

*Celebrating 60 Years of Service*



# DONOR REPORT

LAKE AGASSIZ  
REGIONAL LIBRARY

2019-2020



## Looking Forward to the Future

This year Lake Agassiz Regional Library, along with the rest of the world, came face-to-face with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. During these turbulent times, I am extremely grateful to be working for an organization with such deep community roots which have been growing for 60 years. In mid-March, Lake Agassiz Regional Library placed a pause on providing in-person services in the seven-county service area while evaluating how to safely navigate library operations. While the doors were closed we never actually stopped providing library services. We knew that if ever there was a time that people needed libraries it was during a pandemic.



Pausing in-person services quickly demonstrated what a vital resource we are in our communities. We were missed. With deep roots in the community, the library has been a mainstay for people throughout their lives. For some, the library is there while their children are young or maybe when retirement has afforded some extra time to indulge in a good book or take up a new hobby. For others, the library has been there when working on their homework or creating a resume for their next career move.

Sixty years is a long time to be in business. Thanks to the support of the cities, counties, the MN State Legislature, and generous donors, Lake Agassiz Regional Library will continue to do what we do best, enrich lives and strengthen communities throughout this pandemic and beyond. It is an honor to serve you, the residents of this region.

**Liz Lynch**  
*Regional Library Director*

# Remembering Our History

More than 60 years ago, library visionaries imagined a library as more than a stand-alone building. They envisioned a regional system of mutual dependence and independence to bolster collections and services while allowing communities to retain their ownership.

Today, libraries across the Lake Agassiz Regional Library system bear witness to an expanded need for an even broader array of services offered by libraries. LARL, with its dedicated team of professional staff members, are a lifeline for the elderly, young children, and rural residents lacking adequate Internet access needed to run businesses or attend school. Public libraries are vital to learning and opportunity, advancing opportunities for all people, regardless of age, income, education or culture.



Lake Agassiz Regional Library continues to adapt to emerging tools for learning and shifting demographics. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, it is my honor and privilege to thank all those who contributed to our history of excellence. Libraries endure because of our resilience, creativity and dedication to serving our communities. Thank you to our elected officials at every level of government, and to mothers and fathers across the region for instilling a love of reading and lifelong learning in their children. Sixty years from now, they too will look back on how much has changed and yet how much remains the same at their public library.

**Terry Kalil**

*President of the Lake Agassiz Regional Library Board*



# Individual Donors

The following individuals donated more than \$100 to support Lake Agassiz Regional Library's collection, services and programs.

## \$100-\$199

Ira & Kimberly Bailey

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## Help Us Celebrate 60 Years!

Join our celebration of 60 years of service to the community in 2021! Help us fulfill our mission of enriching lives and strengthening communities by making a \$60 donation at [larl.org/donate](http://larl.org/donate) in honor of this milestone.



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[www.larl.org/donate](http://www.larl.org/donate)



Consider bequeathing a  
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## \$500 and Above

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## The Value of Supporting the Library

As director of the Crookston Library Board and as president of the Friends of the Library, I believe that our vibrant library is evidence of a healthy community. When we first moved to Crookston in 2006, one of our first stops was to the library. My mother was a librarian in Moorhead who raised a family of readers. When my children were young I began volunteering on the library board in Pelican Rapids. I've been advocating for libraries ever since.



Libraries hold our history. They serve to inspire, entertain, educate and show us pathways to a better tomorrow. I volunteer because I believe in supporting something that provides so many opportunities for everyone in our community.

*-Phil Huck, Crookston Library Board Director*

*A special thank you to LARL staff member Danell Haspel and to Erickson Embroidery for their generous donations of masks for LARL staff members.*





## Supporting Organizations

The following community organizations and businesses donated more than \$100 in support of Lake Agassiz Regional Library.

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Moorhead Downtown Scheels

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Ringstrom Law

Roers Management Inc.

Township of Lake View

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Crookston Friends of the Library

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Early Childhood Initiative (Clay County)

702 Communications

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# Page Turners Monthly Givers

The Page Turners are a group of dedicated monthly contributors who help us provide enhanced services and build our collection of books, movies and more.

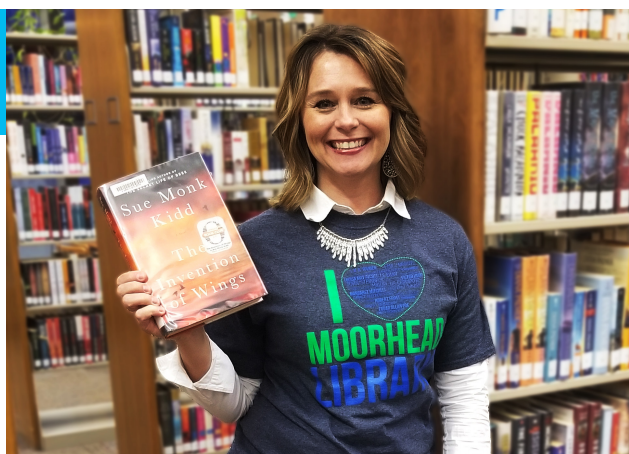


By choosing to give your library a monthly gift of \$5 or more, you are ensuring that we can continue to strengthen our community and enrich lives.

*To date this group of impactful donors gave more than \$3,200 in support of the library's collection and programs. Join this group today at [larl.org/donate](http://larl.org/donate).*

## 2019 & 2020 Page Turners

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## Why I'm a Page Turner

*"Being a Page Turner is an easy and impactful way for me to support my local library. I donate a few dollars each month, which add up to a significant yearly contribution towards the purchase of books, DVDs, eBooks, and more that will be enjoyed by community members around the region."*

*- Shelly Carlson, Moorhead Mayor*



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# Beep Beep! Here Comes the Book Truck

We are thrilled to launch a new service bringing the library to parks, community events, farmers markets, assisted living centers, neighborhoods and more, in and around Dilworth and Moorhead. Thank you to the following individuals and organizations who have already pledged their support of this project. Join this list by visiting [larl.org/booktruck](http://larl.org/booktruck).



## Book Truck Donors

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