



Book Sale News and a Christmas Story

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the Fall Adult Book Sale netted over \$15,000. In many ways, the book sale may be one of the best things the Friends do for the library, for its patrons, and for the community at large. One shopper commented that she buys books to give as an 'extra item' in each of her grown children's Christmas stockings. This year, her selections included "A Gentleman's Guide to Cocktails" for her son and "Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe" for her daughter (who loves a good story and hadn't yet read this classic Fannie Flagg book). For the daughter-in-law, the book of choice was one giving ideas for easy crock pot meals. Lastly, her son-in-law had been commenting on the tiresome sandwiches he makes for taking to work. The solution? A very colorful book providing new ideas and interesting ingredients to incorporate into sandwiches and wraps. He LOVED it - in fact, they all loved their library picks, chosen especially with them in mind. Library Book Sale books make great gifts year-round - when you just want to give a little something extra for that person who has everything, needs a little encouragement, or is recovering from an illness? Think books! With that thought in mind...



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Spring Adult Book & Media Sale

The Friends of the East Greenbush Library will hold their stupendous Spring Adult Book and Media Sale on the following days:

Thursday, April 19 | 5:00pm–8:30pm

Friday, April 20 | 9:00am–8:30pm

Saturday, April 21 | 10:00am–4:30pm

Sunday, April 22 (Bag sale): 1:00pm–3:00pm

Volunteers are needed before the sale, starting April 12, and throughout the sale. Please check the library website in late winter or contact foegcl@gmail.com to volunteer your time.





Happy New Year!

Happy New Year from the Friends of the East Greenbush Community Library (FoEGCL)! Did you make any resolutions this year? Why not add a library resolution to the mix?

If you:

Enjoy the library and all that it offers

Have some free time (no matter the amount) to commit to a great organization

Have enjoyed an EG Library Book Sale or Children's Festival....

Then this is your opportunity to get involved, give back, get to know more about our library, and meet some fantastic (library) people!

Friends of the East Greenbush Community Library is a great group of volunteers dedicated to ensuring the library is the area's major cultural resource and a vital part of the community. We do this through our huge book and media sales, held three times a year, and other fundraising efforts. The Friends also support literacy and learning programs, cultural events such as concerts, classes and lectures, and help fund many equipment needs of the library, such as computer hardware and software. We welcome people of all ages and abilities to join us.

Last year, through our book sales and contributions of money and service, the Friends provided approximately \$19,509.00 in library grant requests. WOW! What do these "grants" mean? It means the library is able to purchase more exciting materials (books, media, equipment, etc.) and bring special programs to the library such as concerts, speakers, and movies.

As we look back on a very successful 2017, we thank all of our donors and volunteers for making the library the BEST. Have a Happy, Healthy New Year!

NEXT MEETING

The FoEGCL holds meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in February, April, June, September and November. The meetings are held in the library and all are welcome.

Newly Elected FoEGCL Officers

First, a big thank you to past President Lynn Oudekerk and Book Sale Chairperson Mari Harris for their dedicated leadership and organizational skills. The Friends (and library) benefitted immensely from their years of service.

Current officers are Liz Reyner as President, Kate Hafner as Secretary, Judith Maguire as Treasurer, and Pat Cronin as Database Manager. Linda Murphy is the new Book Sale Chairperson. Lois Hazelton will continue as the Public Relations Director, and Anne Burton serves as the Chair of the Advocacy/Membership/Outreach Committee.

Do you wonder where you might fit in? Email the Friends at foegcl@gmail.com to learn more about opportunities to get involved and use your organizational skills, creative ideas, friendliness, writing skills, fundraising ideas, etc.

Website News

If you haven't looked around on the library's website for a while (or even if you have) check it out - it is very user friendly and informative.

The library's website is eastgreenbushlibrary.org.

Once there you'll see many headings including the "Get Involved" tab. If you click on that tab the second item down is "Friends of the Library." The "Friends" page opens and tells you just what we're about: our mission, what we do, how to donate or volunteer, as well as other helpful and important information.

Another heading you will see is "Events." If you scroll to the bottom of that tab you'll see "Newsletter." Newsletters are there for easy access and to find out what's going on at the EGCL. Did you know that the last 2 pages of the newsletter are written by the Friends? This keeps you up to date on happenings within our group.

Do you have an idea or story for the Friends section of the newsletter? What about a positive story regarding the library or your reason for becoming a "Friend?" If you have a good, funny, or heartwarming experience and you'd like to share it, please contact us at foegcl@gmail.com.

