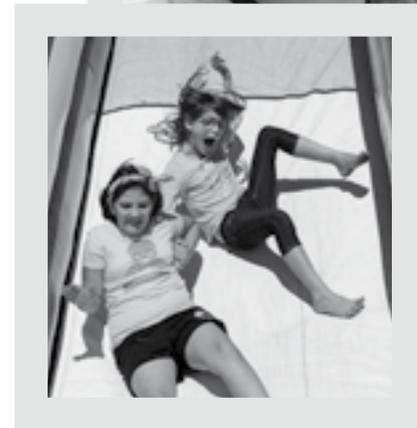




## Book Sale Success!

The Friends of the East Greenbush Community Library funded another wildly successful Children's Festival and Book Sale for the 11th straight year. This was one for the history books! The weather was beautiful and everyone had a ball. In addition, the book sale brought a phenomenal **\$5,611.67** which will enable the library to hold more special events!

One mom commented that she and her youngster loved the festival and sale and look forward to more events. She said that the children's programs at the library changed her life. She was a new mom, facing the challenges of everyday life with a new baby. She has made wonderful friends, loves the programs and is thrilled to be a part of the East Greenbush library community.



Photos by Carol Bell

## Thank you Volunteers!

THANK YOU SO MUCH TO OUR AMAZING,  
HARD-WORKING VOLUNTEERS

*Who were hefting books, moving tables, giving out refreshments and providing raffle tickets in the toasty 90-degree weather! The book sale leadership team, led by Mari Harris, kept everyone organized and happy, and made it enjoyable for the volunteers and customers!*

### SPECIAL THANKS ALSO GOES TO:

The **book shed team** for making the unloading of books a very smooth task.

Our amazing **sorters** who moved mountains (literally and figuratively) to provide us with a great selection of books

**Molly Chatt** for her dedication and always putting children and family fun at the forefront of this event

**Marion Pierson** and **staff** for assisting with every request

**Jill Dugas Hughes** for immediately responding to every need, from supplying new trash cans, clearing out recycling, making flyers, setting up tents, etc.

## Holiday Shopping

When you do your online holiday shopping, check out [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). This website has been donating 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the Friends of the East Greenbush Community Library, funds used to support our Library. The shopping experience is identical to Amazon.com and there is no cost to the Friends or to AmazonSmile customers.



## Beautiful Donation

Dan Harrison wins big at the Library! In a blind drawing, Harrison was chosen as the winner of this beautiful quilt on November 7. Chloe VanAken, an East Greenbush resident, generously donated this treasure to raise funds for the library. The raffle raised \$450 to be used for bringing exciting and relevant programs and collections to the library.

**As of September, there are 309 Household members (429 individuals) for 2017.**

*If you haven't become a Friend yet, it's never too late!*

Membership forms are available on the library's website and at the circulation desk.

## Fundraising Improvements

Funds raised by the Friends go towards approving special grants for the library. Recently FOEGCL approved a \$1500 grant to supplement the adult audiobook collection. A few years ago, it seemed that audiobooks might become extinct (like 8 track tapes). But the library has seen an 8% increase in the circulation of audiobooks in the last year and has received positive comments from patrons about the great selection. Audiobooks continue to be the first choice for commuters, vacationers, people with vision difficulties, and audio enthusiasts alike.

Another grant for \$2500 allowed the library to discard outdated books and those in poor condition and fill the gaps in the Adult Fiction and non-Fiction Collection.

Part of the library's mission is to serve the recreational and cultural needs of the East Greenbush area. The lovely outdoor areas around the library had been underutilized by library patrons. To encourage patrons to picnic on the grounds or sit in the sun and read the latest bestseller, the Friends funded the purchase of outdoor chairs and moisture proof blankets.



*Local artist Jennifer VanDenburgh designed the 'Drift' pattern. The colorful fabrics are from Heather Givan's Literary line for Windham Fabrics. VanAken pieced it together, and had it quilted by Nikki Maroon of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The finished quilt measures 60" x 75".*

## HATAS Connection

The Friends has more good news. The Homeless and Traveler's Aid Society in Albany (HATAS) has added a literacy component to their Weekend Backpack program and puts a book in every backpack for the children receiving them. The Friends donated the books remaining after the children's sale to HATAS. This is a win-win for everyone; no tossing of books and children in need will enjoy "new" books in their backpacks. This may start a lifelong connection to reading and learning.

In another successful venture, the Friends made over **\$15,000** at the Fall 2017 Friends Book Sale. Book Sale Chair Mari Harris said, "We had a very good turnout, for certain." The leftover books were picked up by *Thriftbooks.com*.