



LIBRARY LINKS

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

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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday.....10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
 Tuesday.....10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
 Wednesday.....10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
 Thursday.....10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
 Friday.....10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Saturday.....10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Sunday.....Closed.
 Closed Sundays in summer
 (Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day)

THE MISSION OF FRIENDS

- * 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.



Because of You

- By Friends Liaison, Library Director
Pamela K. Westby

The Friends of the Library creatively seek to redistribute and reuse books, set affordable book prices, and raise funds for much needed projects at the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library. So, whether you are a volunteer sorter and organizer, buyer, board member, or donor, you are an important cog in the wheel of our non-profit organization.

Our efforts are truly an extension of library services. As an organization, we are a member of the American Library Association and adhere to the same values, like the freedom to read and the right to access information. We believe that libraries have the power to transform individuals and entire communities. An engaging book can set a reader's mind free from a winter of captivity; bring rest to an anxious soul, shine new light to those in poverty and despair, and so much more.

Because of you, someone is reading a book right now. That makes your membership and your volunteer work a powerful and meaningful community contribution. After all, a book, once read, will never be forgotten.



"I love the helpful staff, the remodeled children's area, the ease of requesting books online, also the great book sales!"

- L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library customer via Facebook during National Library Week

MEMBERSHIP DONATIONS IN ACTION

This Spring, the Friends donated \$10,000 to the "Love Your Library" campaign for the L.E. Phillips Memorial Library Endowment Fund. This donation helps to secure funds for library projects for many years to come. One of the most recent projects unveiled is the BookBike, a mobile library trailer pulled by a bicycle.

It will travel to various community events with about 100 items for people to check out as well as many other resources. Find out where the BookBike will be at www.ecpubliclibrary.info/bookbike/



Friends of the L.E.
Phillips Memorial
Public Library
2016 - 2017

EXECUTIVE BOARD

- President*
- Brenda Brant
- Vice president*
- Nancy Sowls
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- Linda Stelter
- Secretary*
- Grace Rich
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- Steven Green
- At-Large member*
- Lynda Higgins
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- Brenda Brant
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- Pamela Westby
- Programming & Communication Services librarian (non-voting)*
- Isa Small
- Administrative coordinator (non-voting)*
- Maria Baroni

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- Books for Babies*
- Penny France
- Book Sale*
- Grace Rich
- Finance*
- Donna Weidman
- Nominating*
- Vacant
- Give a Kid a Book*
- Nancy Sowls
- Membership*
- Brenda Brant
- Program*
- vacant
- Library Links Editor & Layout*
- Maria Baroni



Don't forget you can help the Friends of the Library everytime you shop! Go to smile.amazon.com and select Friends of the L.E. Philips Memorial Public Library and 0.5 % of every eligible purchase. will be donated to the Friends!



Message from the 2015-16 President

-Linda Stelter

Our annual meeting was held April 14, 2016, during National Library Week. The theme this year was "Libraries Transform". This theme certainly fits what happens in our library! We welcomed our remarkable new Library Director, Pamela Westby, followed by an entertaining presentation by Max Garland.

During National Library Week, the Library launched their Love Your Library Campaign encouraging donations for the endowment fund, which provides long-term financial assistance to the library for items like the new book bike and Makerspace areas. The Friends Board has shown our appreciation for the Library by contributing \$10,000 to the endowment fund. We also approved the annual requests from the Library for \$14,400. These requests support the Chippewa Valley Book Festival, ads in local print media, and many programs for Youth Services, Adults, and Arts West.

Monica Holtz, administrative coordinator, was instrumental in facilitating our efforts this year. When Monica needed to resign for personal reasons, we welcomed Maria Baroni, who is experienced with nonprofit agencies, to this position. We are very grateful to John Stoneberg, who was the first Library Director to participate on the Board. His guidance kept our work relevant to the Library.

I am very thankful to all of the members of the Friends of the Library Board for their service this year. I encourage all members of Friends to consider serving on the Board.

Brenda Brant, Vice President, has been the liaison to the Library Board this year. She is a data expert and has facilitated our transition to DonorSnap,

a database also used by the Library, which will boost our efficiency. Many hours were spent massaging data!

Carol Accola, Treasurer, was an asset to our Board. When she needed to resign for personal reasons, Donna Weidman was appointed Treasurer and will fulfill the term. She is doing an excellent job of managing our finances.

Victoria Mayer, our secretary and a technical writer, does an outstanding job of recording our minutes.

Lynda Higgins, our very dedicated book sale assistant, has another year remaining on her At-Large term. Grace Rich, our extraordinary book sale chair, was an At-Large member and will finish her term in June. Steve Green, who was a book sale intern, has been elected for this position.



2015-16 Board members left to right: Linda Stelter, president; Victoria Mayer, secretary; Donna Weidman, treasurer; Brenda Brant, vice president; Glenda Winders, past president; Grace Rich, member at-large; Lynda Higgins, member at-large

Glenda Winders, past president, is finishing her three year term. She was formerly the chair for Give a Kid a Book. Glenda is a brilliant writer and a very creative leader. Nancy Sowls, our Give a Kid a Book chair, has been elected Vice President.

All volunteers and members contribute to the success of Friends of the Library. Your efforts are appreciated!

Book Sale Bulletin

Summer 2016

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2016
Book Sales

Debit &
credit cards
accepted

Gift
cards
available



July 29, 30
(no Sunday sale in summer)
November 4, 5, 6
Friday & Saturday
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday
1 - 4 p.m.

Holiday Mini-Sale!

December 14, 15
Wednesday & Thursday
10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Red Cedar Room

A \$5 Bag Sale
will be held
on Saturday
of each sale.

Visit the Friends'
online store at [www.
eauclairefriendlyreader.
alibrisstore.com](http://www.eauclairefriendlyreader.alibrisstore.com)

Online Store a Reality

By Dr. Grace Rich, Book Sale Chair

The Eau Claire Friendly Reader online bookstore officially opened in March 2016 with a \$30 sale of its first book, *A Pattern Language: Towns, Buildings, Construction*. Not my idea of a fun read, but \$30 is \$30!

Volunteers and CVTC interns have been working on starting an online bookstore for almost two years. It's a complex, painstaking process, and we wanted to get it right. We're still perfecting the procedures, but we have preliminary documentation for:

- Appraising the value of books
- Determining the condition of books
- Maintaining a written inventory of books
- Photographing books
- Editing photos of books
- Writing descriptions of books
- Posting books on our store site
- Checking the sales status of books
- Packing books for shipping
- Shipping books
- Following up on the status of shipped books



Our main online bookstore site is at alibris.com. We call ourselves Eau Claire Friendly Reader, and you may access our store at www.eauclairefriendlyreader.alibrisstore.com, where we currently have over 520 items listed. An announcement card with the online store URL is available at the library's reference desk.

We're also working on posting our inventory at AbeBooks.com, a site known for its listings of rare and collectible books.

To date, we've sold 20 books for a total of \$276.21. Had these books sold at our regular book sales, they would have brought in \$35.

Starting and operating an online store is challenging, but it's also fun and fulfilling. We anticipate a need for at least 20 regularly scheduled volunteers to support this online effort. Patient training provided! We hope many of our Friends' volunteers will respond when we post our call for help in Fall 2016.

Find us on 

Thanks to the efforts of Spring 2016 CVTC intern, Sam Williams, we're now promoting the on-site and online book sales on Facebook. Check us out at facebook.com/eauclairefriendlyreader. We currently have over 225 friends.

Library Volunteer Receives Award for Distinguished Service

- By Penny France

Library volunteer Dr. Grace E. Rich of Eau Claire was recognized for her outstanding service to the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library in Eau Claire at the Friends of the Library annual meeting on April 14. Rich was the ninth recipient of the library's Distinguished Service Award, which honors generosity of time and spirit and extraordinary contributions to a library-related issue.

Rich has served as the volunteer book sale manager for Friends of the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library since January 2014. She has implemented several changes that resulted in increased revenue and improved overall event aesthetics at Friends of the Library book sales. She instituted debit and credit card payments at the book sales to make it easier for customers to buy books, and she recently started an online book store.

In addition, Rich has brought the library into the community in a positive way. She coordinates a program with the Chippewa Valley Technical College that allows selected student interns to earn credit by volunteering as members of the book sale team. Each student completes a

special project that aids in the success of the book sales.

When Rich began her work as book sale manager, she wanted to put books into the hands of as many people as possible. She and her team began selling worn paperback books at very affordable prices at the Festival Foods farmers market and began donating a selection of unsold books



Dr. Grace Rich receives the Distinguished Service Award from Robert Fraser, 2006 Distinguished Service Award recipient

from Friends of the Library book sales to a local food pantry for people to take free of charge.

Previous recipients of the Distinguished Service Award were Cleo Powers, Robert Fraser, Emily Moore, Mary Jurmain, Joan Schnagl, Mildred Larson, Katherine Schneider, and Susan Bruce.



Bringing children to the Book Sale? Check out the reading corner where your children can listen to a story while you shop for books!

Friends of the Library Book Group
7:30 p.m.
Chippewa Room

July 26: The Residence: Inside the Private World of the White House by Kate Andersen Brower

August 30: The Oregon Trail: A New American Journey by Rinker Buck
For information, call 715-456-4132.

Meet the New Administrative Coordinator — Maria Baroni

When I think of a friend, I think of someone who gives whatever he or she can to help others become better. Friends of the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library give so much of their time, money and resources in helping the organization and the Library be a better place. I am honored to be the new administrative coordinator of such a wonderful group of individuals and to be doing what I can to ensure the success of the Friends. My husband, three small boys and I

moved to Eau Claire from California three years ago and we absolutely love it here – even in the winter! My background in alumni relations has proven a good fit to this position and I am so impressed with dedication of the Friends. As I processed membership donations and recorded volunteer hours the past two months, my heart has swollen with gratitude for you who have given, whether a small amount or large, as every bit helps us to be a better Friend to our L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library. I look forward to working with all of you!





The Friends are very appreciative of your donations for your loved ones. Your "Honorees" names appear first, then the "Donors".

In Memory Of:

Stephen Ellenson

•L.E. Phillips Family Foundation, Inc.

Carol Fairbanks

•Alan & Lu Jackson

Don Huebscher

•Sally Webb

Arthur Ford

•L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library Staff

Mary Jurmain

•Larry & Linda Steller
•Penny & Bruce France

Ruth Marie McDermid

•Jacqueline Rovens-Gorand

Dick Myhers

•L.E. Phillips Family Foundation, Inc.
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Eileen Ponzio

•L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library Staff

Bill Sherman

•Sally Nicholson
•Roger & Shirley Johnson
•Richard & Vangie Fox

Bette Wahl

•John & Sharon Price

Welcome to the Board!



2016-17 Board members left to right: Donna Weidman, treasurer; Brenda Brant, president; Victoria Mayer, secretary; Linda Stelter, past president; Lynda Higgins, member at-large; Nancy Sowls, vice president; Steven Green, member at-large

Nancy Sowls
Vice President

I am retired. Volunteering at the library seemed like a logical thing to do because I am an avid reader. I have worked on Give a Kid a Book for the past 3 years and became the chair person this year. Last year I also started helping with the book sales. The book sales are a lot of fun. I live with my husband and Westie on the south side of town. We enjoy bicycling, camping, hiking, and exploring Wisconsin State Parks.



Steven Green
Member At-Large

I'm 24 and the youngest of 4 children, born and raised in Eau Claire. I graduated in December from CVTC with a degree in Business Management. I work at Leinenkugel's as a production worker and machine operator. I have a passion for sports and played baseball and soccer for over 15 years. I also enjoy watching sports and am an avid Packer, Brewer, Badger, and Bucks fan. I also love dogs. Lastly, I enjoy spending time with the Friends of the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library. I did an 8-week internship with the Friends in which I implemented the Reading Corner at the book sale, created a floor plan for the Red Cedar Room, and helped begin the process of selling books online. Although I was never much of a reader growing up, I really wanted to donate my time to a local non-profit organization. It's very important for me to give back to the community that has given me so much.

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On January 15, the "Lucky Day" collection was introduced—the hottest books, movies, and audiobooks, with shorter loan periods than the copies in the regular collection and no holds or renewals. This new collection will mean you have a better chance of finding high-demand items on the shelves, ready to check out.



This new collection was funded from the Sharon Zenner estate. Sharon was a dedicated member of the Friends.

The new Lucky Day collection is located conveniently in the main lobby of the library. Stop in to see what is available and see if it is your lucky day!

The Friends makes every effort for In Honor Of to be accurate. If you find an error please email friends@thelibrary@eauclaire.lib.wi.us or call 715-831-5301.



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Membership Form

New Member Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Dues are enclosed for the following:

- Individual Membership, **\$10-19**
- Supporting Membership, **\$20-29**
- Family Membership, **\$30-49**
- Sustaining Membership, **\$50-99**
- Patron Membership, **\$100 or more**

- Please contact me about volunteer opportunities.
- I would like to receive my newsletter via email.

Contributions may be tax deductible.
Make checks payable to Friends of the LEPMPL.
Mail or return this form to:
Friends of the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library
400 Eau Claire St.
Eau Claire, WI 54701

You Can Honor Special People

The In Honor Of fund provides an opportunity for members of the community to remember and honor special people and loved ones through donations that are used to purchase books for the library.

A special bookplate is placed in these books.

In Honor Of Form:

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

Name ___ in memory of ___ in honor of:

Amount Enclosed _____

Acknowledgment to be sent to: _____

Indicate a book subject matter, if you wish.

Please make checks payable to Friends of LEPMPL and mail to: Friends of the LE Phillips Memorial Public Library, 400 Eau Claire St. Eau Claire, WI 54701.