



# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

EMPORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY FRIENDS QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



## Friends Annual Meeting

*--Annual Meeting Minutes available upon request.*

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Emporia Public Library was called to order at 5:05 p.m. on January 23, 2023, by Board President Gene Graber. There were 23 in attendance, including FOL board members Gene Graber (President), Mary Beth Janssen (Vice President), Michael Lang (Treasurer), Harvey Foyle (Secretary), Cindy Durbin, Jessica Hopkins, Marcia Lawrence, Dawn Moews (Library Board Liaison), and Jan Ralston; EPL Executive Director Pauline Stacchini; and 13 guests.

Dee Schwinn announced that the 2022 Super Friend is Sharon Stephens (photo at right). She has been an Emporia Library Board member, FOL Board Member, FOL member, and assisted with beautification of the library's exterior. In addition, Harry Stephens was named a Super Friend posthumously. He supported the FOL book sales by having the ESU Sigma Tau Gamma, Delta Chapter, Fraternity members volunteer to carry books from the library

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## Dates to Remember

### February

27 FOL Board Meeting, 5:00 p.m.

### March

20 FOL Board Meeting, 5:00 p.m.

25-30 Spring Book Sale

### April

9 EPL Closed -- Easter Sunday

24 FOL Board Meeting, 5:00 p.m.



# Join Friends of the Library!

*Your membership supports Children, Young Adult, and Adult Programs; Spring & Fall Book Sales; Summer Reading Programs; Kids Konzerts; Library Beautification; and Super Friend Award.*

***Your membership helps assure the continued growth of the Emporia Public Library.***

## Annual Membership Levels:

--Youth (to age 21): \$5.00

--Individual: \$15.00

--Family: \$30.00

--Donation: \$50.00

Membership dues can be paid online at:  
[emporialibrary.org/membership](http://emporialibrary.org/membership)

*Memberships are for the calendar year Jan-Dec.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact me about volunteer opportunities

More information and printed forms available at  
Emporia Public Library, 110 E. Sixth Ave.

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## NEW BOARD MEMBERS

New Board Members were elected at the Annual Meeting on Jan. 23, 2023: Vicki Brooks, Ruth Gutierrez, Dee Schwinn, Becky Sellers, and Ron Sellers.

Please join us in welcoming these new (and returning) board members. We offer our sincere appreciation to our outgoing board members for their service to the FOL.

If you are interested in serving on the Friends of the Library Board, or volunteering in other capacities, please contact Board president Marcia Lawrence at 816-255-6345 or [marcialawrence1@gmail.com](mailto:marcialawrence1@gmail.com).

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## ITEM OF INTEREST

During the January 2023 Annual Meeting, the question was raised about the Carnegie Library and its disposition. Dawn Moews, Library Board Liaison, reported that the item had been removed from the Library Board agenda. The Emporia City Commission has not made any decision in regard to the future of the Carnegie Library at this time.

## SPRING BOOK SALE

We're excited to announce the Spring 2023 Friends Book Sale, coming up March 25-30! Mark it on your calendars now, because you won't want to miss this popular event!

Our sincere thanks go out to all who patronize the Friends of the Emporia Library Book Sales throughout the year. Funds raised through the book sales go to support operations and special projects for the Emporia Public Library.

Book sales are held in the Friends Building just north of the library, at 618 Mechanic.

## SPRING BOOK SALE SCHEDULE

3/25 SAT 9-5: Full price

**\*\*Members only 9-11 a.m.**

3/26 SUN 1-5: Full price

3/27 MON 9-6: \$10/bag

3/28 TUES 9-6: \$10/bag

3/29 WED 9-6: \$5/bag

3/30 THURS 9-12: \$2/bag

Are you interested in helping with book sales? Contact Friends Book Sorter Chair Ruth Gutierrez at 620-412-2561 or [grannyks@hotmail.com](mailto:grannyks@hotmail.com) for more information.

# Annual Meeting, continued

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basement as well as other book sale assistance. Dee presented a plaque to Sharon, a Lifetime Membership, and the choice of book for the library in her name.

Michael Lang, treasurer for 2022, submitted the financial reports. The 2022 budget was \$32,019. The end of year balance was \$771.11. There were two regular book sales and one shorter book sale. The proposed 2023 budget is \$36,544. Allocations are for Library Expenses (\$20,000), Friends Expenses (\$3,000), Endowment (\$2,000), Match Day Project: Book Lockers & Drop (\$11,544). The details of each budgeted item were explained by Michael Lang. The 2023 budget was reviewed, voted on, and accepted.

Election of 2023 Officers: The proposed slate of officers from the Nominating Committee was:

President - Marcia Lawrence

Vice President - Mary Beth Janssen

Secretary - Dee Schwinn

Treasurer - Jan Ralston

Library Board Liaison - Harvey Foyle

Book Sorter Chair - Ruth Gutierrez

The nominees were unanimously elected.

The Bylaws numeral designations were out of sequence. The Bylaws Committee presented a renumbering of the Bylaws. The motion carried and the Bylaw numeral changes were accepted.

The 2022 year end book sorter report was given on behalf of outgoing Book Sorter Chair Sandra Chapman. Ruth Gutierrez, incoming Book Sorter Chair, was introduced. She thanked volunteers for continuing to support our organization's mission.

One of the greatest challenges this year was the set-up and placement of donated metal bookshelves. They provide easy book access to patrons as well as workers. The team continues to provide excellent work as well as seeking innovative opportunities to enhance our services.

## MORE Dates to Remember

### April

23-29 National Library Week (Theme: "There's More to the Story")

25 National Library Workers Day

### May

22 FOL Board Meeting, 5:00 p.m.

28-29 EPL Closed for Memorial Day

### June

7, 14, 21, 28 Kids Konzerts

18-19 EPL Closed for Juneteenth

26 FOL Board Meeting, 5:00 p.m.

### Friends Building Receiving Book Donations

Tuesdays: 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Wednesdays: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Thursdays: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

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Book sorter volunteers worked a total of 942 hours during 2022. Our sincere thanks go to these volunteers who give so generously of their time:

Jean Bolson, Mary Buckbee, Sandra Chapman, Ruth Gutierrez, Barbara Holscher, Marge Nash, Jan Ralston, Dee Schwinn, Becky Sellers, Ron Sellers, Sara Somerhalder, and Judy Wild.

In his President's Report, outgoing FOL president Gene Graber thanked all of the Board members for giving of their time and money and help all year long.

In February, the Library Board announced accepting the resignation of Robin Newell as Library Director. Robin's hard work in our library was very much appreciated. Her retirement led to the creation of a search committee which Mary Beth Janssen and I sat on for a number of months. After a long and diligent search, we found the perfect candidate and Pauline Stacchini was hired and welcomed to Emporia late this past year.

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**Friends of the Emporia Public Library** raises money through book sales, donations, and FOL membership dues. The library benefits in many ways because of the efforts of the Friends who give thousands of dollars to the library each year for programs. Some members volunteer to assist with library programs for area seniors, adults, teens, and children throughout the year. The Friends are especially proud of supporting the library with funds for:

- Summer reading programs for all ages
- Summer Kids' Konzerts series
- Library newsletter
- Promotional items and refreshments for library programs
- The annual volunteer luncheon for the library board, Friends volunteers, and other library volunteers
- BookPage magazine
- Multiple copies of books for book discussions
- Staff development activities
- Accu-cut dies for library bulletin board use
- Book baskets for library use
- Children's Room furniture
- Annual donation to the Emporia Public Library Endowment and more!

You can now pay your membership dues online with a credit card via PayPal. You do not have to have a PayPal account. Just navigate to the [Friends Membership page](#) on the Emporia Public Library website to choose your level of membership. For payment, you will be directed to the secure PayPal website. Follow the instructions to pay for your membership quickly and easily.

- Youth (17 and Under) Dues = \$5.00
- Individual Dues = \$15.00
- Family / Organization Dues = \$30.00
- Contributing/Corporate Dues = \$50.00
- Non-Membership Donation

**Thank you for being a member of the Friends of the Emporia Public Library!**

## Annual Meeting, continued

The Charlie Cart finally arrived in April and was immediately put to use. Also, the library's digital sign was installed in May. Mid-year, initial discussion began about external book lockers and book drops in designated locations around town, which would become our Match Day project.

The Carnegie Library building, next to the library, became a topic of discussion. City Manager Trey Cocking presented information at a FOL Board meeting. The library made several proposals to the City Commission for use of the building, and some community members expressed an interest in purchasing the building as well. As the fate of the building could have an impact on the library, we all are wondering what might happen next. It looks to be on hold for a while.

In August, Mary Beth and I attended the FHTC Student Engagement Fair. We handed out library swag and talked about library activities to a number of FHTC students. I also did a little 'speed dating' with 26 students of the Leadership Emporia class of 2022. All of the students received a membership card and information regarding our library.

We had a very good year raising funds to support our library. With so many donations of books, it was decided to have a Flash Sale in July. In just two days, over \$2,800 was raised. The three 2022 book sales netted over \$16,500.

Match Day was a rousing success for FOL. This year, we received over \$11,500 in donations. I want to thank everyone who helped make this and all FOL events a huge success. As always, the library staff is the greatest. I want to thank all the Board members for giving of your time to support our library. I also want to thank all of the FOL members for being members and volunteering whenever you can.

Thank you for a successful year!