

Friends of the Library News



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CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL & BOOK SALE

We had another successful EG Children's Festival and Book Sale. We were fortunate to have beautiful weather that helped to bring many families out to enjoy the activities, including the book sale. Based on the number of donuts, apples and water bottles given out, about 1,000 individuals attended. Patrons were lined up before the book sale opened at 9 am on Saturday. We deposited \$6,562 from the sales into the FOEGCL account! This is approximately \$600 more than our proceeds from last year's festival. Perhaps more importantly, it means that many books will be going into the homes of the children attending the festival.



Kids exercising in the bounce house.



Two face painters this year!



Children swimming with books.

Friends of the East Greenbush Community Library board members enjoying the festival and book sale.



Free raffle tickets!
Lois Hazelton, Friends PR



Patrick Cronin, Friends Database Administrator, and his family

SPECIAL THANKS GO OUT TO:

- All of our volunteers who began preparation for the sale the Thursday before and continued through Sunday.
- The book sale committee for supervising the preparation, the book sale and taking on numerous volunteer roles. A special thanks to Lois for her work on publicity and the newsletter.
- Our sorters—for all of the time and effort it takes to sort the book donations and then bring these books to the shed, year-round. Children's books are especially time consuming.
- Jill, Molly, Marion and all of the library staff for responding to our requests for supplies, opening up meeting rooms, Paul for setting up tents and banners, and other staff helping out in many ways.
- Mike, Sabrina and the Advertiser for their continued support of the Friends. Without the tall electronic sign (courtesy of Walter Pratt & Sons), the parking lot to display the sign (East Greenbush Bowling Center) and free publication of our article on the festival and sale, the weekend may not have been the great success it was.

And we can't forget the work of our corporate partner, Mabey's Movers, to move our stored books into the library in preparation for the sale.

CONGRATULATIONS LUCKY RAFFLE WINNERS!

\$25 East Greenbush Bowling Center
Shaymaa, Anthony, Ashley & Stella

\$25 Regal Cinemas
Rachel & Olivia

\$25 16 Handles
Joan & Gavin



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GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY



In addition to the purchases made by patrons at the Children's Book Sale on Sunday, two of our volunteers took a few boxes of books that will be given to clients of the CoNSERNS-U food pantry. Also, a representative from Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County found books to enhance educational programs for children. The remaining books were offered for free in the library hallway, with a sign noting that donations were welcome. The Red Book Shelf, an organization that provides free books to children throughout sites in Albany, were invited to come and select any number of books that met their needs.

Other News

Ongoing Book Sale

Did you happen to see one of our pop-up book sales at the farmer's market this summer? Patrons enjoyed these mini book sales so much that they are now a permanent fixture in the library. Thanks go out to the circulation desk staff who make this possible by performing the role of cashiers and replenishing the display of books.

Library Board of Trustees Election

Under the leadership of Anne Burton, Advocacy and GOTV (Get out the Vote) Chair, a volunteer team of dedicated Friends, called over 100 members of FOEGCL members and encouraged them to vote on the library budget and trustee election in September. The budget was approved by a 3:1 margin and Mari Harris, a long time FOEGCL board member and volunteer, was elected to the Library Board of Trustees.

Above and Beyond Award

Congratulations to Jean Cheviak who was given the NY Library Association's "Above and Beyond" award for her work with libraries and Friends of libraries.

Holiday Shopping

When you do your online holiday shopping, think about shopping at smile.amazon.com. On your first visit to smile.amazon.com, select Friends of EG Community Library as your charitable organization. Amazon will remember that selection and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation from Amazon to FOEGCL. It is an easy way to provide the Friends with funds for the many programs that benefit the East Greenbush Community Library.

SEEKING A NEW BOOK SALE CHAIR(S)!

Did you know that the Friends of the East Greenbush Community Library book sales raise \$30K+ yearly for the library? Book sale income is the largest portion of Friends support for the Library—funding such programs as the museum passes, Hot Off the Press, and other additions to the library's collections. The two-year term of the current Book Sale Chair, Linda Murphy, will be ending in December 2019. We have three book sales a year. You can chair just one or all three! Help us keep our legacy of prosperous community book sales going. To learn more, contact us at foegcl@gmail.com.



Photos from left to right
Diana Mager, volunteer
Linda Murphy, Book Sale Chair
Liz Reyner, President of the Friends

Membership

Friends of the East Greenbush Community Library is a great group of volunteers dedicated to ensuring the East Greenbush Library is the area's major cultural resource and a vital part of the community. The Friends support literacy and learning programs, cultural events, and help fund many equipment needs of the library. We welcome people of all ages and abilities to join us. We currently have 328 member households, which include 63 new members!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

We meet at 6:30 pm on the third Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, September and November in the East Greenbush Community Library.

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