



Epilogue Bookstore Volunteer Newsletter

August 2018

Update

“Square’s” end of the month report for July documented that Epilogue Bookstore took in about \$1,214.89. Once again the best selling item during the month was hard back books accounting for \$353.00 of the total intake. It was a good month for sales – the children’s books went like hot cakes! Thank you all for the time you give to make this possible.

Volunteer Schedule

School is back in session and vacation season is settling down. Thank you all for filling in over the summer. I’m happy to report that now that her daughter is back in school, Andrea Sappingfield has begun to volunteer again covering her old shift. Just a reminder - please let Lori Girard know as soon as you are aware that you cannot make one of yours shifts. Lori’s email address is gehrigsmommy@gmail.com

Free Book for a Child

If you notice that a child is very interested in a book but circumstances intrude on the child acquiring it; i.e. his/her parent make comments that lead you to believe the family cannot afford the cost, please feel free to give the child that book without charge. You are encouraged to use your own judgment at times like this. Library patrons have been very generous to the library, giving Samuels, and therefore the store, a large quantity of books including children’s books. Of course it’s important to note if the parent is saying no to the child’s request because the parent does not approve of the book or the book is being withheld to discipline the child; i.e. the child did not keep his/her bargain regarding expected behavior. As you know part of FOSL’s mission is to enhance community literacy – giving a child a book when the need arises is one way that the store can help FOSL meet that mission.

The library also has a system in place to ensure children can get a free book if for some reason they do not currently have a card – the circulation desk and children’s department will manage the library’s process.

Two Day Book Sale

The Friends of Samuels Library will sponsor its annual book sale in October. Set up will occur on Thursday, October 18th with the sale occurring on the 19th and 20th. Breakdown will happen on Monday, October 22nd. Last year many of you volunteered to help with the sale. Please consider helping this year. I will be sending out a sign-up sheet the first of October. If you know anyone who you think would be interested in helping, please forward their name and contact information to me. Our patrons love the book sale!

New Volunteers

FOSL and the library still need more volunteers! Volunteer applications are prominently displayed on the store counter. Encourage any interested patron to fill it out and take it to the library circulation desk. The application is also available on the FOSL and library websites. Please consider that word of mouth is often the best method of volunteer recruitment. If you know anyone who is interested but has questions, invite them to contact Joan Richardson at 540-636-3352 or at joankr@centurylink.net.

Thoughts, Concerns, and Ideas

Please don't hesitate to pass on any suggestions you might have regarding ways to make the bookstore more successful and your experience more enjoyable. You work in the store and see the day-to-day operation; therefore, you have the opportunity to observe problems or complications. Contact Joan Richardson at 540-636-3352 or joankr@centurylink.net to pass on any ideas. You will see this paragraph in every newsletter because your ideas are important to us.

Joan Richardson on behalf of the Board of Directors for the Friends of Samuels Library.