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Foundation Annual Meeting



Chair Austin presenting annual report

The Foundation held its annual meeting and dinner on Sunday, October 6th, at the Library Headquarters, with over forty Foundation Associates, guests, and library staff in attendance. The featured program speaker was award-winning author Shelley Fraser Mickle, who spoke about writing her new book, *Itching to Love: The Story of a Dog*, which will be published in March 2025. In her talk, she emphasized the importance of humor, telling how it infuses her story about a dog and noting that “laughter is the best medicine.”

ACLD Director Shaney Livingston presented an “Update on the Library District,” and Foundation Chair Mitzi Austin presented her annual report. Laura Berns was elected to a second year as Recording Secretary and Jane Brockmann for a two-year term for the new position of Corresponding Secretary. Mitzi Austin (chair), William Zegel (Vice-Chair), and Brian Gendreau (Treasurer) each have one more year in their terms in office. Eight Board members (Joanne Auth, Beverly Bartlett, Christina Flagg, Stephen Golant, Pushpa Kalra, TJ Pysche, Jon Reiskind, and William Zegel) were elected or reelected to new three year terms. Retiring Board members Eve Ackerman, Jeanne Davis, and Barbara Scott were recognized for the many years of service to the Foundation.



Vice-Chair Zegel on updating website



Director Livingston providing ACLD update



Davis and Scott with Foundation Chair Austin



Author Shelley Fraser Mickle speaking