



Spring Adult Book & Media Sale

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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

Thursday, May 4: 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Friday, May 5: 9:00 am - 8:30 pm

Saturday, May 6: 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Sunday, May 7 (Bag sale): 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Volunteers are needed before the sale, starting April 27 and throughout the sale. Please check the library website in late winter or contact foegcl@gmail.com to volunteer your time.



2017 Goals

The Friends set these goals for 2017:

- Continue to support the library and its programs and services through a variety of fundraising efforts.
- Further define the Friends' mission, vision and values.
- Recruit members, volunteers, and future leaders.
- Update our member database, adopt an annual budget, and develop manuals that include job descriptions and organizational procedures.
- Strategize ways to increase our donor base, enhance fundraising, spur membership and volunteerism, and best serve our library community.
- Publicize the Friends' work through an updated Friends page on the library's website.

Thank you to the many committee members and volunteers who provide year 'round support to the Friends by volunteering to sort donated books, organize for, and work at, the book sales and festivals, promote membership, manage our member database, advocate for the library, and support our get-out-the-vote effort. We could not accomplish even a portion of what we do without your valuable assistance!

**The next Friends' meeting is
Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 6:30. All members are welcome.**
*Come meet our dedicated Leadership team!
Volunteer your time to help!*

Friends Leadership Team

Thank you to the 2016 leadership team of the Friends, who donated countless hours to move our organization forward. They were:

Lynne Oudekerk, *President*

Suzanne Aiardo, *Vice President*

Kate Hafner, *Secretary (and book sale committee co-chair)*

Judith Maguire, *Treasurer*

Patrick Cronin, *Database Manager*

Mari Harris, *book sale committee co-chair*

Mary Davitt, *book sale volunteer coordinator*

Anne Burton, *advocacy/ membership committee chair*

Lois Hazelton, *publicity/ newsletter chair*

The newly elected slate of officers for 2017 includes all of last year's team members. Also Liz Reyner joins the Friends team as advocacy/ membership co-chair. All officers and committee chairs look forward to building on the successes of last year and working on new goals during the 2017 program year.

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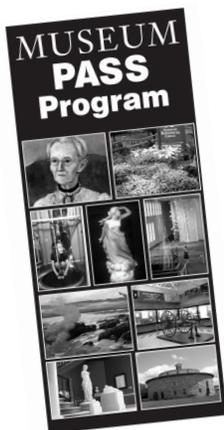
Friends of the Library News



One of the finishers in the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program



Summer Music Concert by The Jazz Connection



Museum Passes to 20 nearby area museums are available



Free showings of six award nominated films

Friends' Library Support in 2016

The Friends of the East Greenbush Community Library is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to support the East Greenbush library's programs and services. We raise money through membership dues, donations, and fundraising efforts. Most of our fundraising is the result of the three book sales we run each year. We hope you have personally experienced the fun at one of our fall Children's Festivals or have purchased some books at our exceptional fall and spring book sales for adults. Other - smaller - fundraising efforts include our Amazon Smile program and our book bag sale. We encourage you to remember the Friends when making Amazon Smile purchases and/or to purchase one of our tote bags from the circulation desk.

The money we raise directly supports programs that benefit library patrons and community members. For example, we fund concerts, speakers, and programs for children and adults. We fund youth and adult reading programs and purchase book and media collections. We fund the very popular museum passes that provide free admission to nearly 20 local museums. Below are the specific programs we funded during 2016:

Month	Description	Amount
February	1,000 Books before Kindergarten program	\$ 500.00
February	2016 Day Before the Awards film festival	\$500.00
February	Winter Classical Music Concert	\$600.00
April	Adult summer reading program	\$500.00
April	AV equipment upgrade in Multipurpose Room	\$13,198.00
April	Museum Pass Program	\$1,754.00
April	4 concerts for the Summer Music series	\$1,850.00
April	Youth Services summer reading program	\$2,635.00
June	Youth Services summer reading books	\$500.00
September	2-AWE Early Literacy Stations	\$5,800.00
November	2017 Day Before the Awards film festival	\$500.00
November	Winter classical music concert	\$550.00
November	World Book Encyclopedia purchase	\$1,700.00
Total		\$30,587.00

Become a Friend

By now you should have received a 2017 membership renewal flyer by mail. Help us grow our membership beyond our 2016 membership of 333 Friends. In the two minutes it takes to complete your membership renewal form you can help us continue to enhance our Library's programs and services. A sincere thank you to all of you who "helped us grow" by renewing your membership last year.

Encourage your friends to join; both individual and household memberships are available. While we are pleased to have so many Friends, we believe that there are many more neighbors who recognize the importance of having a strong community library.