



Epilogue Bookstore Volunteer Newsletter

September 2018

Update

“Square’s” end of the month report for August documented that Epilogue Bookstore took in about \$1,240.00. Once again the best selling item during the month was hard back books accounting for \$300.00 of the total intake. Thank you all for the time you give to make this possible!

Volunteer Schedule

Sadly Jen Zhao is leaving us in order to concentrate on her Master's Degree. We shall miss her and would certainly welcome her back should her future schedule ever allow it. Thank you Jen! Steve Earle will be again giving some of his time to help in the store. Susan Hayes joins the Epilogue Bookstore family. Her schedule is yet to be determined. I am happy to report that I have at least three other folks who want to hear about volunteer opportunities within FOSL which I believe may translate into more shift coverage in the store. As 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

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 one 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.

Coffee Anyone?

Steve Earle had occasion to visit a library in Michigan that had hit upon a simple but popular idea for raising money for their library – a Keurig coffee machine/ coffee station in the library. Steve passed the idea on. After further research with the Warren County Health Department and approval from the Library Director, FOSL would like to give this idea a try in Samuels Library. Steve donated a Keurig machine and Melody & Jeff Hotek will donate a stand. The station will be located outside the store, by the window behind the store counter so that it can be monitored.

Coffee pods, cups, lids, creamer containers, and sugar packs can be purchased in the store, price still to be determined. Customers will make their own coffee. Store volunteers can make this fund raising idea work by simply keeping the 48oz water reservoir filled and occasionally wiping the stand with a damp cloth to keep it clean. FOSL hopes that volunteers embrace this idea as another way to support the library monetarily. If over time we find the station is not a good idea for Samuels Library, we can always close it. More on this as we get closer to making it a reality.

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 have attached the schedule to the email used to distribute this newsletter. If you can help please notify Joan at 540-636-3352 or joankr@centurylink.net We especially are in need of bake good for the sweets table. Our patrons love the book sale!

Gift Certificates:

As most of you know FOSL coordinates and hosts adult learning programs at Samuels Library. Some of the speakers for these programs decline honorariums as a way to show their support for FOSL and the library. FOSL still wishes to thank them for so generously donating their time and energy by giving these individuals \$25.00 Epilogue gift certificates that are good for one year. A copy of the certificate is attached to the email used to distribute this newsletter for your information.

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.