



**Friends
of the L.E. Phillips Memorial
Public Library**

News from the Friends of the
L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library

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Library Links

Note from Friends Executive Board President Esther Moen

I am honored to serve as the President of the Friends of the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library for the 2024-25 year.

When I moved back to Eau Claire 2 years ago, I was thrilled to find such a strong Friends library group and quickly became a member and volunteer at the bookstore, book sales, train show, summer kid's programs, and finally service on the Board of Directors.

I am very impressed with how well this Friends group is managed. We have 2 very professional staff, who competently manage the day to day operations, a Board of Directors that is very diligent about providing support and operational oversight, great community support with book donations, and many volunteers that assist in all aspects of the organization. The coordination between the Friends and the library is excellent. There is mutual respect and an understanding and appreciation for the roles of each organization. And finally, we are all very passionate about our mission.



In the next year, I hope we can all work together to: 1) increase our membership and volunteer base; 2) increase public awareness of our fantastic bookstore; 3) increase the number of volunteer shifts in the bookstore; 4) continue to maintain financial and operational stability for all aspects of the Friends operation.

I look forward to a great year and hope you will all want to be involved!

Esther Moen



Join the Friends of the Library for a bag sale on Saturday, September 28, 2024 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on the Dabble Box Patio. This will be a FREE WILL DONATION sale. Grab a bag, fill it up and make a donation to the Friends before you leave.

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Memorial Public Library
2024 - 2025

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Give a Kid a Book Distributes Books at the We Care Eau Claire Backpack Give Away

by Nancy Sowls - GAKAB Committee Chair

Give a Kid a Book Program



This is the 30th year for the Give a Kid a Book program! With this milestone quickly approaching, please watch for announcements about how to support this literacy program. We are brainstorming a few ideas on how to celebrate the success of this program in a big way.

Because of the generosity of the people in the Chippewa Valley we have been able to expand this program to year round. We were able to hand out books at the Backpacks in the Park event held on August 19th.

The Backpacks in the Park program is sponsored by the We Care Eau Claire Group. They collect backpacks and fill them with school supplies which are handed out at Phoenix Park.

We supplemented the program by giving books to the kids. This year we were able to give out 390 books. Audrey Roecker and Sara McIlquham helped kids choose a book to take home. It is always interesting to see what books the kids pick. This year Curious George, Daniel Tiger, and The I Survived books were popular. Boys also liked the books about Sharks and Reptiles. Girls liked the Junie P. Jones books and books about princesses.

Thanks to everyone who supports the Give a Kid a Book program. We are lucky to have so many people to help us put books in the hands of children.



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2024 Donation Form

Give a Kid a Book Program



Donor's Name _____

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Questions? Please call 715.831.5301 or email
friendsofthelibrary@eauclaire.lib.wi.us

Volunteer Opportunities

The Friends always have numerous opportunities for our volunteers. We use signup.com for scheduling volunteers, so please reach out to Astrid or Stacy for assistance to sign up for any of these events.

Bookstore Assistant - The Friends of the Library Bookstore is open the same hours that the library is open each week. Our volunteer shifts are 1.5 hours long. We have noticed that we generate more revenue dollars when there is a volunteer in the bookstore. Morning shifts often have volunteers restocking the shelves with new donations, afternoon and evening shifts offer a volunteers more time to interact with library patrons and bookstore shoppers. Astrid or Stacy would be happy to walk you through the duties of volunteering in the bookstore prior to anyone's first volunteer shift. Signup.com link: <https://signup.com/go/jvrnMuV>

Library Crawl - Back to the Stacks - Saturday, September 28, 10 am - 3 pm - The Library is hosting a Library Card Holder Appreciation Day on September 28 with several activities throughout the library from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. The library is looking for volunteers to help out. Most volunteer time slots are 1 hour in length and require a volunteer to hand out freebies to patrons who show them their library card, [signup.com](https://signup.com/go/xSAfuMp) link: <https://signup.com/go/xSAfuMp>

Thank you for considering volunteering for these events. The Friends cannot provide the level of support we do without our wonderful volunteers. Astrid, Stacy, and the Library Staff truly appreciate all that our Friends Volunteers do for our organizations each and every week.

Thank you to our Community Business Partners

In 2024 the Friends developed its Community Business Partners program to encourage local businesses to partner with the Friends of the Library. We would like to thank these local businesses for partnering with us on our mission of encouraging literacy, expression, and discovery in the Chippewa Valley through support to the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library and the surrounding community.



If you are aware of any local area businesses that might be interested in learning more about our Community Business Partners program please reach out to Stacy Yearous, Program and Development Coordinator, stacyy@eauclaire.lib.wi.us or 715.831.5301.



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