

Library thanks donors
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Time and again the New Ulm community shows how valued the library is to our residents by donating time, energy, care, and funding. I would like to thank a few individuals and organizations for their contributions to the library.

I am pleased to share that the New Ulm Public Library has recently received two significant monetary donations.

The Friends of the New Ulm Public Library received a donation of \$13,842 from the United Church of Christ. When the church closed at the end of 2021, the members decided to donate its remaining funds to local organizations, and the Friends of the New Ulm Public Library was one recipient. The Friends is a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) community organization that believes in the importance of the library and its services for people of all ages. The Friends contribute additional funding to the library for programs, collections, online and print resources, staff continuing education and more. The donation from the United Church of Christ will help them continue to enhance library services. I would like to thank the members of the United Church of Christ for their generosity to the Friends and to the New Ulm Public Library.

This summer the library also received a posthumous donation of \$60,000 from Charlotte and Hobart Anderson. The Andersons were very supportive of the library and other organizations throughout the community, and had previously donated one of the benches near the library's Wanda Gag statue. I would like to recognize the Andersons for their generosity to the library and remember them for their dedication to the New Ulm community. The Library Board will be discussing how to best use their generous donation during strategic planning sessions.

I would also like to thank Karen Jensen and Ellie Sveine for donating their time to the library. Each summer since 2018 they have volunteered to tend the library's landscaping around the Wanda Gag statue, including weeding and watering plants. Thank you Karen and Ellie for your generous donation of time and for keeping our landscaping looking so fresh!

These donations of time, energy, care, and funding speak volumes about the value that our community places on the library and the services and resources it offers to residents. Thank you again to each of these individuals and organizations for their generosity!