

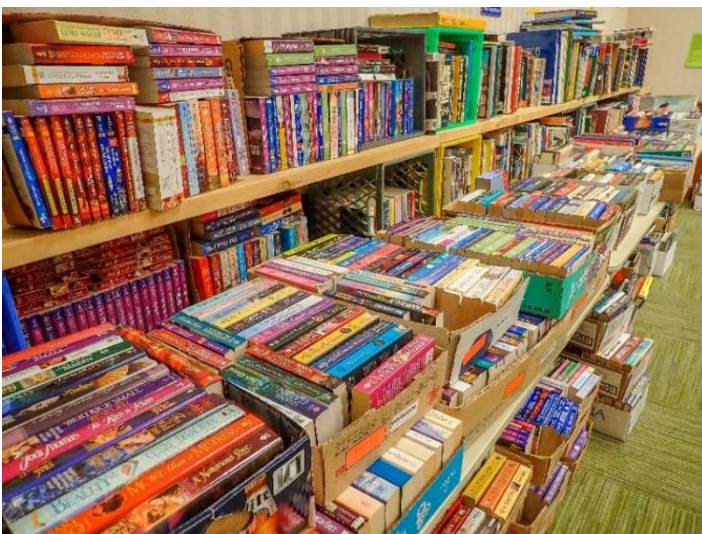
# Book Sale Wrapup 2019

by Martha Linne

Do you remember hearing a few years ago about the coming demise of paper books as electronic books became more popular? Well, I am here to report that printed books are saying, "The rumors of my death have been greatly exaggerated???"

According to the Association of American Publishers, during the first nine months of 2018, sales of E-books slipped by 3.9% and sales of hardback and paperback books grew by 6.2 and 3.9 percent respectively.


That interest in traditional books is borne out by our very own book sales here at Eastern Monroe Public Library. Besides our Children's Book Sale and our big Annual Used Book Sale in June, we also sell books year-round at the Café Bookstore, the Smithfields branch and, new this year, through online sales on the website Alibris. Through these venues the Friends have raised over \$50,000 this past year for EMPL!



*Greeting Friends at Members Only Morning are (L-R) Book Sale Chair Martha Linne, Friends Board Member Faye Cyphers and Friends President Cathleen Conway*

It was through the sales of used books over many years that the Friends were able to supply the needed funds to purchase a new Bookmobile last spring and will be able to supply additional future needs of our wonderful library.

People who want to hold a book, share a book, shelve a book, and maybe even reread that book will continue to flock to our sales and support the Friends, and therefore EMPL. Of course, we don't want everyone to hold on to their books; we need your donations to continue to have many thousands of books available to sell next year!

Thank you for donating your gently loved books to us. We will begin accepting those donated books on September 15 and look forward to passing them on to loving hands! .



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you again for making the book sale a success and helping us help the libraries. As always, we had such a variety to pick from. It was a pleasure watching people pick up books they were looking for or find new ones. I hope you all were able to pick up some and are in the middle of some great journeys.

Summer is always one of my favorite times of the year. Sitting on the beach with a good book, hearing the water crash onto the sand while families are laughing and playing in the sand. I am actually writing this while on vacation with my family at the beach. For this trip I saved a book from a series I am reading because I knew it would be a great beach read. The

series only has two books left and while I am excited to see how it ends, I am savoring it because I will miss the characters.

This is a great time to experience a new author, genre or try a recommendation. It could lead to a great find, where you want to read all of the other books that the author wrote. Then you will begin a new journey and that is one of the greatest gifts of reading.

Happy Reading,

— Cathleen Conway

## Children's Sale is an April Success



It starts at birth: the enjoyment of books ... if encouraged by adults! The volunteers who worked at the Children's Used Book Sale in April reveled in the pleasure many of our young patrons took in the surrounding stacks of books. And their parents, grandparents and friends were only too happy to satisfy the desire for a new (to them) book or three. From the youngest of ages, the children joyfully paged through our huge selection until just the right ones were found.

And a lot of those special books were sold that last weekend of April! The Friends netted about \$5,650 just on these children's books that many of you donated. But, even better, we put thousands of books into the young hands of enthusiastic readers!

In 2020 our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Children's Used Book Sale will be held on April 25 and 26. Save the dates!

— Martha Linne

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< Satisfied customers finding that special book

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*From the Director*

# The Best Wi-Fi in Town – Coffee Optional

*by Susan Lyons*

For many years the Eastern Monroe Public Library has offered pretty good Wi-Fi speed and access. Up through 2017 the Hughes Library offered bandwidth of 100 Megabits per second (Mbps). Our speed was comparable to that of many fast food chains and coffee shops. The bandwidth was divided between the Ethernet connected computers (staff computers plus public access computers) and Wi-Fi.

We noticed that when the library was very busy, with many patrons using the Wi-Fi, speed dropped significantly. In March of 2018, when a snowstorm knocked out power to many parts of Monroe County, the Hughes Library was packed from opening to closing with patrons seeking warmth, an electrical outlet, and Wi-Fi. The Wi-Fi slowed to a crawl, affecting not only individual patrons, but our ability to offer computer classes that depended on decent Wi-Fi speed and access.

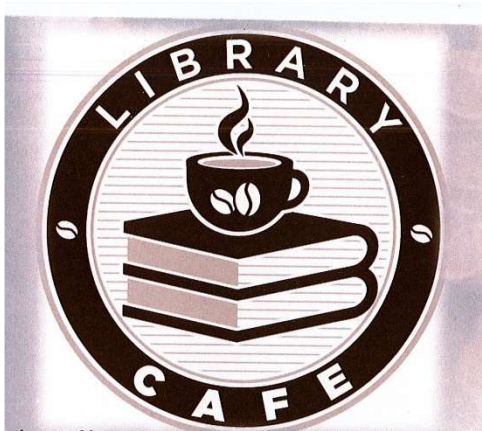
Last year, PenTeleData offered us the option to upgrade to 250 Mbps for about the same amount as we were paying for 100 Mbps. We are fortunate that the library qualifies for e-rate, a federal program administered by the FCC that provides discounts for broadband

access in public libraries and schools. PenTeleData assured us our current equipment could handle the increased bandwidth, and this was true in so far as the cable connection to the library was concerned. But good Wi-Fi speed also depends on internal equipment such as routers and Wi-Fi access points. That equipment was sorely in need of an upgrade.

The Internet router was one chokepoint, limiting overall speed to 100 Mbps. The Wi-Fi access points were a second problem, purchased at a time when speeds over 100 Mbps were unheard of. Thanks to the Friends of the Library, and under the guidance of Technology Librarian Chen-Fang Cheng, we replaced those choke points last month and now have blazing fast Wi-Fi. Speeds on the Ethernet connected computers are even faster, a benefit for Circulation tasks that depend on a fast and reliable connection to the Internet.

How many people use the library’s free Wi-Fi? In 2018, there were 126,603 Wi-Fi sessions in all three branches, more than double the 56,797 logins to our public Ethernet-connected computers.

So, the next time you are looking for a quiet place to get some work done, skip Starbucks and head down to the library. We do have great coffee, but it’s optional.



Hot Coffee .....	Sm \$2.00 .... Lg \$2.50
Hot Tea .....	Sm \$2.00 .... Lg \$2.50
Cappuccino ....	Sm \$2.00 .... Lg \$2.50
Hot Chocolate.	Sm \$2.00 .... Lg \$2.50
Iced Coffee .....	\$2.50
Iced Tea .....	\$2.50
Flavored Shots .....	Add 50¢
Fresh Baked David’s Cookies .....	50¢
Muffin.....	\$1.00
Sausage/Egg/Cheese Croissant.	\$2.00
Chicken Snacker Melt .....	\$1.75

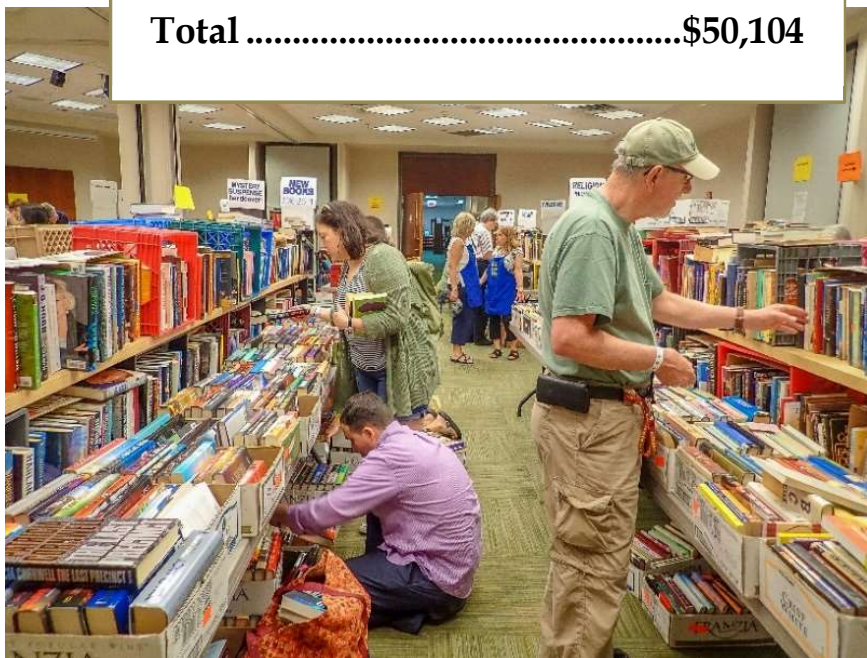
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## FRIENDS BOOK SALE REVENUE July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Children's Sale .....	\$5,650
June Sale.....	\$23,237
Café Bookstore.....	\$18,502
Smithfields.....	\$945
Alibris on-line .....	\$1,770
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$50,104</b>



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## *Bookmobile visits the Farmers Market*

Our bookmobile has been out and about for a while now and you may have seen it as it makes its scheduled rounds to serve our community. Young and old look forward to the bookmobile's regular stops.

But what if you haven't had the opportunity to see it as it rolls around the town? You have a chance because we are partnering with the Monroe Farmers Market on Courthouse Square to be one of the guest vendors on the following select days:

- July 20 (Christmas in July)
- August 3 (Kids Fest)
- October 26 (Harvest Fest).

Be sure to visit our mobile branch and enjoy the fresh produce and specialties of our local farmers, bakers and beekeepers – a win-win opportunity. This is your bookmobile and our community wouldn't be able to enjoy the flexibility a bookmobile offers without your support.

We will also have Friends of EMPL membership forms available to join or renew. Stop by and say hi – or check out a book! 📖

—Ann Super

