



BOOK SALE SUCCESS!

by Martha Linne, Book Sale Chair

This is what success looks like

Within only nine months the Friends hosted four successful used book sales! Whew!!!!

Due to our Covid 19 sale cancellations in Junes of 2020 and 2021 we held our delayed children's and regular sales in September of 2021. They went well but with the change in timing we were left with more books than usual for the recycler, and it breaks our hearts when we see books that haven't found a home getting carted away.

The Friends took a break from accepting donations for a month (usually we get a whole summer!) and then resumed sorting in order to prepare for the sales in our usual June time slot.

We had fewer books than usual to sell in June of 2022, but our sales did just as well, and we had the fewest items left for the recycler than ever before!

You did your best to help us: donating books and then shopping for books. We so appreciate it. The sales attendees seemed to really appreciate our getting back to our usual schedule; we had lines of patient patrons for both the sales. Our patrons were also thankful for our finally being able to accept credit cards using Square. We have joined the twenty first century at last!

But our successful year-round Friends Book Store near the circulation desk had made even more work for us! In order to have enough books to replenish the book stock over the summer, the decision was made to get right back to accepting and sorting donations (no summer off). No matter! Our mission is to get these well-loved books into people's hands and hearts, so we willingly accept this labor. And here I would like to thank all our wonderful book sorters who faithfully work week after week examining, sorting, boxing, stacking and storing these donated materials.

The sales certainly could not go on without your hard work and dedication!



So, you may be interested to see how the sales have done. They have brought in needed dollars for the library and its various projects, especially needed after the closures and limited hours in 2020 and 2021.

September 2021:

Children's Sale\$3925
Regular Sale\$19046

June 2022:

Children's Sale\$4112
Regular Sale\$21174

Fiscal Year (7/1/21- 6/30/22)

Friends Book Stores

Hughes\$20075
Smithfields\$1199
Online sales\$2795

Grand total\$72326

Thank you for your continuing support in our endeavors. We really appreciate your membership in our organization. Please tell your book-loving friends about us so they can become our Friends, too!

Friends News:

We would like to thank our friends at Weis Markets for their continuing support through the Weis Register Receipt Program.

Just a reminder to all those who take the time to donate their receipts that to be valid, each receipt must include the time and date stamp found below the Weis Club Savings information.

We appreciate all those who donate their Weis receipts to the Friends of EMPL.



The Friends of the Eastern Monroe Public Library presents:

The Mrs. Claus Holiday Show

**A festive interactive play by Kit's Interactive Theatre
December 11, 2022, 3PM**

Join Mrs. Claus & Herbie the Elf and dance with the sugarplum fairies. Partake in the Christmas tales and holiday songs in this merry yuletide show.

Performance combines literature, dance, music, imagination, and improvisation with a great mixture of humor. Kids and adults are cast right into the show. Developing her original style of interactive theatre since 1987, Kitty writes, choreographs, produces, and performs all her material for Kit's Interactive Theatre. Her passion for history and love of theatre have inspired her to create 16 different, high-energy programs ranging from Ancient Egypt to Women's Rights. With so much creativity, spontaneity and wit packed into each show, adults have as much fun as the kids!

Great for ages four through adult.

The performance will take place in the Community Room of the Hughes Library at 3pm on December 11, 2022. Admission is free. Hope to see you there!

Time 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. Early membership renewal will entitle you to a coupon which can be used at the book sale or at the Friends bookstore in the Hughes Library lobby.



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Looking for a Good Book

by Martha Linne

One of the things I enjoy most about working at our book sale is connecting patrons with books. I enjoy recommending a good read to children and adults alike. Asking about books they've enjoyed can often enable me to find a title I think they'd enjoy.

I use a similar technique for my own book selections. Sorting our donated books every Tuesday, I get to check out what has come in recently. Besides looking for familiar authors, I seem to be attracted to titles associated with words and books. Want proof? Here are some of my selections from the last few years:

- The Bookshop of the Brokenhearted (R. Hillman)
- The Book Charmer (K. Hawkins)
- Writers and Lovers (L. King) The Midnight Library (M. Haig)
- The Bookshop on the Shore and The Bookshop on the Corner (J. Colgan)
- The Bookish Life of Nina Hill (A. Waxman)
- The Grammarians (C. Schine) The Bookshop of Yesterdays (A. Meyerson)
- The Dictionary of Lost Words (P. Williams)

Okay, I'm going to stop. You get the idea. It was my last read, The Last Chance Library (F. Sampson), that included this wonderful quotation, "...libraries aren't just about books. They're places where an eight-year-old boy can have his eyes opened up to the wonders of the world, and where an eighty-year-old woman can come for some vital human contact. Where a teenager can find precious quiet space to do her homework and a recently arrived immigrant can find a new community. Libraries are places where everyone, rich or poor, wherever they come from in the world, can feel safe. Where they can access information that will empower them."

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.

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 then 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.



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**Hughes Library
Pocono Township Branch
Smithfields Branch**

*We are in a phased reopening
of library services due to
the Covid-19 pandemic
and are operating with
reduced hours. Check the library
website for current hours.*

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEMBER REGISTRATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ email: _____

- student/senior(65+)/staff (\$10)
- individual (\$15)
- family (\$25)
- 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 monroepl.org •

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(sort/setup/sale)
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