The Library Foundation’s mission is to increase and enhance the quality of services, programs, and community events offered, while advocating for private and public support of the Library. It takes a foundation to turn a really good library into a great library. In 2010, the Foundation:

- Purchased and installed 668 stack lights, completing the Capital Campaign project;
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- Hired a part-time Program Coordinator;
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The Library contracted with Unique Management Service to help in recovering long-overdue library materials.

Former Assistant Director Molly Pratt, who retired in 1994, was honored in July with a ceremony dedicating a bench in her name. We also said goodbye to longtime library volunteer Alice Ridenaur, who moved away after 25 years of shelving adult fiction.

RFID, or Radio Frequency Identification, was added to our Library in February. Tags were placed in 125,000 books and materials; new self-check stations and security gates were installed.

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