

Newsletter
2025



Spring Tea

Friends of Iola Public Library

STORIES AROUND THE SQUARE

Mary Ann Regehr and Stephanie Larson worked with business owners from around the Square to display picture books in their windows in a **Story Walk**®. The laminated and deconstructed stories were donated by Allen Community College - thank you, Beth! The Friends will install several different books, with fun props, throughout the year.

Volunteers sorted donations, set up for the sale, and worked a shift at **Used Book Sale** in October. We sold books, movies, and puzzles again this year. Our thanks to every volunteer and to Linda Johnson for scheduling us.

The Friends held a very successful **Everything Chocolate Sale** with Lesa Cole in the lead. Roger's famous cheesecake sold within the first 10 minutes of the sale and the strawberries were beautiful.



ANNUAL MEETING AND SPRING TEA

**TUESDAY, APRIL 8
AT 6 PM**

**ENCORE OF ANNA'S
MUSICAL ENSEMBLE**

RSVP REQUESTED

SMORELAND@SEKLS.ORG

FACTS & FIGURES

FUNDRAISERS

Used Book Sale

Date: October 17-20, 2024

Attendance: 181

Proceeds: \$1,178

Garage Sale

Date: June 1, 2024

Proceeds: \$161

Everything Chocolate Sale

Date: February 14, 2025

Attendance: 144

Proceeds: \$1,953.75

MEMBERSHIP

Income: \$1,835

Number of Members: 67

PROJECT UPDATES

With the Friends ongoing support of Summer Reading, Lesa organized many interesting, educational, and FUN activities around the theme: "Adventure Begins @ Your Library." Readers tracked their achievements in a passport and earned a bracelet, which they spent the summer filling with an assortment of colorful charms. Marty the Magician made an entertaining encore in June, kids dissected owl pellets, and the summer wrapped up with a "Messtival."

To support the Flewharty-Powell Annex, the Friends held a garage sale on June 1 to sell surplus equipment, furniture, craft supplies, and art. The event made \$161.

The Friends provided the following in 2024:

- \$1,500** for landscaping
- \$500** to reupholster library seating
- \$500** to print the monthly calendar in *The Register*
- \$500** for Summer Reading Programs
- \$400** to the Pilcrow Foundation grant

The Foundation matched the gift with \$800 and provided new, hard cover children's books selected by the library.



OFFICERS

- President: Mary Ann Regehr
- Recording Secretary: Stephanie Larson
- Treasurer: Sharon Moreland



FINANCES

Balance April 1, 2024	\$3,569.23
Income	\$5,212.11
Expenditures/Encumbered	\$3,966.29
Available Balance	\$4,815.05

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Dues for 2026:

- Basic \$5
- Sustainer \$20
- Benefactor \$50
- Dewey Club \$100

All memberships, except *Basic*, include a family membership.

The membership year:
April 1-March 31.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Amount: \$ _____

Yes, I am willing to volunteer!

