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The Force was with East Greenbush Community Library during September, as 49 young patrons joined the ranks of library card carriers! September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month, a great time for kids to receive their very own card and embark on adventures among the bookshelves. If you or your

Kids get their first library card!

National Library Card Sign-Up Month activities encourage kids to get their own card.



Two brothers get their first library card, post their names on the Jedi Reader display and receive a goodie bag.

child is interested in obtaining a library card, check in at the check-out desk the next time you're at the library!

Too busy to stop in? Get your library card online!

You can apply for a library card online to receive a temporary barcode number that can be used to request catalog items (if you create a PIN) or check out digital items from our OverDrive service. You must visit our library within two weeks to make your card permanent (see website for required documentation). If you do not, your temporary card will cease to function. For details and to download the necessary documentation, please go to <https://bit.ly/EGapply>.

Summer Reading recap

Another fun-filled summer for kids with plenty of activities for adults too.

Tails & Tales Summer Reading Challenge was a great success! We were thrilled to be able to safely offer in-person



programming for kids and teens under the big tent outside of the library this summer, and over 1600 people took advantage of our 62 programs that we held for children and teens. Reptiles, chocolate Olympics, lawn games, storytimes, pond ecology, and outer space were just a sampling of the fun programs youth could attend. 533 kids and teens also participated in our reading challenge, earning prizes, free books, and buttons for their reading ribbons. We could not have done it all without the help of our 22 dedicated teen volunteers, who donated 240 hours of their time this summer.

2021 SUMMER READING!



When is the next Reading Challenge?

The Winter Reading Challenge starts January 10th for all ages, including adults! Stay tuned to our website, e-newsletters, social media and local newsprint for details.



Teens enjoyed playing "Capture the Flag!"



Our VolunTeens help make "Games on the Library Lawn" fun for kids.



On August 5th kids were invited to "Meet Auggie," Bell Top's therapy dog.

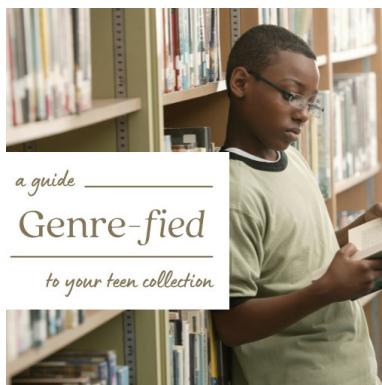
The Chocolate Olympics program was a hit for tweens and teens in grades 6 and up!

Genre-fied: A guide to the teen collection

9 unique sub-collections, organized by genre, simplifies browsing.

If you've visited the library's teen section lately, you may have noticed that it is organized a little differently than the rest of the library. Our teen collection is made up of nine unique sub-collections, in which books are organized by genre. This "genre-fied" system helps to simplify browsing and fosters independence among our teen patrons. It also supports reluctant readers by making it easier to find a book that matches their interests.

Here's a closer look at the genres you'll find in the collection.



Action: This category is made up of mysteries, thrillers, and action stories. They are often fast-paced and exciting and are typically centered around a crime or other mystery that needs to be solved. Popular authors in this genre include Ally Carter, Anthony Horowitz, and

Sara Shepard.

Dystopia: The opposite of a utopia, dystopian settings are usually post-apocalyptic or filled with oppression, terror, and extreme deprivation. Here you'll find titles like *The Hunger Games*, *Maze Runner*, and *Divergent*.

Realistic Fiction: Romance, coming-of-age stories, and sports fiction are the cornerstones of this genre. Realistic fiction contains believable characters, settings, and conflicts that are true to life. John Green, Rainbow Rowell, and Angie Thomas are just a few noteworthy authors of teen realistic fiction.

Historical Fiction: These books take place in and reimagine the past. They are sometimes based on real people and events in history. Titles like *Alex & Eliza*, and *Code Name Verity* can be found on the historical fiction shelves.

Science Fiction & Fantasy: One of our largest teen sections, the books found here typically feature imagined characters and settings that don't adhere to the laws of science and nature. They may contain magic, elements of the supernatural, mythical creatures, or time travel. Bestselling authors in these genres include Leigh Bardugo, Cassandra Clare, Sarah J. Maas, and James Patterson.

Graphic Novels: Similar to comic books and told using sequential art, graphic novels make up one of our most popular teen collections. Here you will find superhero comics, graphic non-fiction and memoirs, original stories, and graphic adaptations of teen fiction.

Manga: The word manga refers to a style of comics and graphic novels originating in Japan. Most manga read from right to left and are composed of black-and-white art. *Naruto*, *Bleach*, and *My Hero Academia* are just a few of the well-known titles found here.

True: Memoirs and biographies make up this non-fiction section for teens. The books found here feature tales of real people and events, but often read like fiction. If you're looking for true stories of struggle, hope, and triumph, start here.

Topics: The rest of the non-fiction for teens can be found in the Topics section. Made up of smaller sub-genres, this collection helps teens navigate real life. Books about the arts, mental health, LGBTQ+ resources, pop culture, school, and social issues are just a few examples of what you'll find on these shelves.



Teen fiction can be found inside the Teen Room. Non-fiction, graphic novels, manga, and new books for teens are located just outside of the room in the main library. Next time you find yourself in the teen section, try picking up something in a genre you don't typically read. You might just find an unexpected new favorite!

We Have Programs for Tweens & Teens!

Check our events calendar often for pop-up programs, teen hangout opportunities and new programs.



News from the Friends

Welcome Julie Ann, our new Book Sale Chair!

A recently retired meeting and facilities manager with 28 years of event planning experience, Julie Ann has long been a patron of the East Greenbush library. As a child she frequently visited the library, which at the time was located in the Bates Building, and continued to foster her love of libraries with her own children by bringing them to the current library on Community Way. When the Friends had an open position as Book Sale Chair, Julie Ann stated, "I have a love of books and organizing making this opportunity a fun and exciting fit for me."

From mini sales to ongoing...onto the "Big Sale"

The Friends have held several mini book sales over the past year. Initially hosting a few Grab-n-Go book sales (pre-selected book bundles by genre) out of their storage shed. Then, as summer approached, former book sale chair, Linda Murphy, rallied volunteers to host 12 mini book sales at the Library/



Friends Outdoor Book Sale was held August 14th on the library lawn.

YMCA Farmers' Market on Wednesdays, June through September. These events were well received, yielding over \$650 in sales!

Eager to get books back into the community, Julie Ann hit the ground running, focusing her efforts on delivering what the community had been patiently waiting

for "The Big Sale." She swiftly organized an outdoor book sale at the library on August 14, 2021. Albeit a smaller sale then in years past, which spanned over 4 days, the turnout was still phenomenal and provided a big boost to the Friends funds with an intake of \$1,168 (net income).

To make room in the shed for incoming donations and to prepare for future sales, the Friends are frequently restocking their ongoing book sale shelves to provide fresh reads regularly. They've also added a section of teen books as well as a display cart full of children's books. The book sale collection is located in the main library next to the public computers and the kid's books are next to the Children's Room.

Sale pricing is posted for adult and teen books.

Donations for kids books are appreciated. Purchases and donations can be made at the circulation desk.

Julie Ann is looking forward to finding ways to get book donations to our patrons, especially our children, in these challenging times and continuing to raise funds for valuable library programs.



Check out the Kid's Book Sale cart next to the Children's Room. Monetary donations are appreciated.

Stay tuned for the next sale

Julie Ann is busy planning for the next sale this fall, so stay tuned to the Friends webpage, the library's event calendar, social media, the library's weekly e-newsletters and local newsprint for details. At a patron's request, we've added the convenience of purchasing books at our sales using your credit card via Square Point-of-Sale technology—making buying books easy, safe and secure!

Square Use your credit card at our next book sale!

We thank you for your support!

Your continuous support is greatly appreciated. Book sale proceeds support library programs and resources for our community. To learn more about the Friends, to become a member, to volunteer or to share your fundraising ideas please contact Charlie Pensabene, president, at foegcl@gmail.org or visit us online at <https://eglibrary.org/friends/>.

Join us at the next Friends meeting

The Friends 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. New members are encouraged to stop in and meet us to join this important community group. See the library's event calendar for meeting information at <https://events.eglibrary.org>.



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Stories to Go Kits



Stories to Go Kits are theme-based kits designed to help preschoolers and their caregivers explore a variety of topics in an interactive and engaging way. This early literacy initiative that combines reading with play, learning, and fun, allows families to bring the storytime experience directly into their homes. Each kit includes books, as well as items like age-appropriate puzzles, puppets, or educational games. The supplemental activity sheet includes early literacy tips, rhymes, songs, or activities to extend the learning experience. Check out a kit, and help your child start down a path to school readiness.



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- *The Times Union* at <https://bit.ly/egtimesunion> (choose the middle option for original layout with images)
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Welcome new staff!

In September, Jessica joined the Circulation team as a part-time library clerk. Jessica's first experience working in a library was 30 years ago as a page, and she says, "it feels great to be back!" She has a background in social work. She and her husband have four awesome kids, their girls are 7 and 5, and their boys are 3. She is a breast cancer survivor and a friend to whomever is navigating that journey. She has a small sewing business, and is finding purpose during this pandemic sewing masks for those in need.



Jessica joins the circulation team.