

The Friends of the Library Executive Board will meet on Monday, May 20, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., in the Library Board Room. This will be an open meeting. Committee chairs and members are welcome.

## AGENDA

1. Call to order (Sowls)
2. Introduction of new Program & Development Coordinator (Sowls)
3. Motion to approve minutes from the meeting held March 18, 2019 (Sowls)
4. Call for additions to agenda and announcements (Sowls)
5. Treasurer's reports (Kocken)
6. Board liaison report (Brant)
7. Library report (Woodruff)
8. Program & Development Coordinator and Administrative Assistant (Claudio)
  - a. General Updates
  - b. Procedure Manual
9. Committee Reports
  - a. Book Sale (Sowls)
  - b. Books for Babies (Claudio)
10. Old business
  - a. April Annual Meeting
11. New business (Sowls)
  - a. Employee Review/Compensation
  - b. Last Meeting for John Stoneberg
  - c. Giving Gala Collaboration with Girls on the Run and SKWAT

cc: Pamela Westby, Library Director  
Julie Woodruff, Technical Services Manager  
Nancy Sowls, Give a Kid a Book Committee Chair  
Brenda Brant, Nominating Committee  
Isa Small, Programming & Communications Services Manager

Enclosures/Attachments

### **The Mission of Friends of the Library**

*To encourage public use of and advocate for library resources and services; To assist in fundraising efforts that provide the public with an enhanced library collection and improved services; To support the Freedom to Read statement of the American Library Association; To provide volunteer services requested by the library for special events and projects.*

**Friends of the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library**  
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting  
**March 18, 2019**

**Board Members Present:** Brenda Brant, Past President; Jamie Claudio, Administrative Assistant (nonvoting); Amanda Favret, Secretary; Nancy Sowls, President (presiding); John Stoneberg, Member At-Large; Sarah Kocken, Treasurer; Audrey Roecker, Vice President

**Board Members Absent:** Lisa Eierman, Member At-Large, Julie Woodruff, Ex-Officio (nonvoting)

1. **Call to order** at 6:59 p.m. in the Board room of the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library (Sowls).
2. **Motion to approve minutes** from the February 18, 2019, meeting (Brant); seconded (Roecker); approved.
3. **Call for additions** to agenda and announcements (Sowls).
4. **Treasurer's report** (Kocken)
  - a. Noteworthy Report Items:
    - o End of February 78% to budget revenue
    - o \$955 "In Honor Of" donation
    - o February online sales = \$1,375.73
    - o Discussion regarding whether the EC Chamber of Commerce membership costs have been justified.
    - o Largest-ever "Amazon Smiles" revenue this month
  - b. Summary:
    - o **Total Revenues:** \$3,375 (February); \$59,098 (year to-date)
    - o **Total Expenses:** \$3,927 (February); \$53,445 (year to-date)
    - o **Net Revenue:** -\$552 (February); \$6,653 (year to-date)
5. **Board liaison report** (Brant)
  - a. The Library is focused on renovation efforts.
6. **Library director's report** (Julie Woodruff)
  - a. General Updates
    - o Annual Staff Recognition
    - o New reading challenge ("Diversity Challenge") sponsored by Reference Desk
    - o Granted grace periods for materials returns due to snow inconvenience
    - o Discontinued After Dark series branding, but the library will still be hosting an after-hours event; FOTL may still contribute booth/liquor license.
    - o FOTL is free to advertise using LED sign, but Isa needs lead time for approval.
7. ~~**Program & Development Coordinator and Administrative Assistant**~~ (Claudio)
  - a. General Updates
    - o Discussion regarding continued sales tax exemption of FOTL book sales. As of WI DOR 2016 Fact Sheet, sales under \$50,000 per calendar year is the tax exemption standard. Claudio contacted other WI FOTL groups regarding taxation. FOTL may

need to track receipts to be in compliance and will need to address this issue within the next two years.

- Claudio will need to downscale hours worked for FOTL and will be unable to create Spring Newsletter.

## 8. Committee Reports

### a. Book Sale (Sowls)

- Preparing for next Sale in April
- Only sold \$42 of books sold at a March library children's event, but it was a great goodwill opportunity.

### b. Books for Babies (Claudio)

- Presented the redesigned "Become a Friend" contact form, which is less color-heavy and thus less costly.
- Sowls and Linda Stelter approved sending email out to hospitals regarding physician/OB sponsorship of the program

## 9. Old business

### a. Job Description for Program & Development Director

- Discussion regarding emphasizing the weight-lifting aspects of the Book Sale job and revising the description to ensure that applicants understand that physical labor is a necessity.
  - **Motion to approve** (Stoneberg); seconded (Brant); approved.
- Brant will send job description to Shelly at the Library for review.
- Brant, Roecker, Sowls, and Favret will review resumes. Claudio, Roecker, and Brant will interview candidates, with anyone else available to join.

### b. April Annual Meeting

- Brant and Isa Small discussed May 1 as event date, prior to One Book One Community (Death and Life of the Great Lakes) event. April 30 book discussion led by Brant.
- FOTL Meeting set from 6 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in Eau Claire room; 6:30 – 7 p.m. refreshments in Chippewa Room. Tim Anderson will be the only new member as member-at-large. Brant suggests focusing on recruiting board members from the regular volunteers.
- Review of Annual Meeting program

## 10. New Business (Sowls)

### a. 2019 Annual Request from Library

- \$21,000 total request; last year's allocation request was \$32,500. Kocken believes that this year's gift for the LED sign (approximately \$9,000) should be considered toward this year's allocation.
- FOTL asks for a schedule/prioritized list from the library of requests. Discussed considering whether the requested items contribute to the FOTL mission of literacy and access to community and whether the stewardship of donated funds should be more directly targeted to support the mission than it recently has been.
- **Motion to approve** \$13,000 of the library request + \$1,000 to staff affairs, with library discretion to prioritize spending this year. FOTL will develop guidelines and

evaluation procedures for future library requests, with the expectation of receiving a prioritized request list from the library: Stoneberg; second (Brant); approved

b. New Hire and Interview Procedures

- o Discussion about possible probationary period, although continual evaluation of performance is important.
- o Setting a timeline for hiring procedures is difficult considering board member schedules.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board room of the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amanda Favret". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amanda Favret, Secretary

Budget Report - April 2019

	<b>Annual</b>		<b>Budget</b>	<b>% of</b>	
	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>	<b><u>Remaining</u></b>	<b><u>Bdgt</u></b>	
<b>Revenue</b>					
1 Memberships	\$20,000	\$16,045	(\$3,955)	80%	18,693
2 Corporate Memberships	2,500	\$0	(2,500)	0%	
3 Booksales	25,200	\$25,128	(72)	100%	27,172
4 Online Booksales	12,000	\$12,035	35	100%	10,326
5 Grants	0	\$0	0	0%	
6 Give-a-Kid-a-Book	4,500	\$3,964	(536)	88%	6,145
7 Books for Babies	2,500	\$6,822	4,322	273%	
8 In Honor Of	2,000	\$2,715	715	136%	
9 Interest	350	\$397	47	114%	
10 Amazon Smiles	200	\$351	151	175%	
11 Miscellaneous	500	\$185	(315)	37%	
12 Monies Received for Library	6,000	\$4,000	(2,000)		
13 Transfer to Fund Balance	<u>2,675</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(2,675)</u>	<u>0%</u>	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b><u>\$72,425</u></b>	<b><u>\$71,641</u></b>	<b><u>(\$4,784)</u></b>	<b><u>99%</u></b>	
<b>Expenses</b>					
14 Library Allocations	20,000	22,262	(2,262)	111%	17,300
15 Salaries	23,500	15,176	8,324	65%	18,494
16 Payroll Taxes	1,700	1,161	539	68%	
17 Memberships	1,200	1,615	(415)	135%	
19 Credit Card Company Fees	350	284	66	81%	
19 Annual Meeting	400	189	211	47%	
20 Telephone	75	81	(6)	108%	
21 Newsletter	1,700	1,696	4	100%	
22 Give-a-Kid-a-Book: Books	3,500	3,352	148	96%	
23 Give-a-Kid-a-Book: Expenses	300	0	300	0%	
24 Books for Babies	8,000	3,352	4,648	42%	
25 In Honor Of: Library	2,000	2,530	(530)	127%	2,471
26 In Honor Of: Expenses	100	600	(500)	600%	0
27 Booksales: Expense	1,450	2,077	(627)	143%	1,145
Office Supplies - \$500		1,572			
Promotions - \$450		0			
Food - Volunteers - \$500		504			
28 Online Booksales: Expense	2,400	7,450	(5,050)	310%	1,549
29 Insurance	300	266	34	89%	
30 Staff Appreciation	1,000	1,000	0	100%	
31 Volunteer Appreciation	150		150	0%	
32 Office Supplies	1,800	898	902	50%	
33 Subscriptions/Org. Memberships*	1,800	2,153	(353)	120%	
34 Miscellaneous	700	206	494	29%	
35 Monies Remitted to Library	6,000	4,000	2,000		
36 Transfer to Fund Balance	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>na</u>	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b><u>\$72,425</u></b>	<b><u>\$70,347</u></b>	<b><u>\$6,078</u></b>	<b><u>97%</u></b>	

# Friends of the LE Phillips Memorial Public Library

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY BY MONTH

July 2018 - April 2019

	JUL 2018	AUG 2018	SEP 2018	OCT 2018	NOV 2018	DEC 2018	JAN 2019	FEB 2019	MAR 2019	APR 2019	TOTAL
<b>Revenue</b>											
Amazon Smiles Donations		111.08		91.59				148.09			\$350.76
Book Sales											\$0.00
Book Sales	598.20	6,517.12	226.24		6,156.39	1,374.74	5,085.49		42.21	5,127.77	\$25,128.16
Online Book Sales	892.22	999.53	2,938.08	684.06	640.07	806.53	1,272.53	1,375.73	1,555.39	870.42	\$12,034.56
<b>Total Book Sales</b>	<b>1,490.42</b>	<b>7,516.65</b>	<b>3,164.32</b>	<b>684.06</b>	<b>6,796.46</b>	<b>2,181.27</b>	<b>6,358.02</b>	<b>1,375.73</b>	<b>1,597.60</b>	<b>5,998.19</b>	<b>\$37,162.72</b>
Interest	41.09	41.12	39.82	41.18	39.89	41.24	41.28	37.32	41.34	33.02	\$397.30
Membership	388.30	89.23	163.30	5,123.30	4,025.30	2,275.80	2,679.96	528.30	648.30	123.30	\$16,045.09
Miscellaneous Income	5.00				180.00						\$185.00
Monies Received from Library Programs						4,000.00					\$4,000.00
Books for Babies	2,355.00	360.00	65.00								\$330.69
Give-a-Kid-a-Book					615.00	3,274.02	75.00				\$4,041.60
In Honor Of		100.00			50.00	1,000.00	260.00	955.00	350.00		\$6,821.60
<b>Total Programs</b>	<b>2,355.00</b>	<b>460.00</b>	<b>65.00</b>		<b>665.00</b>	<b>4,274.02</b>	<b>335.00</b>	<b>1,285.69</b>	<b>350.00</b>	<b>4,041.60</b>	<b>\$13,831.31</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$4,279.81</b>	<b>\$8,218.08</b>	<b>\$3,432.44</b>	<b>\$5,940.13</b>	<b>\$11,706.65</b>	<b>\$12,772.33</b>	<b>\$9,414.26</b>	<b>\$3,375.13</b>	<b>\$2,637.24</b>	<b>\$10,196.11</b>	<b>\$71,972.18</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$4,279.81</b>	<b>\$8,218.08</b>	<b>\$3,432.44</b>	<b>\$5,940.13</b>	<b>\$11,706.65</b>	<b>\$12,772.33</b>	<b>\$9,414.26</b>	<b>\$3,375.13</b>	<b>\$2,637.24</b>	<b>\$10,196.11</b>	<b>\$71,972.18</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>											
Book Sale Expenses											\$0.00
Book Sales											\$0.00
Supplies	128.56	116.00	83.96	59.46	1,109.94	46.15	16.01	11.98			\$1,572.06
Volunteer Meals/Food			165.08	158.84		78.82		101.75			\$504.49
<b>Total Book Sales</b>	<b>128.56</b>	<b>116.00</b>	<b>249.04</b>	<b>218.30</b>	<b>1,109.94</b>	<b>124.97</b>	<b>16.01</b>	<b>113.73</b>			<b>\$2,076.55</b>
Online Book Sales											\$0.00
Postage	1,276.34	194.27	791.70	147.35	72.75	167.35	848.87	8.00	327.95	704.62	\$4,539.20
Supplies	50.50	9.17		593.65		41.36		22.49	4.84	112.61	\$834.62
<b>Total Online Book Sales</b>	<b>1,326.84</b>	<b>203.44</b>	<b>791.70</b>	<b>741.00</b>	<b>72.75</b>	<b>208.71</b>	<b>848.87</b>	<b>30.49</b>	<b>332.79</b>	<b>817.23</b>	<b>\$5,373.82</b>
<b>Total Book Sale Expenses</b>	<b>1,455.40</b>	<b>319.44</b>	<b>1,040.74</b>	<b>959.30</b>	<b>1,182.69</b>	<b>333.68</b>	<b>864.88</b>	<b>144.22</b>	<b>332.79</b>	<b>817.23</b>	<b>\$7,450.37</b>
Credit Card Co. Fees	19.12	40.16	18.60	18.68	33.30	41.30	27.54	37.57	26.35	21.14	\$283.76
Insurance				259.00			7.00				\$266.00
Library Allocations			22.96	9,238.92						13,000.00	\$22,261.88
Memberships	521.38			43.29	368.77		255.39		192.00	234.22	\$1,615.05
Miscellaneous Expense	150.00		55.92								\$205.92
Monies Remitted to Library						4,000.00					\$4,000.00
Newsletter	332.83	240.22		459.57			514.88			148.47	\$1,695.97
Office Supplies	63.89		179.96			199.95	151.89	90.35	212.29		\$898.33
Payroll Expenses											\$0.00
Taxes	131.28	162.57	131.53	66.05	68.73	137.16	166.19	113.50	96.61	87.33	\$1,160.95
Wages	1,716.15	2,125.10	1,719.40	863.33	898.50	1,792.90	2,172.38	1,483.64	1,263.01	1,141.51	\$15,175.92
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>1,847.43</b>	<b>2,287.67</b>	<b>1,850.93</b>	<b>929.38</b>	<b>967.23</b>	<b>1,930.06</b>	<b>2,338.57</b>	<b>1,597.14</b>	<b>1,359.62</b>	<b>1,228.84</b>	<b>\$16,336.87</b>
Program Expense								366.14			\$366.14
Annual Meeting	167.40								21.94		\$189.34
Books for Babies											\$0.00
Books	1,465.33	1,102.97	1,384.49	1,655.32	626.39	230.40			5,230.13	7.78	\$11,702.81
Supplies	206.19			231.02							\$437.21
<b>Total Books for Babies</b>	<b>1,671.52</b>	<b>1,102.97</b>	<b>1,384.49</b>	<b>1,886.34</b>	<b>626.39</b>	<b>230.40</b>			<b>5,230.13</b>	<b>7.78</b>	<b>\$12,140.02</b>
Give-a-Kid-a-Book											\$0.00
Books						2,106.43	667.61		197.00	102.79	\$3,073.83
Misc. Expenses						107.99	169.96				\$277.95
<b>Total Give-a-Kid-a-Book</b>						<b>2,214.42</b>	<b>837.57</b>		<b>197.00</b>	<b>102.79</b>	<b>\$3,351.78</b>
In Honor Of											\$0.00
Library			100.00			250.00	1,000.00	630.00	200.00	350.00	\$2,530.00
Misc. Expenses								600.00			\$600.00
<b>Total In Honor Of</b>			<b>100.00</b>			<b>250.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>1,230.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>350.00</b>	<b>\$3,130.00</b>
<b>Total Program Expense</b>	<b>1,838.92</b>	<b>1,102.97</b>	<b>1,484.49</b>	<b>1,886.34</b>	<b>626.39</b>	<b>2,694.82</b>	<b>1,837.57</b>	<b>1,596.14</b>	<b>5,649.07</b>	<b>460.57</b>	<b>\$19,177.28</b>
Staff Appreciation										1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Subscriptions/Org. Membership	122.10	516.10	138.10	142.89	218.10	136.10	136.10	461.28	134.74	147.40	\$2,152.91
Telephone	30.44			17.36			17.26			15.67	\$80.73
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$6,381.51</b>	<b>\$4,506.56</b>	<b>\$4,791.70</b>	<b>\$13,954.73</b>	<b>\$3,396.48</b>	<b>\$9,335.91</b>	<b>\$6,151.08</b>	<b>\$3,926.70</b>	<b>\$7,906.86</b>	<b>\$17,073.54</b>	<b>\$77,425.07</b>
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ -2,101.70</b>	<b>\$3,711.52</b>	<b>\$ -1,359.26</b>	<b>\$ -8,014.60</b>	<b>\$8,310.17</b>	<b>\$3,436.42</b>	<b>\$3,263.18</b>	<b>\$ -551.57</b>	<b>\$ -5,269.62</b>	<b>\$ -6,877.43</b>	<b>\$ -5,452.89</b>

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NET REVENUE	\$ -2,101.70	\$3,711.52	\$ -1,359.26	\$ -8,014.60	\$8,310.17	\$3,436.42	\$3,263.18	\$ -551.57	\$ -5,269.62	\$ -6,877.43	\$ -5,452.89

**Note**

RCU Checking Account: \$18,977.54

RCU Checking Account (book sale): \$1,571.37

Charter Bank Money Market Account: \$41,316.12

# Friends of the LE Phillips Memorial Public Library

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY BY MONTH

April 2019

	APR 2019	TOTAL
<b>Revenue</b>		
Book Sales		\$0.00
Book Sales	5,127.77	\$5,127.77
Online Book Sales	870.42	\$870.42
<b>Total Book Sales</b>	<b>5,998.19</b>	<b>\$5,998.19</b>
Interest	33.02	\$33.02
Membership	123.30	\$123.30
Programs		\$0.00
Books for Babies	4,041.60	\$4,041.60
<b>Total Programs</b>	<b>4,041.60</b>	<b>\$4,041.60</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$10,196.11</b>	<b>\$10,196.11</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$10,196.11</b>	<b>\$10,196.11</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Book Sale Expenses		\$0.00
Online Book Sales		\$0.00
Postage	704.62	\$704.62
Supplies	112.61	\$112.61
<b>Total Online Book Sales</b>	<b>817.23</b>	<b>\$817.23</b>
<b>Total Book Sale Expenses</b>	<b>817.23</b>	<b>\$817.23</b>
Credit Card Co. Fees	21.14	\$21.14
Library Allocations	13,000.00	\$13,000.00
Memberships	234.22	\$234.22
Newsletter	148.47	\$148.47
Payroll Expenses		\$0.00
Taxes	87.33	\$87.33
Wages	1,141.51	\$1,141.51
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>1,228.84</b>	<b>\$1,228.84</b>
Program Expense		\$0.00
Books for Babies		\$0.00
Books	7.78	\$7.78
<b>Total Books for Babies</b>	<b>7.78</b>	<b>\$7.78</b>
Give-a-Kid-a-Book		\$0.00
Books	102.79	\$102.79
<b>Total Give-a-Kid-a-Book</b>	<b>102.79</b>	<b>\$102.79</b>
In Honor Of		\$0.00
Library	350.00	\$350.00
<b>Total In Honor Of</b>	<b>350.00</b>	<b>\$350.00</b>
<b>Total Program Expense</b>	<b>460.57</b>	<b>\$460.57</b>
Staff Appreciation	1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Subscriptions/Org. Membership	147.40	\$147.40
Telephone	15.67	\$15.67
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$17,073.54</b>	<b>\$17,073.54</b>



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	APR 2019	TOTAL
NET OPERATING REVENUE	<b>\$ -6,877.43</b>	<b>\$ -6,877.43</b>
NET REVENUE	<b>\$ -6,877.43</b>	<b>\$ -6,877.43</b>

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Charter Bank Money Market Account: \$41,316.12

<b>Friends of the</b>					
<b>L. E. Phillips Memorial Public Library</b>					
<b>Budgets</b>					
		<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>
		<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>
<b>Revenue</b>					
1	Memberships(Households)	\$20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
	Corporate Memberships/Sponsorships			2,500	1,000
2	Booksales	22,000	22,650	25,200	25,200
3	Online Booksales	3,000	7,000	12,000	14,000
4	Grants	0	5,000		0
5	Give-a-Kid-a-Book	3,600	4,000	4,500	4,000
6	Books for Babies		1,000	2,500	3,000
7	In Honor Of	3,000	1,700	2,000	2,000
9	Interest	300	300	350	350
	Amazon Smiles			200	250
10	Miscellaneous	0	1,000	500	250
	Monies Received for Library		7,000	6,000	6,000
11	Transfer to Fund Balance	13,485	6,857	2,675	5080
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b><u>\$65,385</u></b>	<b><u>\$69,507</u></b>	<b><u>\$72,425</u></b>	<b><u>81,130</u></b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
12	Library Allocations	25,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
13	Salaries	14,000	22,700	23,500	25,000
14	Payroll Taxes	1,100	1,700	1,700	1,800
15	Memberships	1,500	2,000	1,200	1,200
	Credit Card Fees			350	350
16	Annual Meeting	550	500	400	550
17	Telephone	85	85	75	80
18	Newsletter	1,600	1,600	1,700	1,700
19	Give-a-Kid-a-Book: Books	4,500	4,000	3,500	3,500
20	Give-a-Kid-a-Book: Expenses	500	400	300	300
21	Books for Babies	6,000	6,000	8,000	9,000
23	In Honor Of: Library	3,000	1,700	2,000	2,000
24	In Honor Of: Expenses	200	150	100	100
25	Booksales: Expense	2,600	1,450	1,450	1,450
	Office Supplies - \$650				
	Promotions - \$500				
	Food - Volunteers - \$250				
26	Online Booksales: Expenses	1,700	2,922	2,400	2,400
28	Insurance	300	300	300	300
29	Staff Appreciation	400	1,000	1,000	1,000
30	Volunteer Appreciation	400	300	150	150
31	Office Supplies	2,000	1,000	1,800	1,250
32	Subscriptions/Org. Memberships	150	900	1,800	2,500
33	Miscellaneous	0	300	700	500
	Monies Remitted to Library		7,000	6,000	6,000
34	Transfer to Fund Balance	0	-	-	
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b><u>\$65,585</u></b>	<b><u>\$69,007</u></b>	<b><u>\$72,425</u></b>	<b><u>\$81,130</u></b>

**To: Friends of the Library Board**  
**From: Julie Woodruff, Technical Services Manager**  
**Date: May 2019**

**2018 Annual Report** (Copies will be handed out)

The Annual Report is hot off the press. Topics include: Acting on Our Values, People First, Lifelong Learning, Reading, Having Fun, and More Space for Everyone. Did you know that last year, the Library checked out over 533,000 books? That's almost two thirds of total circulation.

**Next Generation of Readers**

Library staff is excited to help cultivate the next generation of readers by recently hosting school visits. Over the last few weeks, first graders from the district traveled on school buses to visit the library as a school field trip. Everyone received information about cool things at the library and took a turn at the LEGO Challenge Wheel to determine their LEGO building challenge. This year's visits were particularly successful with the introduction of the Dabble Box, the library's makerspace. The student response was overwhelmingly positive as they learn about all of the DIY activities they have access to and several have already made return visits to the library with their families. The teacher response was extremely positive. Many didn't know anything about the Dabble Box and were excited to learn that it is a place for all ages.

**Local Music**

The library is pleased to announce a soft launch of the library's [Sawdust City Sounds](#) – an online music database featuring local artists. The project helps support the local creative economy and highlight the intersectionality of arts in the library. One example of that is folk artist Greg Gilbertson's album [Surviving the Echoes](#). Mr. Gilbertson's album cover art was designed by Matthew S. Bailey to reflect the song of the album. Mr. Bailey was awarded "Best in Show" at the library's [ArtsWest 40](#) annual art show, now on display in the library's art gallery.



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## **The Giving Gala 2019**

### **"Haunted Prom"**

The Giving Gala is a unique fundraising event in the Chippewa Valley that benefits three unique organizations that provide opportunities for kids in the area. It's a collaborative night where different groups can bring their networks together for an evening of giving!

#### **Giving Gala 2019 Details**

1. October 11th, 2019 (Friday)
2. Masonic Temple Ballroom- mtg on 5/21 to go over venue details with staff (catering costs, venue costs, bar costs TBD)
3. 'Haunted Prom' theme
  - a. DJ booth
  - b. Costume contest
  - c. Prom decor
  - d. Silent Auction

#### **GG Organizations**

1. **Girls on the Run**- non-profit organization based in Eau Claire that serves girls in grades 3-8. GOTR inspires girls to be joyful, confident and healthy through participation in our 10 week curriculum based program that teaches small teams of 15-20 girls lasting life skills through running.
2. **SKWAT**- non-profit organization based in Eau Claire, WI, designed to get kids engaged in health and fitness related activities. SKWAT orchestrates with the intent of being able to provide a mix of fitness and nutrition classes free of cost for families in the community.
3. **Third Organization**
  - a. Contract between partners to split costs and donations evenly 3 ways,(with the exception of specified donations at event)
  - b. Contract drafted, agreed and signed by all parties
  - c. Organizations each expected to draw 100 guests
  - d. Organizations each expected to provide 5-6 volunteers to help at event
  - e. Each org designates 1-3 members to serve on Planning Committee with other orgs- meet 1-2x/month
  - f. Organizations provide \$500 each to cover initial costs
  - g. **GOAL= \$4,000 profit per organization**