

Friends January 2024 Newsletter

The information below reflects the results of our meeting January 3, 2024;

The Bookcase purchased with Thompson memorial money is here and in use holding books for sale by the Friends by donation. The plaque the family requested is now affixed to the bookcase.

Little free libraries: Placement will be in Lamoine, Hancock and Surry. The first one is built and will be at the Gatherings in Surry. The library staff will select books from our supply and refill these free libraries as needed. A friend of Melanie continues filling a couple of existing community Free Libraries with books we supply.

Sarah asked if Friends could fund a year of access to the New York Times as part of Libby and the Hancock County Download Library. All EPL cardholders will have electronic access, \$797, Approved by Board. Check out both Libby and the New York Times on the Library Web-site. Friend's funded Kanopy is available as well.

Book sales 2024 , we discussed book sales and decided to eliminate the March sale. It will now be done as an in-house, ongoing sale up on the book cases by the circulation desk, highlighting the gardening books. Please contact Anne Lusby (207)667-4066 or email aclusby72@gmail.com if you are willing to help with the sales!

Jan Cabin Fever book sale: Friday January 26, setup 12Noon-2PM, Sale 2PM -4PM
Saturday January 27, Sale 9AM – 1PM, cleanup 1PM-2PM.

May book sale: Thursday May 16, setup 12Noon-2:30PM, Sale 3PM -6PM {Note new sale time}
Friday May 17, Sale 9AM -4PM
Saturday May 18, Sale 9AM – 1PM, cleanup 1PM-2PM.

August book sale: Thursday August 22, setup 12Noon-2:30PM, Sale 3PM -6PM {Note new sale time}
Friday August 23, Sale 9AM -4PM
Saturday August 24, Sale 9AM – 1PM, cleanup 1PM-2PM.

October book sale: Friday October 25, setup 12Noon-2PM, Sale 2PM -4PM
Saturday October 26, Sale 9AM – 1PM, cleanup 1PM-2PM.

Sarah brought the board the 2024 Library spending request for \$7,970, which was approved. Breakdown as follows, \$3500 for Youth Services, \$1,070 for Material Purchases, \$3,400 for Adult Programing and \$600 for an expansion of the museum pass program.

Dues for 2024 are now due. An idea to get some more members, we are asking current members to ask a friend to join us at our meetings or help us at a sale or an event and we will extend membership for new person free for 2024. We are also working to increase the list of e-mail addresses of Friends Members so we can foster more frequent communication. Card and Envelope are part of this mailing.

The Library has announced the retirement of Sandy Abbott, the Friends wish her well. Thank You Sandy for 15 years of service to the Library and the community.

Thanks for being a Friend and we hope to see you soon at Friend funded events and book sales.

Next meeting is Wed February 7th, 2024 at 3pm, all are invited to attend.

Gene Pellerano Editor