

# Newsletter

April 2023



# Spring Tea

## Friends of Iola Public Library

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### BOOKS AND CHOCOLATE

The Friends again filled up the library meeting room with donated used books, library discards, movies, and more for a successful Farm City Days book sale. Using the "donate what you will" method again this year, the sale earned \$1,272, plus \$265 in new and renewed memberships. In February, the *Everything Chocolate* Sale returned with donated baked goods, chocolate dipped strawberries, and Roger's famous cheesecake. The crowds were steady throughout the day and the fundraiser earned almost \$1,800. Thank you to our many wonderful volunteers who helped make both sales successful. Special thanks to Linda Johnson as volunteer coordinator for both events and Lesa Cole who served as the chocolate sale coordinator. Thank you!



### FINANCES

Balance April 1, 2022	\$5,621.54
Income	\$4,848.11
Expenditures	\$5,682.89
Balance March 31, 2023	\$4,786.76

#### Dues for 2023:

Basic \$5

Sustainer \$20

Benefactor \$50

Dewey Club \$100

All memberships, except *Basic*, include a family membership. The membership year is from April 1-March 31.

### ANNUAL MEETING AND SPRING TEA

You are invited to the Annual Meeting and Spring Tea on **Tuesday, April 18** at **6 pm** in the Library meeting room.

Gabe and Myra Gleason, musicians and owners of Fillmore Coffeehouse + Plant Cafe, will be our special guests, sharing their music and story with us.

Learn more:

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Coffeehouse  
+ plant cafe

# PROJECT UPDATES

The library launched a Seed Library in partnership with Humanity House and highlighted it with a lovely zinnia garden adjacent to the shelter. During the Summer Learning program, *Oceans of Possibilities*, Lesa Cole took advantage of the Flewharty-Powell Annex yard and shade to host several outdoor programs. The Library partnered with Iola Reads and the Allen County Historical Society in support of the book *The Grand Escape* with a collaborative display of artifacts, letters, pictures, and poems exploring WWI. When Library staff were nominated for a Thrive Award for Excellence in Recreation, the Friends bought them a table at the banquet to celebrate this accomplishment. The Library's Facebook page highlights these events, and much more.

In August, the Friends provided financial support for adult and children's programming, including a substantial grant for the youth services department. When asked to support a Your Community Foundation grant for two AED/defibrillators for the library, the Friends provided a \$500 match. For the collection, the Friends helped purchase new non-fiction and additional board games. To highlight those new board games and encourage socializing at the library, the Friends helped procure new card tables for the meeting room. The Friends also contributed \$1,500 to the Library's Endowment Fund. Income came from membership dues, book sales in April and October, the very successful "Everything Chocolate" sale, and a individual gifts.

Another special Thank You to the many Friends who volunteered their time and effort on everything from sorting used books and dipping strawberries, to working the book sales. The Library thrives because of its Friends and their fundraising and volunteer work.

*If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need. —Cicero*

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