



Friends
OF THE EASTERN MONROE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Happy Spring!

by Cathleen Conway, Friends President

Give Books a Chance

I am writing this on a beautiful, warm spring day and tomorrow will be winter, ugh. We are all in the same boat, more temperatures fluctuation, severe allergies, and the anticipation for summer.

I wanted to share an author I have known for a while, and I am now obsessed with. She takes the reader on an emotional roller coaster, in a good way, with an ending you cannot see. Hopefully I can give you a spark of who to look for at the main book sale.

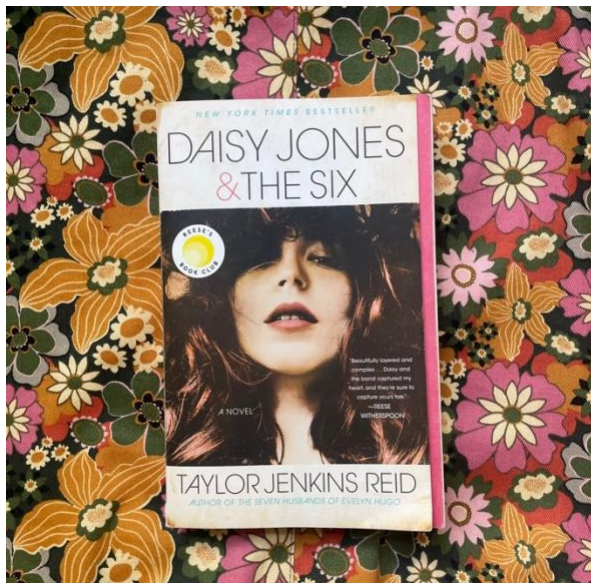


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This author is Taylor Jenkins Reid, she has published six books. I have just finished *Daisy Jones and the Six*. Being totally honest, I have passed over this book several times. TikTok influencers did their job, and I bought the book and read it. To say I am obsessed with this book, tv show, and album is an understatement.

I was hooked from page one until the end. The TV show does deviate from the book, but it is still amazing. The actors in the show are really the band members, they had to go to band camp, and they came together as a great band.

Jenkins Reid has another book that has been adapted for the big screen, *One True Loves*, which I will be reading before the movie comes out. I am one of those people, “that was not in the book,” sorry in advance if you are stuck by me in a movie theater.

Lastly, thank you to all of you. Your membership, donations, and support are very humbling. We could not do all the great things we do for the library every year without you. The library has received our yearly \$20,000.00 donation and we are excited to see how they put it to use.

Our annual book sales (children & main) are right around the corner. We are still accepting donations, please see the library website for drop-off days.

We need help getting some new members, and you are the best person to share your experience and what all we do with your friends and family. Please share with them that we will be having a preview night the Friday before the main sale. Only Friends members can enter and we are not selling memberships that night, so make sure they join beforehand!

Please tell your book-loving friends about us so they can become our Friends, too!

Friends News

The Friends of the Eastern Monroe Public Library present:
37th Annual Book Sale

Open to the Public

June 10: 12 – 5:00 PM

June 11: 12 – 5:00 PM

June 12: Half-Price Sale

9:00 AM – 8:00 PM

June 13: \$8 Bag Sale

9:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Members Only**

June 11: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Memberships available at the door

The Friends of the Eastern Monroe Public Library present:

2023 Children and Teens' Book Sale

June 2: 4 – 7:00 PM

June 3: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

June 4: 12 – 4:00 PM

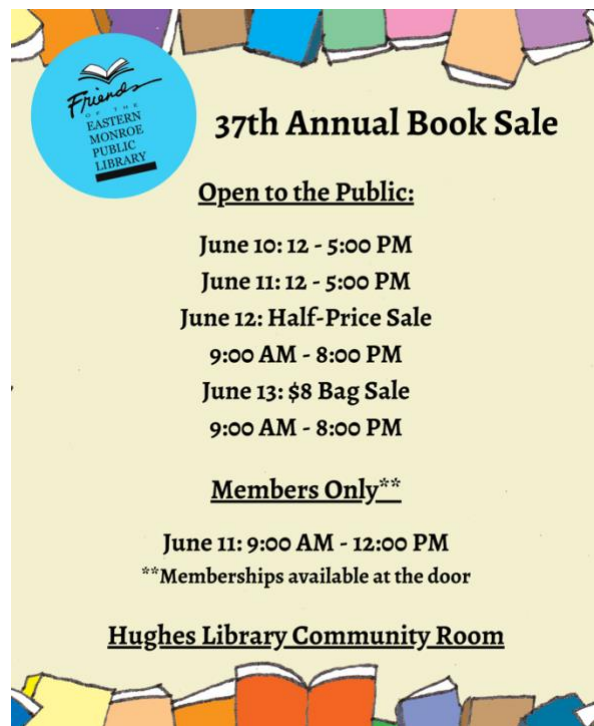
Both book sale events will take place in the Community Room of the Hughes. Hope to see you there!

Where do the Books Go?

by Lynn Burgoon

The Friends of EMPL would like to thank all those who have donated their gently used books to the library. Most folks assume that their donations will appear in the next Annual Booksale. Many do, but there are so many other paths your donation could take!

On Tuesday mornings our team of volunteers sort through the donated books and assign them to categories. Some books will appear in our ongoing sale near the circulation desk. Thanks to the efforts of Holly Gravel and her assistants, Barbara Lantz and Mary Bickhart, the ongoing sale offers many choices for that little “thank-you” gift or stocking stuffer, or for just the right book to take on vacation. There are also great choices for the young book lover in your life to encourage a lifelong love of reading.



Many donated books also find their way to the case in the café or to the glass case by the entrance. These books are ones of local interest, rare or unusual books, or multiple-volume sets which are offered at a higher price. You can also find other donated items here such as antique postcards, rare magazines, and collectible items. We are grateful that Paula Damiano always keeps these cases replenished.

We have several volunteers who are responsible for evaluating the value of your donations so that the library will reap the most benefit. Those books in very good condition and with a higher value are listed for sale on Alibris.com. We have mailed these much sought after volumes across the country to their buyers.

Your donations to our organization are used in one of these ways to benefit the library. This is only made possible because of the generous donations from you and our community. Again, we say “Thank You”!!

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A Home for Books

by Martha Linne

I wonder if your home looks anything like mine... Books here, books there, old and new books everywhere! Some I have read and decided to keep for one reason or another, but many unread that I've accumulated over the years. I had, and have, good intentions, but you know the saying, "Too many books, too little time".

As a Friend of the library, I know you understand. The title of a Washington Post article caught my eye: "We're drowning in old books. But getting rid of them is heartbreaking." (Heller, Karen, December 19, 2022) The article told of book lovers who had decided to downsize their book collections. One older man didn't want to leave his 1700 books for his children to dispose of when he was gone. One moved to smaller quarters and had to donate most of her books to Goodwill. One made provisions in her will, designating several friends who will inherit her loved books. One had the idea to transform empty store fronts in his small town (Hobart, NY) into used book emporiums. Most valued their lifetime collections and wanted their books to find good homes. The Bookshop of the Brokenhearted (R. Hillman)

People like those are often the sources for the donations we receive here at EMPL. That's what allows us to host our Children's and Annual Used Book Sales with an astounding array of books- old, new and in-between! And don't forget our year-round sale of books on the first floor in the Friends Bookstore which can pique your interest in a variety of fiction or non-fiction titles. Reading that is what motivated me to write this piece, as I wanted to share those sentiments with other library lovers like me! Go find yourself a good book... we have lots of them at the library.

Then, after you purchase and read (or shelve) that interesting book, all you have to do is decide whether it's a keeper or you want to allow someone else to enjoy it and donate it back to us! We'll be happy to take it!

BOOK DONATIONS REQUESTED

Friends of the Eastern Monroe Public Library are now accepting donations of good condition books, DVDs, CDs and audio books. Donations can be dropped off Thursday, Friday and Saturday only, at the Hughes Library circulation desk in Stroudsburg during normal business hours. No encyclopedias, textbooks, magazines, audio cassettes, VHS tapes or poor condition items will be accepted.

Books will be sold at our Friends Book Stores located in the Hughes and Middle Smithfield Library branches and at our Annual Book Sale. All proceeds from these books are used to benefit the Eastern Monroe Public Libraries. Books may also be purchased online at Alibris.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO RENEW YOUR FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP

Anyone interested in books and libraries is invited to join the Friends of the Eastern Monroe Public Library. Membership dues are paid annually.

Our membership year runs from January to December, and dues support our ongoing commitment to the EMPL for special projects. Members enjoy the added benefit of early admission to our annual book sale.



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- donor (\$50)* *patron (\$100)* *benefactor (\$150+)*

- Anyone with an interest in books and libraries is invited to join •
- Dues are paid annually • Membership year runs January-December •
- Proceeds from fundraising activities are used for the library •
- Our award-winning newsletter keeps members informed of Friends' activities •
- Find our link at monroep.org •

Please contact me to help with:

- Book Sale
(sort/setup/sale)
- Cultural programs
- Fundraising
- Other _____

