



Foundation Report from Liz Hamilton: 1/28/19

- 2018 Foundation Financial Update: I'm pleased to report the Foundation ended 2018 receiving 119% of budgeted annual revenue. For the first time, the Foundation grossed over \$400,000 in revenue raised. At the same time, we were able to control expenses and come in under budget for budgeted expenses. A check for over \$26,000 was written to the Library for designated donations and \$75,000 was deposited in our Endowment fund. The current total for our Endowments which are managed by CICF is just over \$650,000.
- The Young Professionals Group has been working closely with Library staff and will hold a Library After Dark event on Saturday, April 13. 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 2019. We have an excellent line up of New York Times best selling authors:
 - Marie Benedict (visited Jan 16) to debut her new book, *The Only Woman in the Room* to a packed house
 - February 8 at 2:30 p.m. author Tara Conklin will be here to promote her new book, *The Last Romantics*
 - February 9 at 2:30 p.m. author Kristina McMorris will talk about her book, *Sold On A Monday* which was featured on NBC's Today Show
 - March 5 at 6:30 p.m. Dick Wall will join us to promote his deceased wife's book *Mr. Owita's Guide to Gardening*
 - April 11 the Foundation will partner with the Indiana Design Center and welcome interior designer Marshall Watson to a ticketed event at 6:30 p.m. at the IDC. He will discuss his most recent book *The Art of Elegance*.
 - May 19 at 2:30 p.m. author Kristy Harvey will join us to promote her book *The Southern Side of Paradise*
 - June 20 at 11:30 p.m. the Foundation will hold a ticketed luncheon event at Market District with renowned author Mary Alice Monroe
 - July 14 at 2:30 p.m. author Jonathan Putnam will visit the Library to promote his book *Final Resting Place*, the next book in his Lincoln & Speed Mystery Series
 - August 1 at 6:30 p.m. author Michelle Gable will join us to promote her new book *The Summer I Met Jack*

- Please mark your 2019 calendars now for the Writers at the Pavilion and Guilded Leaf Book & Author Luncheon which will be Wednesday, October 16 and Thursday, October 17.