



2016

ANNUAL REPORT

Oakland County Bar Foundation

FEATURED PROGRAM

PATRIOT WEEK FOUNDATION NATIONAL LIBRARY INITIATIVE



"The Troy Public Library built a program series and book displays around the Patriot Week Initiative theme, and were delighted at the interest on the part of the community. Attendance was high at our programs, as so many people have an interest in history, especially as it informs our present day. The Patriot Week programming enhanced our offerings to the public, and we were glad to be a part of it."



The Patriot Week Foundation hosted its first National Library Initiative in mid-September 2016, recruiting libraries throughout the metro Detroit area to join in a celebration of American history.

The patriotic displays in each library served to achieve four goals: provide Americans the opportunity to increase and enhance their knowledge about the birth of our country; increase awareness about the Founding Fathers and other historical figures, First Principles and important documents and symbols; motivate Americans to celebrate the true meaning of the civic holidays; and renew the spirit of all Americans. Participating libraries had the liberty to select their own materials within the display, utilizing phenomenal resources for people to read and learn more about the origins of America.

As part of Patriot Week Foundation's quest to re-educate people and increase their awareness, grant funding from Oakland County Bar Foundation enabled the distribution of essential materials to all participating Oakland County libraries and robust educational programming throughout the region during the National Library Initiative launch.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

**2016 WAS THE
INAUGURAL YEAR
OF THE NATIONAL
LIBRARY INITIATIVE,**
made possible by
grant funding.

**23 DETROIT-
AREA LIBRARIES
PARTICIPATED,**
including 16 in
Oakland County.

**EACH OAKLAND
COUNTY LIBRARY
RECEIVED \$100**
to purchase new patriotic
books for their library.