

QUUest 2018 Annual Report
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The QUUest Bookstore's ministry is to support members' and visitors' spiritual journeys by providing a welcoming center with a stimulating selection of UUA and general books addressing spiritual growth, social and environmental justice and other UU seven principles. QUUest is open between services September – June and after the single service during the summer

Active participants in 2018 were Marion Holt, co-chair, Tim Richards, Fran Lyman, Evelyn Burns, Terry Butcher, Anne Hagiwara, Lineve McKie, Joyce Phillips, Vey Valentine and Lucia Heinold. Our newest member is Karen Bourdon.

In 2018 we sold many books of interest to the congregation, raffled a copy of Michelle Obama's Becoming as a holiday incentive, and featured Rev. Manish Mishra-Mazaretti's recommended immigration titles to support his class and two field trips to the Mexican border.

The 2018 Beginning Balance was \$1,084.79. Our ending balance was \$1,968.49. In January 2019 we transferred \$1,000 from our 2018 profits to the UUA General Fund.

Our buyer, Tim Richards, has begun buying books from a Michigan company that offers excellent service: Emery Pratt. They typically offer 36-40% discount and offer free shipping, Nicola's Books offers a 20% discount on virtually every book. We always try to order some titles from them, especially for quick turn-around. We order books and hymnals from the UUA bookstore in Cambridge, MA.

Our biggest challenge is recruiting new bookselling energy. Booksellers work one or two Sundays a month, only during first social hour. We always pair two workers for support and conversation. We record sales with pen and paper. Attending monthly meetings is not required. Benefits include recommending books, the privilege of borrowing books, and two social gatherings: a summer lunch and a holiday lunch.