INTRODUCTION

The Merritt Fund was established in 1970 as a special trust in memory of Dr. LeRoy C. Merritt. It is devoted to the support, maintenance, medical care, and welfare of librarians who, in the Trustees’ opinion, are:

- Denied employment rights or discriminated against on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, race, color, creed, age, disability, or place of national origin;
- Denied employment rights because of defense of intellectual freedom; that is, threatened with loss of employment or discharged because of their stand for the cause of intellectual freedom, including promotion of freedom of the press, freedom of speech, and the freedom of librarians to select items for their collections from all the world’s written and recorded information.

The Merritt Fund is governed by a board of three trustees who are elected by donors of the Fund. Since the previous three-year report, covering 2006–2008, the main goals of the Trustees have remained the same:

- To ensure that all librarians who qualified for and had need for Merritt Fund assistance knew about the organization or could be readily directed to it;
- To ensure that the Merritt Fund had adequate resources to provide the needed assistance.

HIGHLIGHTS

In the past three years, the Merritt Fund has continued its visibility efforts, including:

- The Intellectual Freedom Round Table continues to support the Merritt Fund via its Merritt Fund Support Committee, and has made a financial commitment in support of the Merritt Fund’s annual fundraising receptions during ALA’s annual conference, which in 2009 was held in the suite of the ALA President Elect;
- In 2010, the Merritt Fund celebrated its 40th Anniversary with a gala dinner at the Folger Shakespeare Library. Past ALA President Carol Brey-Casiano spoke about her experience as a Merritt Fund grant recipient several years prior.
In 2011, the Merritt Fund co-sponsored an event with NMRT at the Annual Conference in New Orleans featuring live music, which exposed the Merritt Fund to a large new audience of potential supporters. Photos from the event are on the Merritt Fund Facebook page (www.facebook.com/merrittfund).

The Merritt Fund continued its participation in the Diversity Fairs and “Conference 101” activities at ALA annual conference.

**CHANGE OF THE GUARD**

The Merritt Fund lost its first and only Secretary when Judith Krug, who served in that capacity by virtue of her role as Director of the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom, died in April 2009. Following her death, Deborah Caldwell-Stone served as Acting Secretary until Barbara Jones was hired at OIF. Jones has served as Fund Secretary since early 2010.

**FINANCIAL STATUS**

Over the past three years, the Merritt Fund has steadily increased its corpus by nearly 25% to over $25,000, while continuing to support grantees in need. The Trustees continue to explore ways to increase the corpus.

June 19, 2012
FINANCIAL REPORT

FY2009
Fund Balance: January 1, 2009: $20,583.53

Grants distributed
No grants were distributed in 2009.

Other expenditures
Printing of 10,000 Brochures ($1,282.00)
Accounting expenses, taxes, overhead ($1,530.47)
Reception ($170.75)
Total Expenditures: ($2,983.22)

Contributions
95 Members in 2009 $4,723.00

Other income
Gifts $728.00
Interest $12.02
Total Income: $5,463.02

Balance as of December 31, 2009: $23,063.33
Change in balance, FY2009 $2,479.80

FY2010
Fund Balance: January 1, 2010: $23,063.33

Grants Distributed
Intellectual Freedom (2) ($10,000.00)

Other expenditures
Accounting expenses, bank fees, overhead ($643.71)
Total Expenditures: ($10,643.71)

Contributions
79 Members in 2010 $5,798.00

Other income
Gifts $797.00
Interest $14.56
Net 40th Anniversary Gala Proceeds $3,650.00
Total Income: $10,259.56

Balance as of December 31, 2010: $22,679.18
Change in balance, FY2010 ($384.15)
FINANCIAL REPORT, CONT.

FY2011
Fund Balance: January 1, 2011: $22,679.18

Grants distributed
1. Intellectual Freedom (1) ($2,500.00)

Other expenditures
Accounting expenses, bank fees, overhead ($1,536.96)
Total Expenditures: ($4,036.96)

Contributions
100 Members in 2011 $5,931.00

Other income
Gifts $653.02
Interest $11.72
Total Income: $6,595.74

Balance as of December 31, 2011: $25,237.96
Change in balance, FY2011 $2,558.78

Total expenditures, 2009–2011
3 Grants ($12,500.00)
Other expenditures ($5,163.89)
TOTAL ($17,663.89)

Total income, 2009–2011
Contributions
274 Member donations $16,452.00
Interest $38.30
Gifts/Other contributions $2,178.02
Net 40th Anniversary Gala Proceeds $3,650.00
TOTAL $22,318.32

Change in balance, 1/1/2009–12/31/2011 +$4,654.43
MERRITT FUND TRUSTEES, 1970–2008

* indicates Senior Trustee

1970–1975  Alex Allain
1975–1976  Joan B. Goddard, Zoia Horn, Joslyn N. Williams
1976–1977  Zoia Horn, Joan Goddard, Betty Carol Sellan (Elected)
1978–1979  Betty Carol Sellen*, Joan Marshall, Diane Kadanoff (Elected)
1983–1984  Michele Leber*, James McCoy, Emalee Philpott (Elected)
1984–1985  James McCoy*, Emalee Philpott, Susan Vaughn (Elected)
1986–1987  Emalee Durbin*, Susan Vaughn, Miriam Crawford (Elected)
1987–1988  Susan Vaughn*, Miriam Crawford
1989–1990  Ginny Moore Kruse*, Esther Helfand, Rita Auerbach (Elected)
1990–1991  Esther Helfand*, Rita Auerbach, Christine Jenkins (Elected)
1994–1995  Sherrie Bergman*, Nancy Magnuson, Mimi Davis (Elected)
1999–2000  Pamela Bonnell*, Deborah Jacobs, David Cohen (Elected)
2001–2002  David Cohen*, June Garcia, Francis Buckley, Jr. (Elected)
2002–2003  June Garcia*, Francis Buckley, Jr., Virginia Moore (Elected)
2003–2004  Francis Buckley, Jr.*, Virginia Moore, Mary Elizabeth (Ma’lis) Wendt (Elected)
2004–2005  Virginia Moore*, Mary Elizabeth (Ma’lis) Wendt, James Kuhn (Elected); F. Buckley emeritus
2005–2006  Mary Elizabeth (Ma’lis) Wendt*, James Kuhn, Lucille C. Thomas (Elected); V. Moore *emeritus
2006–2007  James Kuhn*, Lucille C. Thomas, Martin Garnar (Elected); M. Wendt *emeritus
2007–2008  Lucille C. Thomas*, Martin Garnar, Jack Forman (Elected); J. Kuhn *emeritus
2008–2009  Martin Garnar*, Jack Forman, Vivian Wynn (Elected); L. Thomas *emeritus
2009–2010  Jack Forman*, Vivian Wynn, Loriene Roy (Elected); M. Garnar *emeritus
2010–2011  Vivian Wynn*, Loriene Roy, John W. Berry (Elected); J. Forman *emeritus
2011–2012  Loriene Roy*, John W. Berry, Barbara Stripling (Elected); Vivian Wynn *emeritus