our volunteers, who so generously donated their time, talent and skills to the Technical Services Department and the Concord Free Public Library.

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The Concord Free Public Library Corporation is a Massachusetts charitable corporation created by the Massachusetts Legislature in 1873 for the purpose of forming and maintaining a public library in Concord, which it undertakes to do in collaboration with the Town and the Library Committee.

The primary responsibility of the Library Trustees is to maintain the Library buildings and grounds – the Main Library in Concord Center and the Fowler Branch in West Concord – and to preserve and grow the Special Collections. The Corporation provided over \$600,000 to the Library, including \$125,000 to supplement the Town Budget for library materials and services. The majority of these funds come from the Annual Appeal and income from the Corporation's Endowment.

Last year, we reported that the Corporation purchased the property next door to the Main Library at 151 Main Street. Since making the purchase, we have been exploring how this additional space could enhance services and programs at the Library and meet the future needs of the community. We have had the opportunity to solicit ideas from the Library staff, Library Committee, Friends of the Library, Town groups and individuals, and we have identified many exciting possibilities. We are now in the process of developing an architectural and financial plan. While the Corporation is responsible for raising the funds for the project, we will continue to work closely with Town officials as plans develop.

The William Munroe Special Collections continues to be an outstanding resource for researchers from around the world and the community. Highlights this year included the 100th anniversary of Daniel Chester French's seated Emerson (in the Library rotunda) and the fall/winter exhibition, "This Man Grew According to the Need": Concord and Abraham Lincoln. There were significant gifts to the Collections by Martha Cole, Joseph C. Wheeler, Lowell S. Smith, and the Dee family. To learn more about these acquisitions and Special Collections, click the link at the top of the CFPL website: www.concordlibrary.org

As Trustees of the Williams Scholarship Fund, made possible by a bequest from Charles H. S. Williams, we continue to award grants to several college students pursuing studies in the arts. This year's recipients included Kayleen Honan, Jana Herman, Nicholas Ruhlman, Edward Pioli, and Siena Yerby.

The fifth annual Leslie Riedel Lecture for Young People featured the award-winning artist Tomie dePaola. This special annual event features outstanding authors and illustrators in the field of children's literature.

This past year has been busy and productive for the Library. The Library Corporation is committed to supporting the growth and development of the Library by ensuring that our beautiful historic buildings meet the community's growing needs.

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The Friends of the Concord Free Public Library, a non-profit volunteer organization, supports the Library and promotes its vital role as a cultural and literary resource for the community. With more than 1250 members and dozens of volunteers, the Friends funds library materials, professional development, performances and programs not otherwise provided for in the Library budget. A selection of highlights from 2014 follows.