

Foundation Report for Board of Trustees

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The Foundation investments had an outstanding performance in 2025, allowing the Foundation to approve more than \$200,000 for the library's 2026 "Wish List," more than double what it usually provided. Foundation remains open and interested in funding future projects that are part of the "Library of the Future." These of course need to be approved first by the Library Board of Trustees.

Barbara Alvarez was appointed to the Foundation Board. Sandy Loth resigned as the Friends liaison, so Pattie Pilz will temporarily fill that position until another Friends board members is appointed.

The Development Committee had another successful year of fundraising. After a thorough vetting process, CharityProud was selected as a donor software system, and Pattie Pilz and members of the Foundation board are getting trained through orientation sessions with a CharityProud representative.

The Foundation continues to provide financial tuition reimbursement to Library employees. It will host one Academy presentation in 2026. It is looking into using a prior restricted gift to bus SASD students to the library.