



spring 2019

OF THE EASTERN MONROE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Spring into our two book sales

CHILDREN'S BOOK SALE

Saturday, April 27

9 am to 4 pm

Sunday, April 28

12 noon to 4 pm



34TH ANNUAL BOOK SALE

JUNE 1 - 4

Saturday, 9am – Noon

**OPEN TO FRIENDS
MEMBERS ONLY**

Memberships available at the door.

**OPEN TO THE GENERAL
PUBLIC:**

Saturday • Noon – 5pm

Sunday • 11am – 5pm

Monday • 10am – 8pm

1/2 price day

Tuesday • 10am – 8pm

\$6 a bag

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Cathleen Conway



Dear Friends' Members,

Thank you all for helping the Friends raise enough money over the past few years to buy a new bookmobile as well as make other donations to the library. This past year the Friends donated \$175,500 which was used to purchase:

- new computers
- flooring
- bicycle rack
- line striping in the parking lot
- self-checkout upgrades
- LED lighting upgrades
- landscaping

... and of course the bookmobile.

We are busy getting ready for the upcoming book sales and we still need your continued support. The children's book sale is right around the corner and will be held April 27-28, 2019. The regular book sale will be held June 1-4, 2019.

Your donations, no matter how small or large, go a long way in helping to support the library.

Happy Reading,
Cathleen

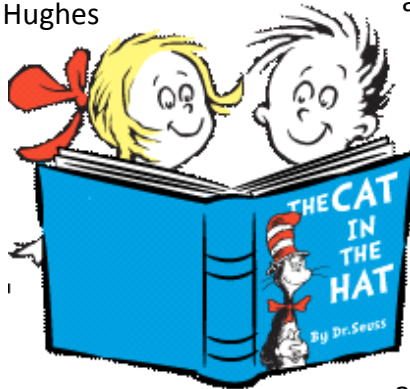


3rd Annual Children's Book Sale!

"Children are made readers in the laps of their parents."-Emilie Buchwald

Do you want to nurture a young bibliophile? Engage a reluctant reader? Inspire a growing mind? Have we got a sale for you! Our third annual Children's Sale of used books will be taking place in the Hughes Library's Community Room on Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28.

We have board books for the youngest readers, easy/early readers for those starting to read on their own, picture books galore, chapter books for tweens, and loads of those titles enjoyed by teens and young adults (and sometimes their parents, too!).



peruse. We have your favorite classics for you to share with the next generation and a new section of vintage books.

Teachers: here's your chance to increase your classroom library at rock bottom prices. Most books are \$1; some are 50¢, and some are priced higher, but all are real bargains.

The sale runs from 9-4 on Saturday and 12-4 on Sunday. We will still have children's books available at our main sale June 1-4, but for the best selection, attend the sale the last weekend of April!

As Jackie Kennedy Onassis said, "There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all."

We have non-fiction, sports, reference, and biography sections for you and your child or grandchild to

— Martha Linne 

FROM THE DIRECTOR

by Susan Lyons

EMPL's Fifth Branch: MCCF

Many readers of this newsletter no doubt share my problem of finding enough time to read. There are so many good books and so few hours in the day. The patrons of EMPL's hidden fifth branch sometimes face the opposite problem: finding enough books to fill the time.

Library services have been provided to the Monroe County Correctional Facility (MCCF) going back to when the jail was located in Courthouse Square and it was a regular stop for the Bookmobile. When the new jail was constructed in Snydersville in 1988, it included a space for a permanent library. The MCCF library contains over 11,000 cataloged books and circulation in 2018 exceeded 17,000, an impressive amount of reading for a patron base that averages between 300 to 400 persons. In addition to the books housed at MCCF, inmates can request books from the main EMPL collection.

Librarian and outreach coordinator Denise Burton manages the MCCF library. The facility is staffed two days per week by Ms. Burton with help from another staff member. In many ways the library resembles other branches of EMPL. The library staff sets up book displays and helps patrons to select and find books.

Library patrons visit one unit at a time, and have a short time to check in books and choose new ones for the week ahead. Each unit forms an instant book club as readers seek recommendations from others on the unit or offer quick reviews of books they have read.

Before the next unit arrives, the library staff scramble to shelve the books that were just checked-in and prepare the library for the next unit. The work is fast-paced with over 300 titles circulating each week. Sometimes the staff are assisted by inmates assigned to work in the library who help with the task of re-shelving.



Residents in the secure units of the facility are not permitted to visit the library directly, but they do receive library services. They submit request slips and the books are delivered to the secure units.

The work of servicing the MCCF branch continues when the staff is back at Hughes. Collection development, cataloging new materials, pulling titles for the next week, and repairing damaged books all take place at the main library.

The collection at MCCF does experience more wear and tear than other branches as the materials are used more intensively. It is not uncommon for a book to be passed around a unit and read by four or five people on one circulation.

At the MCCF library, there are no e-books or audiobooks, DVDs or electronic devices, just books. Yet the MCCF patrons have a deep appreciation for what a print book can offer: entertainment, knowledge, a story, and a glimpse of something beyond the present moment.

As the scientist Carl Sagan said: *What an astonishing thing a book is. It's a flat object made from a tree with flexible parts on which are imprinted lots of funny dark squiggles. But one glance at it and you're inside the mind of another person, maybe somebody dead for thousands of years. Across the millennia, an author is speaking clearly and silently inside your head, directly to you. Writing is perhaps the greatest of human inventions, binding together people who never knew each other, citizens of distant epochs. Books break the shackles of time.* 📖



BOARD NOTES

By Ann Super, President, EMPL Board of Trustees

The Eastern Monroe Public Library recently won the Pocono Cinema and Culture Center's (PC3)

Searchlight Award for an Organization. This award recognizes nonprofit or charitable organizations that provide remarkable, meaningful or important services to the community at large or to needful, under-served or deserving segments of the community.

The PC3 selecting committee recognized that the library had a significant amount of programming that serves our community well. While our preschoolers are enjoying a reading program, our seniors are having their taxes done by AARP professionals. We have book clubs and teen programs like murder mystery. I just peeked at our website and we are even having a birdhouse painting workshop for families. Who says libraries are just repositories for books – certainly not us!

We partner with Pocono Arts Council to provide a revolving art exhibition so people can experience the talents of our local artists. This is a win-win as it offers local artists the opportunity to showcase their creativity, and our patrons to appreciate having a free gallery!

The PC3 committee was also impressed that we have free movies monthly and a free concert featuring a variety of styles that impress different ages. To honor Martin Luther King, Jr. we offered a variety of programs in January that appealed to different age groups. Experiences like these enrich the lives of our community and provide immeasurable benefits.

We offer literacy, GED and citizenship programs that will improve people's lives today and tomorrow. Our staff and volunteers tirelessly empower people with the skills they require to give themselves the future they deserve – for free. How do you improve on that?

We are grateful to PC3 for this award, which had the added benefit of providing the community with greater awareness of all we do to be the center for social and cultural engagement and discovery.

Congratulations to all our staff, and volunteers throughout the Eastern Monroe Public Library enterprise. This award belongs to you for your outstanding work in service to the library and the community.



Courtney Tolino, President, Pocono Cinema and Culture Center, presents the *Searchlight Award for an Organization* to Ann Super, President, Board of Trustees; Linnae Citron, Head of EMPL Technical Services and Dr. Sandra Eckard, Secretary of the Friends of the Library Board.

Rotary Grant helps EMPL help the community

The Eastern Monroe Public Library recently received a \$2,500 grant from the Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs and Rotary District 7410 to help defray expenses on two very important programs we sponsor.



The grant covered expenses for the General Education Development (GED) program. We began this program in 2017 after a Stroudsburg High School student activist, Alefiah Vahanvaty, helped launch this program called *Success for Life*. Staffed entirely by volunteer tutors and a coordinator, this program is still vibrant, offering people flexibility and free programming to pursue their academic dreams. The grant enabled the library to buy educational materials and books.

For the library's new U.S citizenship class, we were able to purchase books and flash cards for the 15 participants for the eight week program. We are going repeat this program again this year thanks to the Rotary generosity.

Learning Express is an online resource that we were able to acquire using the Rotary Grant. This database is extremely helpful to both of these programs. It provides online tutorials and practice exams for both GED and US citizenship tests. Additionally, this database is available to anyone in the county with a library card. They can utilize the database to access tutorials and practice exams for high school, college or career preparation.

We are very grateful to Rotary for this grant so we can continue to empower our community by providing the tools for success. 📖

Welcome New Friends

Sheryl Krach
Mary Ann Lewis
Marion Martus
Caroline Whitmore



Be sure to check the back page of this newsletter and renew your membership if you haven't already. Special invitations for Book Sale Preview Night (Friday, May 31st) will be mailed on May 4th to current members only!

News from the Friends of the Eastern Monroe Public Library

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One Campus One Book

by Ann Super

Last year I talked to you about going to see an author if you have the opportunity. It is interesting to hear why an author selects a concept or theme to develop into a book. We are very lucky that East Stroudsburg University (ESU) has a program every year. *One Campus, One Book* brings an author in to do that very thing – explain how an idea takes hold and germinates into a book, maybe eventually becoming a movie. Who knows? But it all starts with an idea.

Last year ESU brought a young author, Cristina Henriquez, to campus to talk about her book, *The Book of Unknown Americans* that was published in 2014. The timing of this presentation is incredible and I think it provided opportunities for people to more deeply understand what immigrants face in this country – racism, bigotry, language and cultural barriers, economic challenges are just the tip of the iceberg.

The daughter of an immigrant, she has firsthand experience of these challenges. But this book is not biographic. It is a composite of different stories, different opportunities and different outcomes.

I had the opportunity to talk with Ms. Henriquez beforehand at a meet and greet event. She shared her perspectives on the current situation we are facing as a country and she demonstrated understanding of different points of view.

I brought three copies of the book for her to sign – not for me but for the library so others could read it for clarity and understanding. She very graciously signed the copies that we donated to the library. She hoped that readers would not only take the time to get another perspective but, more importantly, she is hoping that she can inspire others to tell their story.

So, take the time to go beyond reading the book, get to know an author. And find your story. 📖



(L-R) Ann Super and Cristina Henriquez

Get involved! Give teens a voice @ your library at the Teen Advisory Board



Help plan programs and events for teens, help select books and other library materials, discuss books and have fun (and snacks too)! TAB meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7:00-8:00 pm in the Activity Room at Hughes.

No need to register — just come to a meeting to join. For students in grades 7-12.

If you'd like to be on an e-mail reminder list, send an e-mail to: mcteenlib@gmail.com including your name, grade, library, and phone number.

Contact person: Mary Ann Lewis, Teen Librarian, 570-421-0800 x318

Upcoming dates: April 17, May 15

EMPL brings you *hoopla* digital access

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