

AMONG FRIENDS

"When I got my library card, that was when my life began." Rita Mae Brown



Children learning about bubbles at the Bubbletastic Show this past summer.

THE FOL BOARD DID... *By Alice Kissinger, FOL President*

In the summer of 2024 the Friends of the Library, once again, funded the 8 week Children's Summer Reading Program. FOL also purchased 3 durable picnic tables for use with programming and also for families who enjoy the trail and the books highlighted along the trail. One of the tables are handicap accessible. We also purchased a children's book cart for the used book room.

The big news this year is that we were awarded \$10,000 from 100 Who Care, a group of local citizens who want to support programs that benefit the community. Then why do you need my money? 100% of this donation was used to purchase black-out shades for the Children's Room, which will allow more flexibility in the use of that room. This expenditure has been on our wish list for some time and would not have been possible without this donation."

USED BOOK ROOM

By Kay Hucker and Louann Lewandowski

The Library's Used Book Room continues to do well. We would like to thank everyone who helped us this year by purchasing books in both our book room and at our book sale that lasted over the summer. Another thank you goes out to our volunteers who came in to shelve books or just straighten shelves. Please let us know if you would like to help by volunteering. It is not a big commitment but is very much appreciated. When you do stop in, please note the new shelving for children's books that we were able to purchase this year. The books are now in removable bins rather than on shelves which makes it much easier for all to look through. Donations are appreciated and hope you will continue to drop off your gently used books.



Membership Committee

By Kimberly Kayler, Mary Grau and Karen Brohaugh

We hope you will choose to become a 2024-2025 member of the Friends of the Library. Your donation funds a long list of programs at the library for children and adults alike. Without the Friends of the Library membership, the Library would not be able to offer such fantastic programming for our community. On a separate sheet you'll find our annual membership appeal. Please consider joining today!

2024 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

By Ann Larson, Library Director

This summer, our library embraced the theme "Adventure" with the slogan "Adventure Begins at Your Library!" From June 6 to August 1, we hosted thrilling programs every Thursday for PreK to 5th graders, including Dragon Training Academy and Rondini Bombastic Bubbles. We were delighted to welcome 657 family members to enjoy events like Bob & Trish's Acrobatic Juggling and Pam Corcoran's puppetry! A total of 156 young readers logged their minutes on the Beanstack app, just shy of last year's 166. While our youngest readers (ages 0 to 3) saw a slight dip, participation among kids aged 4 to 11 increased! Kids who read at least 15 minutes a week entered our weekly prize drawings, culminating in grand prizes at the end of the program. We can't wait for next year's theme: "Art," with the slogan "Color My World." Get ready for more vibrant adventures at your library!

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