

# FOOTNOTES



Friends  
of the EGR Library

Newsletter

FALL 2017

## Used Book Sale!

### MEMBERS' PRESALE

Friday, October 27  
6:30 - 8:30pm

### PUBLIC SALE

Saturday, October 28  
9am - 5pm

### BAG SALE!

Sunday, October 29  
9am - 3pm

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## Your *Friends* of the EGR Library Membership Counts!

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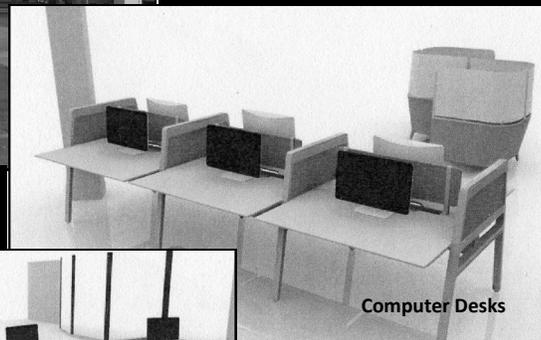
## Friends of the Library Provide Funds for Renovation



If you have not visited the library in a while, please stop by. There is a big change on the upper level – the large service desk has been removed! Rest assured, the staff are still available to help you find materials, troubleshoot your computer, or help you download books and music to a device. Staff space is much smaller which creates more space for library patrons!



Staff Desk



Computer Desks

The best views in the house have been expanded for you with more seating and a re-configured space that allows people using the library to take full advantage of the big windows.

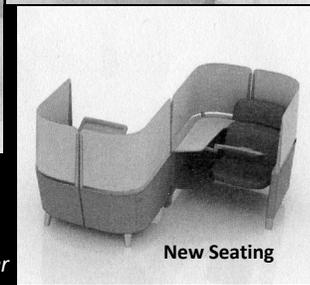


Staff Desk

The *Friends of the Library Corner Book Shop* has also been expanded, creating more space for book shopping!

SEE Renovation on page 3

*Dawn Lewis, Library Manager*



New Seating

## Please Join!



Support your library.

## Meet Miss Monica

If you have a child that visits the library, chances are you hear praises being sung for one of our dedicated youth librarians! Monica can inspire even the most shy reader with her fountain of exuberance and love for all levels of children's literature. From singing, dancing and reading with the wee little ones, to sharing a good laugh and camaraderie with our teen population, she is a pleasure and a delight! Stop in to say hello to Monica and our amazing staff!

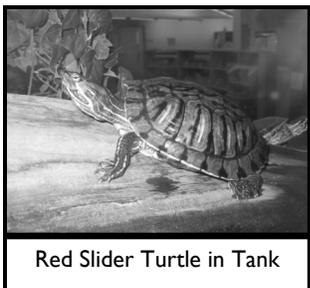


## LOVE YOUR LIBRARY?

Please consider becoming a member of the **Friends** of the East Grand Rapids Library

Your **Friends** membership fee, along with generous donations of books, volunteer time and contributions help to support the mission of the **Friends** of the EGR Library - to enrich programs and services ensuring our library by the lake fosters curiosity, creativity, and community.

Working hand-in-hand with our library manager and staff, **Friends** donations are put to work to carry out this mission by bringing



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projects, programs, and amenities to the EGR Library beyond those funded by millage dollars.

**Friends** support our wonderful librarians as they continually come up with creative ideas that will enhance the experience of our EGR branch users. Donations and membership fees from patrons like you have funded projects such as library expansions, our KDL MakerSpace, ongoing maintenance of the fish and turtle aquariums, private study rooms, book

clubs for teens, adults and families, programs like our EGR architectural and trolley tours, and our newest renovation on the adult level.

Our fabulous library staff and generous **Friends** are what make our library by the lake a wonderful and unique community space. Our library is a valuable resource for all of us!

To lend your support by joining the **Friends**, please fill out the enclosed membership form or visit [www.friendsoftheegrlibrary.com](http://www.friendsoftheegrlibrary.com)

## Friends' Spring Book Sale a Great Success

A big thank you to our fantastic book sale coordinators, Chris Linabury and Patty Lacina who are stepping down after running our semiannual sales for the past six years. Their organizational and leadership skills are superb.

Thanks also to Janet Appleton who will stay on as a book sale assistant.

We welcome our new coordinators,

Judy Jankowski and Deanna Allchin.

The phrase, "Many hands make light work," is apropos when planning and executing a book sale.

The **Friends** are always looking for more book

sale volunteers to help set up the sale and/or work two hour shifts. This is a great way to meet the community and

take in the wide array of books that we have at all of our sales.

Can you help at our October 28-29th sale?

Contact Judy!

[jankowskijudith@gmail.com](mailto:jankowskijudith@gmail.com)

Over 30 categories of  
books for all ages!  
DVDs, CDs & Audio-books  
too!



Chris and Patty



## Friends' Corner Book Shop Expands- Stop and Shop for Holiday Bargains

In conjunction with the upstairs library renovation project, we have expanded the **Friends' Corner Book Shop**. We now have a larger area with more seating and more space to browse for books. A display case now makes it easier to showcase items for sale. We plan to add another shelving unit so there will be even more books for sale. Please stop and



Expanded **Friends'** Corner Book Shop

check out the **Friends'** new area. What has not changed are the low prices, so pick up some great books at bargain prices. The *Corner Book Shop* is open whenever the library is open.

Our community is very generous in giving us so many items to sell in the Corner Book Shop and at our semiannual sales. We want to thank the many people who have donated

to the **Friends**. If you are interested in donating items, they may be dropped off at the library any time the library is open. We accept books, DVDs, CDs, and audio books. Tax receipts are available.

If you would like more complete information about the donations we accept, please visit this link on our website:

<http://friendsoftheegrlibrary.org/book-sales-by-the-friends-of-the-egr-library/book-donations>

See you at the Corner Book Shop!

**Mimi Martin, Coordinator**

## Friends Provide Generous Donation for Library Renovation

The **Friends** provided the \$60,000 needed for this renovation. Library Manager Dawn Lewis and several library staff members spearheaded the project. Custer Incorporated did the furniture design. Progressive AE was the architecture firm and project manager.

The upper level of the library was readied for the renovation towards the end of August. The furniture and desks arrived shortly thereafter. The library has a nice open concept

feeling. Patrons and staff alike will enjoy the added space for additional seating, views of the lake, and a better area for staff management of the library.

*A Grand Re-opening Celebration is Planned for November - Watch for Details!*

## Alice Apol: In Memoriam



Alice and her pup, Mickey

Alice Apol, longtime **Friend** of the EGR Library board member and former EGR Library assistant, passed away on October 22, 2016. Alice's dedication, friendship and enthusiasm will be missed. Thank you, Alice, for your many years of service to our library and community.

Alice was a "lifelong educator and lover of words." She volunteered as a West Michigan Literacy Council tutor and as an election poll worker. She was a faithful servant to her church family, children, the poor and many others in need. She was a talented artist who loved calligraphy, sewing and quilting.



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# Friends Sponsor Youth Programs and Refurbish Kids' Areas in the Library

The **Friends** of the Library sponsor many programs and help refurbish areas of the library throughout the year. This summer they generously gave us the funding to hold three separate elementary-age programs, including a visit from a real paleontologist. Our KDLville area needs constant updating, from new items to help build our youngest



Miss Monica captivates her audience of preschoolers!

patrons' early literacy skills, to replacement of old favorites due to general wear and tear. And this Fall, thanks to the **Friends**, we will be buying a brand new Thomas the Tank Engine reading nook!

In addition to helping to fund a variety of programming for all ages, **Friends** sponsor about half of the Teen Zone programs during the course of the



school year. These Teen Zones range from craft programs to pizza parties, and are essential in keeping our middle- and high-school patrons productively busy after school lets out. This September, for the teens, the Friends will be providing funds for our Fondue Afternoon as well as a movie viewing.

Thanks to the **Friends** for all the support!

**Miss Monica**



## Your East Grand Rapids Library Youth Staff

STORYTIMES, READERS' ADVISORY, PROGRAMS, TECHNOLOGY & SO MUCH MORE!

Miss Sarah



Miss Emily



Miss Holly



## Friends Sponsor EGR Parks & Recreation Safety Town and Rocket Football Bags and Jerseys



The **Friends** support our community in many different ways. Again this year, we helped deck out the Rocket Football teams with jerseys. We also provided handy canvas carry-all bags featuring Katie L, the Kent District Library elephant mascot, for the Safety Town kids!

*Ginger Springer, Communications*

**THE FRIENDS BRING THE FUN!**



The EGR Parks & Rec Safety Town kids enjoyed the canvas bags from the **Friends**!

# Friends, Volunteers and Library Staff Walk in 4th of July Parade

Plan to join us next year at any point in the EGR 4th of July parade. We could use your help. This is such a fun event for the **Friends** and the Library.

This year the **Friends** handed out several thousand rubber bracelets that read, "FRIENDS OF THE EGR LIBRARY" and "I LOVE TO READ." Along with the bracelets, coupons for the Friends Corner Book Shop were distributed.

Thanks to Dawn Lewis, Library Manager and Ginger Springer, **Friends'** Communications chair for heading up this fun event. Email [springer.ginger@gmail.com](mailto:springer.ginger@gmail.com) if you'd like info about participating next year.

### JOIN US NEXT SUMMER IN THE PARADE!



Teen volunteers wear book covers in the parade

## Friends' Sponsored Library Activities, Programs & Fun

Glass Study Rooms

KDLville Area Toys and Games

Library Furniture

KDLab Glass Activity Room

Children's Art Supplies

Library Supplies for Staff

Movies in the Park

Book Club in a Bag Collections

Library Seasonal Decorations

Park Parties for Kids

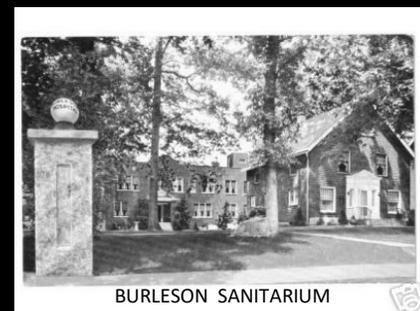
Turtle and Fish Aquariums

Shelving for EGR History Room

Teen Fondue Afternoons

Taste of East

*And the list of things that the Friends support goes on ...*



BURLESON SANITARIUM

Thursday, November 16,  
6:30 - 8:00 pm

## Postcards from East: Wish You Were Here!

Mary Dersch, curator, of the EGR History Room, will take us on a virtual trip through the history of East Grand Rapids via postcards, photographs, memorabilia and memories. Join us as we jump back in time to see some of this area's landmarks, houses and other places of interest.

**Free program for Adults @the EGR Library**  
*Sponsored by the Friends of the East Grand Rapids Library.*

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