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MANCHESTER CITY LIBRARY FOUNDATION

SPRING / SUMMER 2006

Success at the 4th Annual Spring Fundraiser featuring Robert B. Parker



A Smash Hit!

John Clayton, Senior Reporter and Columnist for the New Hampshire Union Leader and a former student of the guest of honor, had the pleasure to introduce Robert B. Parker, the acknowledged dean of American crime fiction at the Manchester City Library Foundation's 4th Annual Spring Fundraiser in May. His fast moving dialogue with the audience showed a man as quick-witted and verbal in person as his popular private eye character Spencer. \$15,725 was raised at the event.



Union Leader Senior Reporter
& Columnist,
John Clayton & Monique Brown



Our guest of honor signing
books for our donors.



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Entertainment provided by
Manchester Comm. Music School



Various people attending the
4th Annual Fundraiser

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**Our thanks also goes to our many volunteers who
contributed their time to help make our event a success!**



**A Thank you to
Sally Gordon Shea
for her fine art donation
to the 4th Annual
Fundraiser Silent Auction.
Her work can be
viewed at
East Colony Fine Art.**



**SAVE THIS DATE !!
Wednesday, May 16th • 2007
5th Annual Manchester City Library
Foundation Fundraiser**

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A Note From the West Side Librarian Sue Dufault

The former King Fire Station, with its red brick façade, gray slate roof, and stately clock tower, is home to the West Manchester Community Library. Built in 1886 and used as a firehouse until 1977, it is the oldest firehouse in the city. In 1979 – 1980, it began its second life as the Senior Center, on the main floor, and the West Branch of the Manchester City Library in the basement. Life in the cramped firebarn basement has often been challenging for library staff and patrons, but the value of the library has never been in doubt. Construction of a new Senior Center in 2003, opened the way for the West Branch to double its space, by taking over the main floor of the King Fire House. The frames of the horse stalls gave us the idea to focus on the history of the building for decoration, and with the help of Chief Kane, we were able to resurrect an old brass fire pole, and fire wagon traces. Donations from one of our younger patrons who made and sold glittery notecards, made it possible to enlarge pictures of the building from the early 1900s as another nod to the building's past. Thanks to another library patron with artistic abilities, we have a horse painted in one of the old stalls. City money from the Facilities Division budget made new carpet, paint, some renovations, window film, four new computers, and many, much needed, shelving units possible. But without the Library Foundation it would have been a very empty, unfunctional space. The Manchester City Library Foundation provided a new desk and lateral file for the reference area on the lower level, the children's librarian's desk, 2 reading chairs in the periodicals area, the four tablet armchairs for study, reading or laptop use, a small computer table used in the reference area for our additional public internet, and a wonderful (and secure) oak display cabinet in the children's area. And there is MORE! (I don't know we can thank you for everything). The furniture for the children's area, including the study table and 4 chairs, the children's 'puzzle computer desk, the two red floor rockers, and the oh-so cozy reading nook. Most recently arrived, thanks to the Foundation, are the air conditioners that are making the summer so wonderful for patrons and staff.

Our new entrance is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 12:30 until 8:30 p.m. Please stop by for a tour and many, many thanks for all you have done for the West Community Library and our patrons.

Thank you for your support!
We have exceeded our goal for 2005/2006!
Foundation Dollars:
\$15,725 Spring Fundraiser, \$12,456 Fall Appeal
Funded the following items:

- Children's Librarian desk - West Branch
- Children's study table and chairs - West Branch
- Color Copier - Main Library
- Computer Table - West Branch
- Computer training equipment - Main Library
- Custom designed curbside book drops - Main Library
- Custom designed podium - Main Library
- Furniture for our Teen Area - Main Library
- Reference Desk - West Branch
- Upholstered chairs for Periodical Room - West Branch
- Various library materials such as books, DVDs and audio books
- 45 new oak chairs - Main Library
- Air conditioning units - West Branch



Some of the things that were funded in 2006!

2006 Wish List

- Outside event sign for the West Branch- \$2,500
- Accucut Die Machine to make Children's displays - \$6,000
- 4 Flat Screen monitors for Technical Services - \$5 70 ea.
- Queuing unit for Circulation area - \$6,000
- 4 folding tables for the West Branch - \$400
- DVD and Audio book funds - \$5,000

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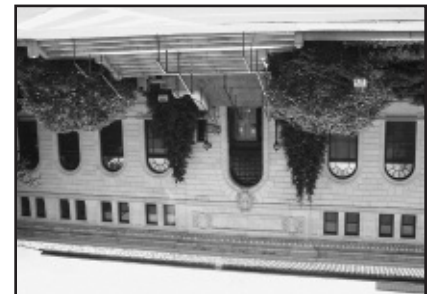
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