

# Friends of the Library News



## Supporting Our Community...

So many fabulous library programs are made possible through the support of the Friends of the East Greenbush Community Library. Contributions enable the library to deliver unique experiences that educate, enrich and strengthen our community. Some of the collections, programs and library applications that they currently support include J-POP and Hot off the Press collections, the Museum Pass (a program which provides free or discounted admission to 20+ local museums), music concerts, Farmers' Market, the Library Calendar application, and the Winter and Summer Reading Challenges (SRC). This summer there were over 950 participants, of all ages, using our library to sign-up for the SRC, borrow materials and/or attend programs.

### Summer Reading Challenge— An Extraordinary Series of Events

This year's line-up included many STEM programs such as The Science of Music with the Dirtmeister, Wild Music: Animal Songs and Calls, Rocks Rock with CMost, and the Traveling Pond with a nature expert from the Dyken Pond Educational Center. There was also a fantastic mix of art, music and just plain "for the fun of it" programs such as Pig Out On Reading, Sam Sam the Magic Man, Outdoor Concert with Miss Lisa, Family Movie Night, Bubble Bonanza and so much more!



**Teens Capture the Flag**

*The Wayfinder Experience:  
Team-building games*



**Sam, Sam the Magic Man**

*A Magic Workshop about magic and  
the art of performance*

## Upholding Our Quality of Services

The Friends have recently provided funds towards the purchase of books and materials to offset some of the shortfalls associated with the bond debt. This will continue to be a vital source of income for the library until the bond reaches term at the end of 2020. For 2019, the Friends will provide \$15,000 towards the purchase of books and library materials. This will enable the library to uphold its quality of services, while keeping the budget within the state mandated tax cap. For the current year, 2018, **the Friends have provided the library with over \$45,000 in funding.**

## VOTE!



### 2019 Library Budget Vote & Election

**Thursday, September 6 | 9am–9pm**

*Election held in the library*

There will be a second proposal on the ballot for the election of one candidate to fill an open position on the Library Board of Trustees.

*For details, refer to the budget section of this newsletter.*

## We Are Pleased to Announce...

**Lynne Oudekerk**, a long-time advocate for the library and former president and vice president of the Friends as well as book sale volunteer, is a candidate for the open position on the Library Board of Trustees. Voting will be held on **Thursday, September 6, 9am–9pm, in the library.** For complete budget vote information see page 5.

### Get to Know Us!

The Friends of the Library meet in the library on the third Tuesday of February, April, June, September and November (*the November meeting will be on the 13th*) at 6:30 pm. To learn more about the Friends, we invite you to attend a meeting, volunteer at an event, or contact us at foegcl@gmail.com.

Our next meeting is:

**Tuesday, September 18 | 6:30pm**

### Friends' Board Changes

Tricia Ferguson was elected Vice President of the Board. Janet Malecki was elected as Treasurer to finish the current term, replacing Judith Maguire. Thank you Judith for serving as our Treasurer. Welcome Janet and Tricia!



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## FALL BOOK SALE

*For Adults & Teens*

Thursday, October 25 | 5pm—8:30pm

Friday, October 26 | 9am—8:30pm

Saturday, October 27 | 10am—4:30pm

Sunday, October 28 | 1pm—3pm (*bag sale only*)

**TREMENDOUS SELECTION—LOW PRICES!**

*Books, CDs, DVDs & Audiobooks*



## CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 22

From 9am—4pm

This will be the 12th Annual Community Children's Festival, funded by the Friends of the East Greenbush Community Library. This is a wonderful 1-day festival that features free food, crafts, raffle prizes, and entertainment all day!

**Balloon Animals with TOTS the Clown**

10am—1pm

**Face Painting with JoJo's Fabulous Faces**

12pm—3pm

## THE CHILDREN'S BOOK SALE

*This event is for families, no book dealers please.*

Saturday, September 22 | 9am—4pm

(same day and location as the Children's Festival)

Sunday, September 23 | 1pm—3pm

(bag sale only)



## Book Sale Volunteers

It takes many volunteers to organize our book sales. We are always in need of "Hefters," those volunteers who lift boxes of books, organize the shed, and assist in other ways. If you have a bit of time and muscles

to spare, please consider volunteering for this important job for either the Children's or Adult Book Sale or both! Email us at [foegcl@gmail.com](mailto:foegcl@gmail.com) for more information.

## Buy A Book, Fund A Program

Book sales are fun and exciting events that serve our community in two ways. They provide opportunities for the community to purchase library materials at an economical price AND the sale proceeds help fund library programs. The **Spring Book Sale** was a huge success that **earned \$14,906 for the Friends**. Some of the programs that the Friends have funded include:

**Playaway Launchpads:** Pre-loaded tablets with high-quality, ad-free learning applications grouped by age, grade level, subject area and theme. This user-friendly device is 100% secure. No download time. No wi-fi required. Available to borrow in the Children's library.

**PIG OUT! On Reading:** A new Summer Reading Program that was WILDLY popular by the 100+ people that attended (63 of whom were kids). Farmer Minor captivated his audience with tales about Daisy the pig and her pug friends, including a pig-theme storytime and photo opportunities.

*"Pig Out on Reading was the best program of the summer!"—exclaimed a parent who attended*



**J-POP:** Popular titles, creatively displayed to pique the interest of young readers is always well stocked for quick circulation. The collection includes the newest editions of Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Dog Man, and American Girl books as well as pop-culture titles such as Star Wars, the Incredibles, Jurassic World, and A Wrinkle in Time.

**Hot Off The Press:** Like J-POP, but for adult readers. As of July, 430 adults borrowed books from this collection of 81 popular volumes.