

**Carl Sandburg Historic Site Association
FY2018 Highlights
(July 2017 – June 2018)**

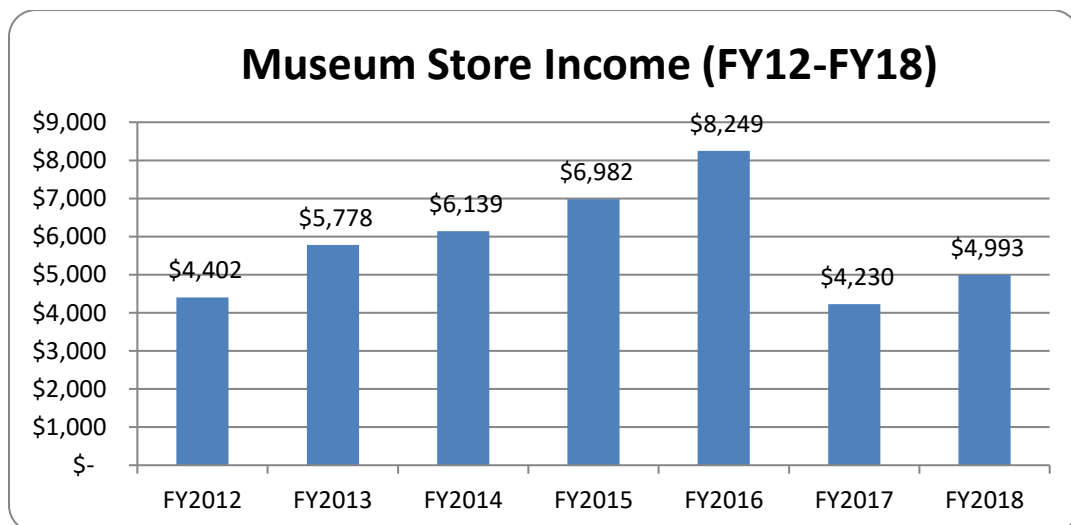
1. **Vitale Family Foundation Grant** received - \$18,000 (May-Oct 2017) / Submitted by Pat Kane & Pam Fox, included support for the four areas listed below:
 - a. **Spink, Skabootch & Swipes – \$4,500**
 - i. Carl Sandburg Theatre Troupe – Three Performances June 2017 (Railroad Days) – Directed by Tim Holmes. Resounding Success!!! Performances in Area Public Schools.
 - ii. Includes funds for Books, Director, Performance Rights, Production Expenses, Publicity and Theatre Construction
 - iii. All 15 performances (5 public +10 school) have been viewed by approximately 6,000 individuals.

Spink, Skabootch & Swipes in Rootabaga Country
Scheduled Fall 2017 Performances in Area Public Schools!

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>School</u>
Tuesday	November 7, 2017	10:15 am	Gale Elementary School
Tuesday	November 7, 2017	1:30 pm	Silas Willard Elementary School
Tuesday	November 14, 2017	1:30 pm	King Elementary School
Friday	November 17, 2017	2:30 pm	Nielson Elementary School
Tuesday	November 21, 2017	1:30 pm	Steele Elementary School
Tuesday	November 28, 2017	1:30 pm	Lombard Middle School
Friday	December 1, 2017	10:00 am	Hedding Grade School (Abingdon)
Friday	December 1, 2017	1:30 pm	Churchill Junior High School
Friday	January 12, 2018	10:15 am	ROWVA Elementary School - Oneida
Friday	January 12, 2018	1:30 pm	Costa Catholic Academy

2. **Site Improvements - \$13,500**
 - i. Exterior Painting of Visitors Center
 - ii. Picket Fence Reconstruction
 - iii. Birthplace Cottage Repairs
 - iv. Visitors Center Window Sill Replaced
3. **TOTAL FY17-FY18 Costs for Performance & Site Expenses - \$20,222.31**
4. **CSHSA Endowment Balance - June 30, 2018. Total \$27,794.15.** (Galesburg Community Foundation). Approximate 7.4% return in FY18! \$750 endowment contributions received and deposited with the GCF – FY2018.
5. **Galesburg Community Foundation 2017 Grant of \$500** received in November 2017 to underwrite performers in upcoming FY18 Songbag and Sandburg Birthday events. Thanks to Mike Hobbs and Rex Cherrington for their efforts to secure this grant.

6. **January 6, 2018 - Carl Sandburg's 140th Birthday Celebration Concert with David Nagler** of New York City performing his original compositions based on Sandburg's *Chicago Poems*
7. **Sandburg Days Festival 2018** – CSHSA Board Members participated in the event planning and the programs. CSHSA Board contributed \$1,000 to support the Honey & Salt concert by Matt Wilson's band from New York City. Matt Wilson grew up in Knoxville, IL.
8. **Eight Songbag Concerts Fall 2017 & Spring 2018** – Successful move to new day & time : Second Sundays 4-6pm. Most concerts very well-attended. Coordinated by Tom Foley.
 - a. **Fall 2017**
 - i. August 13, 2017 – Joe McLerran
 - ii. September 10, 2017 – Turas
 - iii. October 8, 2017 – No Reason
 - iv. November 12, 2017 – Keith Reins and Tara McGovern
 - b. **Spring 2018**
 - i. February 11, 2018 – Sally Weisenburg and Don Berbaum
 - ii. March 11, 2018 – Joe & Vicky Price
 - iii. April 8, 2018 – Small Potatoes
 - iv. May 13, 2018 – John Heasley and Jerry Schroeder
9. **Museum Store**
 - a. Purchased new chip-enabled credit card machine for enhanced security.
 - b. New Titles added in FY18:
 - i. **Honey & Salt CD** / Matt Wilson
 - ii. **Chicago Poems CD** / David Nagler
 - iii. **Best of Galesburg** / Andrea Vitale
 - iv. **Postcards of Galesburg** / Carly Robison
10. **Museum Store FY2018 Income up from FY2017, but hope to see increasing sales in the future. Unfortunately, limited hours in June, July & August 2018 will naturally affect sales.**



11. **Inklings & Idlings** – Editor Mike Hobbs published four more excellent quarterly newsletters with a wide variety of contributors.

12. **Semi-annual Fall & Spring Garden Clean-up** – September 27, 2017 & March 30, 2018. Led by the Knox County Master Gardeners. CSHSA members participated in the cleanup activities along with a number of wonderful volunteers!

13. **CSHSA Memberships FY 2018**

Memberships 2018 Received – (through June 30, 2018)

CSHSA MEMBERSHIPS (as of 30-June-2018)						
Total \$\$		\$ 2,655	\$ 3,015	\$ 2,830	\$ 3,190	\$ 3,545
CSHSA Memberships		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
TOTAL		66	69	72	69	78
Gift	\$ 10.00					9
Senior	\$ 10.00	21	17	22	24	26
Individual	\$ 20.00	18	21	20	16	17
Family	\$ 40.00	14	18	18	14	7
Donor	\$ 100.00	10	11	10	12	15
Sponsor	\$ 250.00	2	2	2	3	4

14. **Penny Parade – February 12, 2018**

Proceeds Received - \$2,280.76 - Kudos to THE COMMITTEE: Mike Hobbs, Mike Panther & Gayle Stewart! Our student representatives were terrific and clearly schooled on Sandburg thanks to teachers in the local schools who have been using Sandburg curriculum developed by Pat Kane & Pam Fox and inspired by the entertaining Spinks, Skabootch & Swipes in Rootabaga Country performances at each of the schools over the past several months. Many thanks to the students fundraising efforts at all Galesburg area schools.

15. **CSHSA Website / Facebook – FY2018**

- a. 250th Sandburg’s Hometown article posted on July 9, 2018! Forty-three (43) Sandburg’s Hometown articles written by Barbara Schock were added to our website July 2017 – June 2018 and posted on the CSHSA Facebook page as well as on “Remember When in Galesburg” Facebook page. Total Sandburg’s Hometown articles posted: February 4, 2013 through July 9, 2018: **250 article posts**. Thank you, Barbara Schock!!
- b. CSHSA Website updated on regular basis with Sandburg’s Hometown, Songbag Concerts, Spink, Skabootch & Swipes Performances.
- c. We have appreciated the additional assistance and contributions of Bryan Engelbrecht, Bishop Hill staff member, as an administrator on our CSHSA Facebook page!