



Friends of the Library News

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Spring Book Sale

The Spring 2019 book sale is behind us and now we are gearing up for the Fall Book Sale, October 24-27, 2019. A key component of making this a successful event is presenting only books that are in good condition and are of interest to book sale patrons. To do this, our dedicated crew of volunteers sorts books year round, not just prior to the book sale. Sorting books is very flexible; you do not need to schedule in advance. Just drop in to sort books whenever you have some time, during any of the hours that the library is open. If we have additional volunteers to sort books, it will help to keep the task manageable. New volunteers are paired with seasoned "sorters" to learn our procedures. If you are interested in this important volunteer opportunity, please email us at foegcl@gmail.com

Exciting New Materials

Your patronage of the Friends book sales assists in funding library materials. The library will be refreshing their popular Stories to Go kits. This early childhood collection promotes reading readiness and makes learning fun and easy. Each kit has its own theme such as *Starting School*, *Oceans* and *Dinosaurs* with books, educational games, puzzles and an activity guide for parents and caregivers.



Thanks to donations to the Friends, the library is able to have the fish tank serviced monthly so the tank stays clean and the fish stay happy and healthy! Graduates of the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program often request to have their picture taken by the tank.



Day Before the Awards Film Festival



On February 23rd the library, with support of the Friends of the Library, hosted the festival. A record-breaking attendance of over 400 people were treated to a showing of six of the great films nominated for Academy Awards. Film critics, *Jim Dickson* (left) and *Jackson Murphy* (right), provided commentary before each film and Q&A after. Along with films, there were games, prizes, and ballots to test film buffs' Oscar knowledge.

The 6th *Annual Farmers' Market* is coming up soon. The Friends have provided a grant to the library to keep vendor fees low and increase marketing to encourage more community members to support local businesses. We're also looking forward to guest vendors and new musical performers.



Grants from the Friends have helped the library renew subscriptions of resources that patrons regularly enjoy like BookPage magazine, The New York Times, The Troy Record, The Times Union, and The Wall Street Journal.

New Museum Passes

Springfield Museums (the Amazing World of Dr. Seuss) is discontinuing their library pass program. With funding from the Friends, the library will add the *Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art* in Amherst, MA. Patrons have also requested the *Empire Pass*, which provides entry to parks, forests, beaches and trails operated by the award-winning state park system. The Museum Pass Program provides free or discounted admission to 25 nearby museums. For a list of passes go to: <http://bit.ly/EGLibraryMuseumPass>

Send in Your Membership/Renewal Forms

If you've not yet done so, please send in your form so our records are up to date and so we can reach you with Friends' news and activities.



Mark Your Calendars!

Annual Children's Festival: September 21

Children's Book Sale: September 21 and 22

Fall Book Sale: October 24-27

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