

The Merritt Fund

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THREE-YEAR REPORT

2009-2011

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.

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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

<u>Total expenditures, 2009-2011</u>	
3 Grants	(\$12,500.00)
Other expenditures	(\$5,163.89)
TOTAL	(\$17,663.89)
<u>Total income, 2009-2011</u>	
<i>Contributions</i>	
274 Member donations	\$16,452.00
Interest	\$38.30
Gifts/Other contributions	\$2,178.02
Net 40 th Anniversary Gala Proceeds	<u>\$3,650.00</u>
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)
1977–1978	Joan Goddard*, Betty Carol Sellan, Joan Marshall (Elected)
1978–1979	Betty Carol Sellen*, Joan Marshall, Diane Kadanoff (Elected)
1979–1980	Joan Marshall*, Diane Kadanoff, Suzanne LeBarron (Elected)
1980–1981	Diane Kadanoff*, Suzanne LeBarron, Janet Freedman (Elected)
1981–1982	Suzanne LeBarron*, Janet Freedman, Michele Leber (Elected)
1982–1983	Janet Freedman*, Michele Leber, James McCoy (Elected)
1983–1984	Michele Leber*, James McCoy, Emalee Philpott (Elected)
1984–1985	James McCoy*, Emalee Philpott, Susan Vaughn (Elected)
1985–1986	James McCoy*, Emalee Durbin, Susan Vaughn
1986–1987	Emalee Durbin*, Susan Vaughn, Miriam Crawford (Elected)
1987–1988	Susan Vaughn*, Miriam Crawford
1988–1989	Miriam Crawford*, Ginny Moore Kruse (2 yr. term), Esther Helfand (3 yr. term)
1989–1990	Ginny Moore Kruse*, Esther Helfand, Rita Auerbach (Elected)
1990–1991	Esther Helfand*, Rita Auerbach, Christine Jenkins (Elected)
1991–1992	Rita Auerbach*, Christine Jenkins, Sarah Pritchard (Elected)
1992–1993	Christine Jenkins*, Sarah Pritchard, Sherrie Bergman (Elected)
1993–1994	Sarah Pritchard*, Sherrie Bergman, Nancy Magnuson (Elected)
1994–1995	Sherrie Bergman*, Nancy Magnuson, Mimi Davis (Elected)
1995–1996	Nancy Magnuson*, Mimi Davis, Kay Ann Cassell (Elected)
1996–1997	Mimi Davis*, Kay Ann Cassell, Bernadine Abbott Hoduski (Elected)
1997–1998	Kay Ann Cassell*, Bernadine Abbott Hoduski, Pamela Bonnell (Elected)
1998–1999	Bernadine Abbott Hoduski*, Pamela Bonnell, Deborah Jacobs (Elected)
1999–2000	Pamela Bonnell*, Deborah Jacobs, David Cohen (Elected)
2000–2001	Deborah Jacobs*, David Cohen, June Garcia (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 <i>emeritus</i>

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, Lorie Roy (Elected); M. Garnar *emeritus*
2010–2011 Vivian Wynn*, Lorie Roy, John W. Berry (Elected); J. Forman *emeritus*
2011–2012 Lorie Roy*, John W. Berry, Barbara Stripling (Elected); Vivian Wynn *emeritus*