

2023 Annual Report

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023



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2022-2023 OPERATING REVENUE SOURCES

\$261,000
ENDOWMENT SUPPORT

\$29,619
ANNUAL FUND
DONATIONS

\$7,553
SERVICE REVENUE



"The opening of the Fauber exhibit was a nice, nice time. What you chose to illustrate was interesting to see. Thank you for your efforts behind this opening event."

Jones Memorial Library specializes in genealogy and history. Services are free to the public. An endowment established by Mary Watts Jones in 1920 provides most of the library's annual operating revenue. The library collects modest service revenue for photocopying/reproductions and book sales. Annual support from donors like you provides additional needed support. Thank you!

2022-23 IMPACT

922

Research visits
to the library

19

Lectures and
exhibits held

3,400

Physical &
digital materials
used



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2023 Update

President

R. Chambliss Light, Jr.
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It is our pleasure to share this update on the library's programs and activities with you.

Vice President

Gerard Sherayko

In 2022-2023, the library received significant support to the endowment from two estate bequests. We are grateful to the McBratney and Gilliam families for their leadership gifts, which help to ensure that future generations continue to benefit from the library's extensive collections.

Treasurer

Russell Hicks

In June, the Board of Trustees launched a strategic visioning process to strengthen the library as a vital, robust, and expert resource for patrons, researchers, and family historians in Lynchburg and across the country. We look forward to sharing more details about our strategic initiatives during the coming year.

Secretary

Hunsdon Cary

Jones Memorial Library relies entirely on private support and receives no government funding. Your support - monetary gifts as well as donations of materials and time - makes our work possible. On behalf of the Board and staff, thank you!

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Exhibits & Special Events



Above - Ebo & Georgia Fauber (left) enjoy a moment with R. Chambliss Light, Jr. (President, Board of Trustees) and Marjorie Freeman (Board of Trustees and exhibit curator) at the May opening of the Fauber Collection Exhibit in the library's Reading Room. Below - Bob Gillette of the Central Virginia Holocaust Education Foundation (center) moderates a *Memory Wars* discussion in March with NPR podcast hosts Mallory Noe-Payne and Michael Paul Williams.



Lectures & Talks

In 2022-23, Jones Memorial Library hosted more than 19 lectures and events. The library's popular John D. Owen, Jr. lecture series attracted more than 350 attendees at six lectures throughout the year. This annual series highlights guest speakers from across the community on topics in local history. In February, Blair Godsey of Altus Group (below, left, with patron Bill Inge) spoke about the renovation and restoration of two downtown Lynchburg landmarks, the Allied Arts and Carter Glass buildings.



2022-23 Estate Bequests

Jones Memorial Library received two estate bequests in the past year. In February, the library received a major bequest of \$94,326 from the estate of **William E. McBratney, Jr.** Mr. McBratney retired from the Scott Insurance Company and served on the Jones Memorial Library Board of Trustees for 26 years, including several years as Treasurer.

In June, the library received a bequest of \$5,962 from the estate of **Gerald T. Gilliam.** Mr. Gilliam was a patron of the library and served on the Board of Directors of the South Boston-Halifax County Museum and with the Charlotte County Association of Preservation of Virginia Antiquities.

In accordance with the library's gift policies, both bequests will directly support the library's endowment. The library relies on a prudently managed draw from the endowment each year to fund library operations and services. The endowment is professionally managed and stewarded to enable the library to serve researchers for generations to come.

The library board and staff are grateful for these very nice estate gifts. Thank you to the McBratney and Gilliam families for their generous support.

\$5,841,892

Endowment
value as of
06-30-2023

\$304,135

Operating
revenue
2022-23



247

Books and
materials added

349

Finding Aids
placed online

8

Memberships in
library,
genealogical
and archival
associations

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\$5,000 and above

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Library staff from the University of Lynchburg (above) and Campbell County Public Library (below) use the collections during research visits in March and August. The library offers targeted tours for professionals at area institutions who work with researchers.



This list includes gifts made between July 2022 and June 2023. If we have made an error or omission when listing your name or gift, please let us know so we may correct our records. Thank you.

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Talented volunteers make an impact at the library throughout the year. Here, United Way Day of Caring volunteers add barcodes to building plans and drawings in the architectural archives; Liberty University student intern Laura Fletcher (below left) processes part of the Louis H. Manarain collection; Randolph College intern Garrett Reynolds (below right) uses the library's new overhead camera to take images of a manuscript for the digital collection.



Our condolences go to the families of former library volunteers

William E. McBratney Jr.
Fumiko Radile

and to the families of patrons we lost this year



Partnering across the city



During the year, the library hosted several groups for research visits and tours of the collections. The library also hosted annual meetings of organizations like the Dante Society, the Blue Ridge chapter of the DAR, and the Virginia Society of the Colonial Dames of the XVII Century.

Jones Memorial Library participates in the Lynchburg City Schools Resource Bank. We welcome experiential education visits by teachers and students of all ages from schools across the city and region.

Jones Memorial Library Executive Director Deborah Smith (above, far right) leads a tour of the library for staff from the City Museum.

A University of Lynchburg visitor (left) photographs a 20th century Sanborn Fire Insurance map of Lynchburg from the collection.



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