



## Becoming More Thrifty

Patrons, volunteers and library staff were extremely happy to learn that the leftovers from the book sale were not ending up in landfills. In the past volunteers have taken books to the Salvation Army, Grassroots Givers, church groups, emergency shelters, other libraries and Rensselaer County jail. Even so, there were still leftovers and now many of these organizations no longer accept donated books. This year, the Friends contracted with ThriftBooks, which picked up the remaining books immediately after the sale. ThriftBooks donates and sells books worldwide. Materials that aren't sold or donated are sent to recycling plants, where each ton of 100% post-consumer copy paper (approximately 1.4 tons of books) saves 24 trees, 7,000 gallons of water, 4,100 kilowatts of electricity, and 60 pounds of air pollution. The Friends were not required to pay a fee and in the future, this arrangement may help to raise funds for the library.

## Thank You

Friends of the East Greenbush Community Library is grateful to Walter Pratt & Sons and the East Greenbush Bowling Center for their continued support of our Spring book sale. Walter Pratt & Sons donated their time and the use of their electronic display sign to advertise our book sale in the parking lot of the EG Bowling Center.

A big Thank You to all the Friends members and local businesses who posted Book Sale signs throughout the community. The book sale was a great success in more ways than one. The Spring sale netted over \$14,000 which will be used to support special library services and projects. In addition someone commented that the amount of money earned is secondary to the feeling of community that was evident throughout the sale.

The Friends would like to acknowledge our terrific new book sale volunteers and many others who gave freely of their time. The book sales are manned completely by volunteers. Without them the book sales could not survive.

Friends of the  
East Greenbush  
Community Library

## Adult Used Book & Media Sale

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

5:00 pm–8:30 pm

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

9:00 am–8:30 pm

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

10:00 am–4:30 pm

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

1:00 pm–3:00 pm

*(Bag Sale Only)*

**GREAT SELECTION, LOW PRICES!**

*Choose from thousands of donated adult and teen books, CDs, DVDs and audio books.*

## Many Friends Unite

Lynne Oudekerk, attended the New York Library Association's Friends of Libraries meeting at the Clifton Park library. Lynne said "It was a great meeting - there were close to 40 Friends from libraries in this region and all around the state". The discussion centered on expanding membership and promoting volunteerism as well as creative ways for the Friends to raise money for library projects. Lynne shared some of FOEGCL's ideas and brought back some new ideas from other Friends groups.



## Help Wanted

**All volunteers are welcome!**

Before and after the sale, "hefters" (volunteers who can lift heavy boxes, transport them to and from the storage shed and set up and take down tables) are especially needed. Even an hour or two of your time makes a difference.

**Please check SignUpGenius on the library website to volunteer.**



## CHILDREN'S AND FESTIVAL BOOK FAIR

**SATURDAY SEPT 23 | 9:00 AM-4:00 PM**

The library is hosting the 11th Annual Community Children's Festival, funded by the Friends of the East Greenbush Community Library. Enjoy free food, crafts, raffle prizes, bounce house, balloon sculptures, face painting and entertainment throughout the day.

**Balloon Animals with TOTS the Clown  
10am-1pm**

**Face Painting with JoJo's Fabulous Faces  
12pm-3pm**

Also, the Friends is also holding their **Children's Book Sale**. Gently used children's books, ranging from board books for the youngest child to intermediate readers for older children will be available for purchase.

**SATURDAY SEPT 23 | 9:00 AM-3:00 PM**

**SUNDAY SEPT 24 | 1:00 PM-3:00 PM**  
*(Bag Sale Only)*

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Help is needed to set up for the sale on Thursday night September 21 and Friday September 22. Volunteers are also needed for the sale itself on Saturday and Sunday and cleanup on Sunday afternoon. Please check SignUpGenius on the library website to volunteer.



### **Fundraising Efforts**

During the month of June, the FOEGCL were the beneficiaries of the Hannaford Cause Bag program. This program supports education, civic, and health and wellness community organizations by making donations to a local nonprofit cause. Anytime a shopper purchased a Hannaford Helps reusable shopping tote, the Friends received \$1! The East Greenbush Hannaford sold 82 bags, which generated \$82 for FOEGCL. Thank you to Hannaford and to everyone who supported us through the purchase of a bag!

### **Back to School Shopping**

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is that when customers shop on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to Friends of the East Greenbush Community Library.