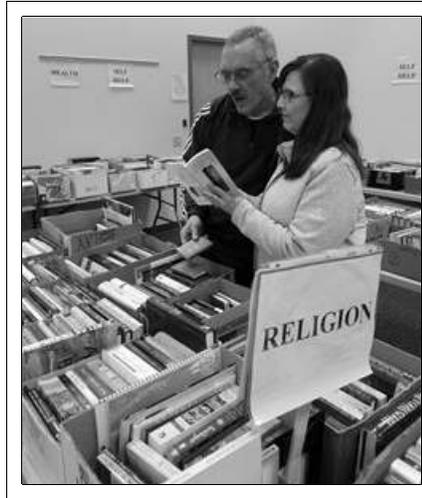
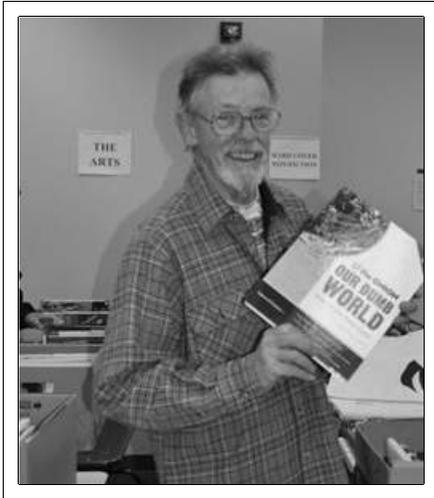


Friends of the Library News



Book Sale News

The book sales are a big community draw and fun event for many. These sales are our major fundraisers every year for the library. We couldn't do it without the support of our many volunteers so **THANK YOU** to all those who volunteered their time in so many ways and to all those who donated books, CDs, and DVDs.

Do you ever wonder where all the books come from and how they magically appear sorted and ready for the book sale? As mentioned, the books are donated, but once arriving at the library, they are taken to a back room and sorted by volunteers according to genre, hard cover, paperback, etc.

This is a great way to volunteer if you are at the library and have an extra bit of time. You can sort for 20 minutes or 2 hours – whatever fits your schedule. The sorted books are then stored in the shed behind the library until the next book sale.

Volunteers are needed to lift and stack cartons full of books, navigate flatbed carts loaded with books, and maintain organization in our book shed. And the book sales *always* need people we call *Hefter*s. If you'd like to build up your upper body strength or simply show off your muscles, consider volunteering as a *Hefter* during the year or at the fall book sale. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please email us at foegcl@gmail.com

Where Does the Money Go?

At a recent Friends meeting, library staff presented the library's requests for grant funding for the year. Being new to this group, I was amazed at the tremendous support the Friends provides to the library - and I am proud to be a member.

Grant Requests



One such request was for the ECOPro 2-disc repair machine for CDs, DVDs, audiobook discs, Blu-ray discs and video games. Have you ever borrowed a DVD (movie) only to have it get stuck in an important scene? Like me, you may have tried any number of things to remove a scratch from a DVD but it is annoying and my

home remedy results have been less than satisfactory. The \$1,500.00 purchase price is well worth it and will be appreciated by many (including me).

This grant request is only one of the many ways in which the Friends support the library. From new books to special programs to Youth reading programs, the East Greenbush Community Library wouldn't be the great resource it is without a little help from the Friends.

Museum Pass Program

The Friends also approved a grant for the library to continue to fund the Museum Pass Program. This unique library benefit offers East Greenbush and Schodack residents and Friends' Members free or discounted admission to area museums. The Museum Pass Program is a terrific, educational service. The Program has grown each year since its inception in 2008. Museum Pass usage is a cost-efficient way for families to enjoy an outing with their children or for individual/seniors. If a family of four visited each museum one time, they could potentially save \$600 in 1 year!

5 New Museum Passes Added for 2018

The Amazing World of Dr. Seuss + Springfield Museums | Empire State Aerosciences Museum |
Norman Rockwell Museum | Saratoga Automobile Museum | The Wild Center



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Library Advocacy Day 2018 is a Success!

On February 28th, Library Advocacy Day was held at the NYS Legislature. Jill Dugas-Hughes (Director), Bob West (Trustee), and Friends Board Members Judith Maguire, Jean Sheviak and Anne Burton attended this event. They joined the Upper Hudson Friends group and met with legislators.

The New York Library Association (NYLA) asked to increase the aid from the governor’s budget. There were at least 18 students present from the reading club at Albany Public Library who made a very effective presentation, both with their numbers and with their eloquence!

The result was \$96.6 million, \$1 million MORE than requested for operating funds, and \$10 million MORE in construction grants than last year.



Upper Hudson Library System Executive Director, Timothy Burke with NYS Assembly members Patricia Fahy and John T. McDonald III.

One thing is for sure—Our presence was noticed!



Various legislators, NYLA Leaders, and Library Advocates spoke at the rally in “The Well” of the Legislative Office Building.



Students from Albany High School speaking about why Libraries are Education—Libraries are for everyone!

THIS YEAR’S SPRING BOOK SALE RAISED OVER \$14,000!

Other News

The library and the Friends of the Library have co-sponsored 3 special events since September 2017.

Presentation By LWV

The first was a presentation by the League of Women Voters of Rensselaer County on the pros and cons of the Constitutional Convention. This was an important ballot issue during the last election and 50 people were in attendance.

Gals who Play Jazz

The second event was “Gals who Play Jazz” who played a variety of holiday music back in December. This event also attracted nearly 50 people; all of whom had a wonderful time.

Meet the Author

Our first “Meet the Author” experience occurred on March 17, 2018 **Patricia Nugent** of Saratoga Springs presented the book **“Before They Were our Mothers: Voices of Women Born Before Rosie Started Riveting”**. Nugent edited this book of short stories, and presentations were made by six of the storytellers. There were over 35 people in attendance. At the end of the talk, Nugent presented a plaque to the Friends of the Library, which included a piece that she had written for us on the importance of the Library. Anne Burton accepted this on behalf of the Friends and donated it to the Library for permanent display. It is currently displayed atop the black vertical file cabinet in the main reading room. Take a moment to find and read it; it is well worth the effort.

Join Us!

As of April, there are **202 household members of the Friends of the Library**. If you haven’t become a Friend yet it’s never too late! Membership forms are available online at: <https://eglibrary.org/friends/> and at the circulation desk.

Mark Your Calendar! 

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday in the months of February, April, June, September & November, beginning at 6:30pm. They are held at the library and usually last one hour.

All are welcome!