

QUUest 2019 Annual Report  
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For 20 years the QUUest Bookstore's ministry has been 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 principles.

In 2019 QUUest was open between services most two service Sundays and after the single service during the summer.

Active participants in 2019 were Marion Holt, co-chair, Tim Richards, Fran Lyman, Evelyn Burns, Terry Butcher, Anne Hagiwara, Lineve McKie, Vey Valentine, Karen Bourdon, Joyce Phillips, and Lucia Heinold.

In 2019 our buyer, Tim Richards, continued buying from a variety of sources, looking for better discounts.

QUUest transferred \$2,000 to the general fund from 2019 profits.

At the end of 2018 we reported that our biggest challenge was recruiting new bookselling energy. This has become a more pressing issue. Co-chair Lucia Heinold is moving East to be nearer her son, and Co-chair Marion Holt is spending several months out of state each year.

This spring we examined alternative structures, including partnering with other groups interested in books. We Also experimented with being open after both services the first Sunday of each month. Results have been inconclusive.

In recent years booksellers have worked one or two Sundays a month, only during first social hour. We always paired two workers for support and conversation. Benefits included recommending books, the privilege of borrowing books, and two social gatherings: a summer lunch and a holiday lunch.

The closing of our building due to COVID-19 has stopped our operation completely. When the building is open again, congregation and QUUest leadership will need to decide whether the bookstore should resume operations or close.

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