

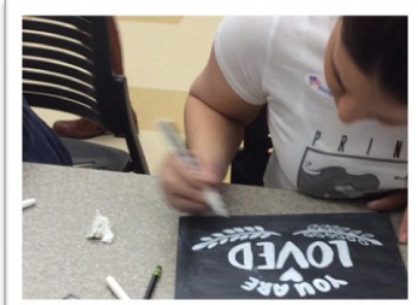
# FOOTNOTES



Fall 2016

## Think outside the books!

Join the **Friends** and help bring the fun!



## Have You Ever. . .

- Savored a quiet morning or afternoon in one of the serene glass-walled study rooms at the library?
- Sipped a tasty cup of coffee or tea from the Keurig beverage station?
- Enjoyed a major motion picture under the stars on a balmy summer eve in Collins Park?
- Observed your children's imaginations run wild downstairs in the KDLville or teen area?
- Tinkered in the KDL Lab MakerSpace?
- Visited the turtles and fish native to Reeds Lake in the aquariums?
- Attended a concert by the renowned children's singer/songwriter Gustafer Yellowgold?
- Created a beautiful flower arrangement or a chalk display board?
- Participated in a "Book Club in a Bag" reading group?
- Rode through East Grand Rapids on a history trolley?
- Had a child attend Safety Town and receive a special canvas tote bag?

## THEN. . .

Please consider renewing your membership or becoming a new **Friend** of the East Grand Rapids Library. While tax dollars cover the cost of library staff, overhead and maintaining the collection, all of the above are just some examples of what our library has to offer thanks to the generous support of Friends members. Becoming a member is as easy as returning the enclosed annual membership form or visiting our website at:

[www.friendsoftheegrlibrary.org](http://www.friendsoftheegrlibrary.org)  
(click on the "Donation" tab to join).

*Shellie Adamy, Board President*

**Fall Book Sale Nov. 4 - 6! See p.3**



**Friends purchased metal table and chairs.**

## The Friends' Corner Book Shop - Everyday!

One of the main fundraising projects of the **Friends** of the EGR Library is the Corner Book Shop, our ongoing used book sale on the upper level of the library. It is open during library hours. From the many generous donations the library receives, volunteers sort them and choose which books will go in the sale, price them, and put them into



**Stop by the Friends' Corner Book Shop!**

**New selection on sale daily!**

categories. Many volunteers take turns stocking the sale every few days to be sure the shelves stay full. To guarantee a fresh variety of books, other volunteers remove any books that have not sold in three months. It takes many hands to keep our Corner Book Shop organized.

Stop by and shop at the Corner Book Shop! We have quality books for all ages, non-fiction, fiction, classics and new releases. And when we get a large donation of a particular subject, our Shop may pop up with a special display of books for sale. Golf! History! Ireland! What's next?

**Mimi Martin,**  
*Friends Corner Coordinator*



**Book Corner sales benefit the library.**

## Your Friends Membership Supports the Library

A big thank you to the **Friends** of the Library for their support! As technology access and needs increase we are able to help people with their needs because of the **Friends** support. We purchased cords and chargers for phones and laptops that are checked out for use in the building. We were asked more and more for those items and are pleased to be able to meet the needs in that area. Along with the reading glasses purchased by the **Friends**, we are able to make the library user friendly for all.

Funding from the **Friends** supported many programs for adults this year, including a flower-arranging program with a garden tour, a series of How-to Do-It programs for home maintenance and repair and three history programs.

We were excited to mark the 10th anniversary of Community Center on August 24. It seems unbelievable to us that ten years have come and gone in this wonderful space. We celebrated this event with help from city staff, Parks & Recreation staff, library staff, and the **Friends** of the Library. Jointly, we put together a wonderful afternoon and evening of fun. Hotdogs, ice cream from Jersey Junction, and cake (of course!) were on the menu and kids had many choices of activities: painting tiles, making cards, face painting and getting a balloon animal. The backrooms and offices were open for everyone to wander through and attendees could also enjoy great music from the B Side Growlers. The history of city offices and the library was on display in the lobby. Thanks to the many

volunteers who helped make this such a wonderful event.

**Dawn Lewis,**  
*EGR Library Manager*



**New café and upholstered chairs and rugs in teen area courtesy of the **Friends**.**



**New shelving in teen area was purchased by the **Friends**.**





## Attend the November 4 - 6, 2016 Book Sale!

Our Fall Semi-Annual Book Sale is fast approaching. PLEASE NOTE the dates, November 4-5-6, are two weeks earlier than last year. We hope this weekend will be more convenient for those who travel for Thanksgiving or want to get an early start on finding holiday gift books.

This summer we have received an amazing number of collections. Examples include books on cars, woodworking, The

Beatles, miniatures, architecture and painting. Many of these books are of brand new quality, making them excellent gifts or upgrades to your library.

Come early for the best selection.

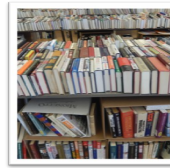
**Friends** of the EGR Library members have first choice at the Members Only Pre-Sale on Friday, November 4. This is one of the perks of being a **Friends** member!

Please renew your membership or join today at:

[www.friendsoftheegrlibrary.org](http://www.friendsoftheegrlibrary.org)

or by mailing the membership form

**Patty Lacina,**  
Book Sale Coordinator



**Members Only Pre-Sale**  
**Friday November 4**

6:30 - 8:30pm

**Public Sale**  
**Saturday November 5th**

9:00am - 5:00pm

**Bag Sale**  
**Sunday November 6th**

9:00am - 3:00pm

One bag \$7,  
2 or more bags \$5 each.

## BOOK SALE PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR LIBRARY

### Friends Bring the Fun to Safety Town!

The **FRIENDS** are a proud sponsor of SAFETY TOWN - one of the most popular summer educational programs provided by our Parks & Recreation Department. Our EGR children, ages 3 to 7, learn how to be safe while having a fun-filled time. Through the use of music, crafts, movies, books and a children's town, our pint-sized residents are taught basic safety lessons that they will use for the rest of their lives. Traffic and bicycle safety, dog interaction, stranger danger and dialing 911, plus visits with the local fire, police and EMS, and a "campfire" with Smoky the Bear are just a few of the SAFETY TOWN activities. The **FRIENDS** recognize the importance of these lessons that keep our little ones safe and are happy to help fund this important program for our community.

"Safety Town was fun and helps keep me safe. It teaches us to wear our helmets, look both ways, that policemen help us and to listen to the tornado siren. All kids should go to Safety Town." Charlotte Kanaan, Safety Town graduate

*Ginger Springer, Communications Team*



Safety Town kids and teachers have enjoyed the canvas bags designed and provided for them by the **FRIENDS**!

If you would like to help by volunteering at the book sale, go to our website:

[friendsoftheegrlibrary.org](http://friendsoftheegrlibrary.org)

and send a message via the "Contact Us" link on the Volunteer page.



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**Please consider renewing  
your Friends of the EGR  
Library membership or  
becoming a new member.**

**Your participation helps to  
support the East Grand  
Rapids Library.**

### Annual Membership Fee:

<b>INDIVIDUAL</b>	\$15.00
<b>FAMILY</b>	\$25.00
<b>SUPPORTER</b>	\$50.00
<b>PATRON</b>	\$75.00
<b>BENEFACTOR</b>	\$100.00 or More

**Please return the enclosed  
membership card or sign up via  
our website.**



## Friends March for the Library on the 4th of July

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Friends and EGR Library staff enjoy the day!



## Friends Help Celebrate 10th Anniversary of Building



We celebrated 10 years in the renovated and expanded EGR Community Center in August!

Support of the Friends has been a very important part of making our facility comfortable, modern and the heart of our community



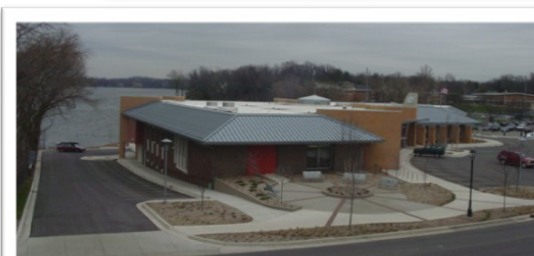
Clockwise from bottom left: Kathleen Underwood; Dawn Lewis, Library Branch Manager; past and current Mayors Cindy Bartman, Amna Seibold and Steve Edison

*Dawn Lewis,  
EGR Library Manager*

**A celebration was held on August 24 to commemorate ten years in the new East Grand Rapids Community Center & Library.**



The Friends raised \$100,000!



## Friends Sponsor Rocket Football Team

What do you love about the East Grand Rapids Public Library?

"All the activities that they offer."

"How nice the inside is."

"How many activities they offer."

"How many books they have."

"... the people are always nice."

"It is pretty big."

These are some of the comments of the EGR Parks and Recreation's 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade football players . . . *and they know their local library!*

The **Friends** of the EGR Library are proud to support each of the above aspects of the library and glad the community's youth recognize many of their local library's strengths! This fall the **Friends** of the EGR Library are sponsoring Team 5 of EGR Parks and Rec.'s 2016 Rocket Football League. Team 5 is wearing uniforms with the logo of the **Friends** of the EGR Library on their left sleeve! The **Friends** of the EGR Library are pleased to be able to support a library and community that values academics, athletics, and arts.

Do you appreciate your local library? Join us in this important partnership! **Friends** of the Library memberships start at just \$15. Simply return the enclosed form or visit [www.friendsoftheegrlibrary.org](http://www.friendsoftheegrlibrary.org) to join in support of our library.

*Britt O'Malley, Communications Team*



Team 5 is wearing uniforms with the logo of the **Friends** of the EGR Library on their left sleeve!



## Friends Sponsor 2016 ArtPrize Piece

A community ArtPrize project coordinated and designed by EGR Library Youth Paraprofessional Holly Goulet has been installed in this year's event. The 4' x 8' mural, entitled "Yacht Racing on Reeds Lake," consists of hundreds of fabric hexagons. It has been in the works for the past year and depicts a vintage 1940s postcard scene of sailboats on Reeds Lake. The large abstract design is stunning. Over the past months, many community members have

worked on this design. It truly is magnificent to behold and another example of **Friends** supporting our library and community.

You can view this community work of art at Long Road Distillers, 537 Leonard Street NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan for the duration of ArtPrize 2016.

Be sure to check it out!

[www.artprize.org/63584](http://www.artprize.org/63584)

## Friends Support EGR Sports



Banner at EGR HS Memorial Field

## That's What Friends are For!

Our mission statement pronounces that "The goal of the **Friends** of the EGR Library is to enrich programs and services, ensuring our library by the lake fosters curiosity, creativity, and community." This organization has been true to its word since its inception in 1958 when it helped to establish the East Grand Rapids Library and supported expansion and renovation in 1987 and 2005.

Becoming a member means that you as an individual, family or organization are joining a long line of folks who know what is important to make a working and successful village. Our library truly is the heart of our community. Your support ensures that we can continue to make our library one of the premier libraries in Kent County and perhaps in the country. You can visit anytime to see how the **Friends** help to make this branch library so very special through supporting programming, facilities, staff and community projects.

Please consider renewing your membership or becoming a new **Friend** of the EGR Library. With your support, our library can continue to offer the wonderful services you have come to expect.

*Mary Dersch, Communications Team*

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## See You at the Book Sale in November!

### Members Only Pre-Sale Friday November 4

6:30 - 8:30pm

### Public Sale Saturday November 5th

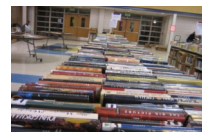
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### Bag Sale Sunday November 6th

9:00am - 3:00pm

One bag \$7,  
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Drop them off  
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