



**Foundation Report from Liz Hamilton: 1/27/20**

- 2019 Foundation Financial Update: I'm pleased to report the Foundation ended 2019 receiving 100% of budgeted annual revenue. The Foundation grossed over \$300,000 in revenue raised. At the same time, we were able to control expenses. A check for over \$29,500 was written to the Library for designated donations and over \$75,000 was raised for our Endowment fund. The current total for our Endowments which are managed by CICF is over \$650,000.
- The Young Professionals Group has been working closely with Library staff and will hold the second Library After Dark event on Saturday, April 18. This will be a ticketed event with activities throughout the Library and will benefit the Foundation. This is an adult only event. Please watch for your invitation as we would like you to attend and bring guests.
- The Visiting Author Series is off to a strong start in 2020. We have an excellent line up of New York Times best selling authors:
  - Marie Benedict (visited Jan 15) to debut her new book, *Lady Clementine*, to a full room (and a wait list)
  - January 16 at 6:30 p.m. we welcomed author Colleen Oakley to promote her new book, *You Were There Too*, we had 70 in attendance
  - January 24 at 12:30 p.m. authors Karen White, Beatriz Williams and Lauren Willig will be here to discuss their new book, *All The Ways We Said Goodbye*, we have another full room and wait list
  - February 4 at 2:00 p.m. author Jonathan Putnam will join us to promote his book, *A House Divided*
  - February 9 at 2:30 p.m. we will welcome our first author of color, Jeffrey Blount, during Black History Month
  - Our March line up will have three authors, Jennifer Chiaverini ( March 3 at 6:30), Kimmerly Martin (March 5 at 6:30) and Kristin Harmel (March 29 at 2:30)
- Please mark your 2019 calendars now for the Writers at the Pavilion and Guided Leaf Book & Author Luncheon which will be Wednesday, October 21 and Thursday, October 22.

