

Friends of the Library News



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DID YOU KNOW?

Friends leadership positions are filled by Friends just like you.

If you:

- are interested in engaging your organization and communication skills
- have some free time to commit to a greater cause
- enjoy our library and all that it has to offer
- have enjoyed an EG Library Book Sale, Children's Festival or another special event

Please consider volunteering for a committee or running for office. At the **November 19, 2019** meeting, the Friends will hold elections for Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The Friends are seeking candidates for these leadership positions, which will help shape the course and direction of our not-for-profit organization into 2020. The Friends' role is to support our excellent library, help enhance programs and services that the library can offer and enable the library to better serve the community.

The Vice President serves a one-year term and then assumes the office of President for one year. In this critical position, the VP attends all Friends meetings and presides in the absence of the President. The VP responds to emails and requests from members and in conjunction with the President, maintains regular communication with Governing Council members, the library director and the Board of Trustees.

The Treasurer maintains a record of all financial transactions in Quicken®, manages the checking and credit card accounts, and disburses funds approved by the Governing Council. The treasurer also submits financial summaries as requested and provides documents necessary for preparation of Federal and/or State reports.

The Secretary attends all meetings and records attendance, takes the minutes, presents draft minutes to the Governing Council and makes necessary changes.

The Book Sale committee also needs volunteers to Chair and Co-Chair. This committee plans and manages all aspects of the Friends major fundraising initiative; two adult book sales and one children's book sale each year. This includes recruiting and supervising volunteers, overseeing year-round book sorting, hiring movers, purchasing materials needed for the sale and various other duties before, during and after the sales.

MAKE THIS YOUR YEAR TO VOLUNTEER!

Contact Liz Reyner at foegcl@gmail.com to learn about joining our team or leave your name and phone number with a library circulation desk member.

NEWS

Board Changes—Taking over for Kate Hafner, the Friends long tenured Secretary and chief book sorter, are Eileen Riley, who was appointed to finish the current term as Secretary and Karen Pfindel who is now the chief book sorter. Thanks Kate, for your many years of dedication to the Friends.

Membership Update—Our membership drive netted a total of 291 member households, which includes 44 new households. Thanks for your support!

Event Highlights—On April 13th jazz fans enjoyed the performance by Trio Lingo, and on May 18, the library hosted a book signing by Wanda Fischer. Two more great programs sponsored by the Friends of the East Greenbush Community Library!

SPRING SALE

Thanks to community members who supported the sale and the volunteers who devoted hours of their time to ensure that the sale was a success. The sale netted \$11,000 which will be used to enhance library programs. The Friends would also like to thank Walter Pratt & Sons for donating use of the electric display sign in the parking lot of the EG Bowling Center to advertise the book sale. We appreciate the work of our corporate partner, Mabey's Movers, to move our stored books into the library in preparation for the sale.



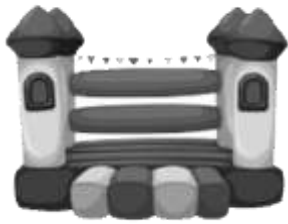
Mark Your Calendars!

Friends Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of Feb., Apr., Jun., Sept. and Nov. at 6:30pm in the Library. All are welcome!



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FREE event at the library September 21st, 10am-3pm



13th Annual Children's Festival

This event is sponsored by The Friends of the Library.

Join us for this wonderful 1-day festival which includes free snacks, crafts, raffle prizes, and entertainment.

Face Painting with Jo Jo's Fabulous Faces | 10am-1pm

TOTS the Clown Balloon Animals | 12-3pm

FABULOUS FALL BOOK SALE

Stop in for bargains on thousands of books, audiobooks, DVDs and CDs for adults and teens (no children's books).

Thursday*, October 24 | 5:00-8:30pm

Friday, October 25 | 9:00am-7:00pm

Saturday, October 26 | 10:00am-4:30pm

Sunday, October 27 | Noon-3:00pm (Bag sale only)

CASH/CHECK ONLY

- \$0.50 Mass market paperbacks
- \$1.00 Hardcover books (Fri./Sat. only), trade paperbacks
- \$2.00 Hardcover books (Thursday sale)*, DVDs
- \$5.00 Sunday Bag Sale Pricing: You are encouraged to bring your reusable shopping totes to fill with books for the bag sale or Friends' tote bags can be purchased for \$12.00. Hannaford plastic bags will also be available.

**Prices for hardcover books varies depending on sale date*



Saturday, September 21

9am-4pm (same day/location as the festival)

Sunday, September 22

1-3pm (bag sale only)

This event is for families, no book dealers please.

The children's book sale is only held once a year, so plan ahead for birthdays and holidays and take this opportunity to stock up! Gently used books cost 25 cents to \$1.00, CDs are \$1.00, and DVDs are \$2.00. For the bag sale on Sunday, bring your reusable shopping totes to fill with books for just \$4.00. If you don't have a reusable tote, Hannaford plastic bags will be available.

To ensure that the Children's Book Sale is a success, the Friends need your help. Please consider volunteering your time; even just an hour will make a difference and it's fun—many volunteers come back year after year. You don't need any special knowledge and can work at your own pace. Volunteers are needed on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 19-21st to unpack, arrange, and consolidate books, assist patrons, and help with general cleanup at the end. Please check the library website <https://eastgreenbushlibrary.org/friends/book-sale/> in late August for instructions on how to sign up and volunteer your time, or email foegcl@gmail.com.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

For pre-sale, sale, and post sale preparations

Help the Friends transform this space into a...



...well-organized book sale, in just a few days!

Go to <https://eastgreenbushlibrary.org/friends/book-sale/> in early October for instructions on how to sign up and volunteer your time, or email foegcl@gmail.com.

BACK TO SCHOOL SHOPPING

When you shop online for back to school clothes and supplies, check out smile.amazon.com. For several years, this website has been donating 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the Friends of the East Greenbush Community Library. The shopping experience is identical to Amazon.com and there is no cost to the Friends or to Amazon customers. As with all funds raised by the Friends, these are used to supplement library events and services.