



# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

EMPORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY FRIENDS QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



## Friends Annual Meeting

*Meeting minutes available on request*

The Emporia Friends of the Library annual meeting was called to order by President **Dee Schwinn** on February 1, 2022, at 5:00 pm.

Treasurer **Michael Lang** reported year-end 2021 balances as follows:

Lyon County State Bank: \$11,649.43

Emporia Community Foundation: \$30,947.06

The sum of \$12,000 was spent to directly benefit the Emporia Public Library by purchasing a Charlie Cart.

Additional funds are earmarked to pay for a new digital electronic sign for the library.

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## March Book Sale!

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Sat. 3/26: 9:00 am-11:00 am  
FOL members only

Sat. 3/26: 11:00 am-5:00 pm  
General public

Sun. 3/27: 11:00 am-5:00 pm  
General public

Mon-Wed. 3/28-3-30: 9:00  
am-6:00 pm  
General public

Thurs. 3/31: 9:00 am-noon  
General public

(See full 2022 calendar on  
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# 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_ Please contact me about volunteer opportunities

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

## Friends Annual Meeting, cont.

*With sincere thanks to FOL Recording Secretary, Harvey Foyle*

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President **Dee Schwinn** announced that the Super Friend Award goes to three hardworking and dedicated members:

--**Becky Sellers**

--**Ron Sellers**

--**Judy Wild**

These members have gone above and beyond in working for the Friends of the Library during the past COVID year, including the gigantic task of moving the book sales to the building just north of the library. Emporia Public Library Director **Robin Newell** presented each honoree with an Emporia Public Library tote bag in appreciation.

Outgoing FOL President **Dee Schwinn** presented highlights of 2021, stating, "I want to thank the library staff for always being there and helping us in any way that they can. I feel we have established

a good working relationship that helps the Friends of the Library help the Emporia Public Library. I also want to thank everyone who becomes a member, all the volunteers who help at book sales, those members who helped get the Friends' building ready for operations, the book sorters, and especially my fellow board members who all have a part in making the Friends of the Library work."

**Sandy Chapman** provided the Book Sorter Report. The Emporia Public Library re-opened to the public in the fall of 2021 after being closed due to COVID mandates and repairs to the library atrium. At that time, the book sorters began working toward preparations for the Fall Book Sale (Sept. 11-16, 2021). Proceeds from that sale totaled \$8,622.73.

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***Don't forget your membership dues!***

# ANNUAL MEETING

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Immediately after the book sale, FOL board members and friends moved the book sorters to their new location, 618 Mechanic, and preparations began for our first book sale in the new Friends' building.

The sale was held November 6-10, 2021, with revenue totaling \$5,047 plus \$1,325 that went to our Match Day total.

The following book sorter volunteers generously worked 427 hours from July through December 2021:

--**Mary Buckbee**  
--**Sandra Chapman**  
--**Marie Harding**  
--**Barbara Holscher**  
--**Marge Nash**  
--**Dee Schwinn**  
--**Becky Sellers**  
--**Ron Sellers**  
--**Sarah Somerhalder**  
--**Judy Wild**

Our sincere thanks to all FOL volunteers who give generously of their time, allowing the Friends to continue providing financial services that benefit our library programs.

Board members and officers were elected as follows:

--**President: Gene Graber**  
--**Vice President: Mary Beth Janssen**  
--**Treasurer: Michael Lang**  
--**Secretary: Harvey Foyle**  
--**Board Member: Cindy Durbin**  
--**Board Member: Marcia Lawrence**  
--**Board Member: Brenda Mawdsley**  
--**Board Member: Bethany Tegtmeier**

The 2022 FOL Budget of \$32,019 was approved, which includes two book sale events.

Library Director **Robin Newell** thanked the FOL Board for all they do for the library.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

# FOL 2022 Calendar

## February

1 Annual Meeting  
20-21 Library Closed for President's Day  
28 FOL Board Meeting  
--Plan spring book sale  
--Appoint an auditor

## March

Match Day Application  
25 FOL Board Meeting  
26-31 Spring Book Sale  
Staff appreciation plans

## April

12 Staff Appreciation  
25 FOL Board Meeting  
--Kids Koncerts plans

## May

23 FOL Board Meeting  
29-30 EPL closed for Memorial Day

## June

1, 8, 15, 22, and 29: Kids Koncerts  
19 EPL Closed  
27 FOL Board Meeting

## July

3-4 EPL closed for Independence Day  
25 FOL Board Meeting

## August

Plan Book Sale  
Begin Match Day tasks  
22 FOL Board Meeting

## September

4-5 EPL closed for Labor Day  
26 FOL Board Meeting  
--Super Friend

## October

1-6 Fall Book Sale  
24 FOL Board Meeting  
--Nominating & Budget committees

## November

11 EPL Closed for Veterans Day  
14 Match Day  
24-25 EPL Closed for Thanksgiving  
28 FOL Board Meeting  
--Annual Meeting letter  
--Gifts for staff

## December

19 FOL Board Meeting  
--Proposed budget