

Newsletter
2026



Spring Tea

Friends of Iola Public Library

Friends in Deed

Mary Ann Regehr and Stephanie Larson continued to curate **Stories Around the Square**, displaying picture books in storefront windows. Between June and October, they shared *Beetle Bop*, *Caps for Sale*, and *Me...Jane*.

Iola Public Library welcomed **Laura Force** as the new Assistant Director in April 2025. She is currently enrolled in the Library Science graduate program at Emporia State and will assume the mantle of Director in the coming years.

Fundraising efforts this year, with the annual book sale and **Everything Chocolate Sale**, were our most successful to date. Proceeds totaled \$XXX for both events. Thank you!

The **Landscaping project** is on hold while the Library continues to raise funds and the City replaces Highway 54 in front of the building. The Library Board set aside some of the \$10,000 Carnegie Foundation gift for this project. We also worked with Linn Leatherworks & Upholstery LLC in February to reupholster several chairs for the library.

Thank you, as always, to our members and supporters.



Facts & Figures

FUNDRAISERS

Used Book Sale

Date: October 2025

Attendance:

Proceeds: \$1,589

Everything Chocolate Sale

Date: February 13, 2026

Proceeds: \$3,014

MEMBERSHIP

Income: \$955

Number of Members: 55

Annual Meeting and

Spring Tea

Tuesday, April 7

at 6 pm

RSVP Requested

lforce@sekl.org



Recognition

In the past, the Friends recognized Friends members who reached membership milestones. We will revive this practice at the Spring Meeting. Those who have been with the Friends for more than 20 years will be given the opportunity to select a book for the library collection, added in their honor. Gifts will be presented at the meeting for the other milestones.

Members to be Recognized:

35+ years

Sally Husky at 43, Mary Lou Chard and Clyde Toland both with 41

20+ years

Gena Clouch at 28 and Walt and Mary Lou Regehr at 23

15 years

Mary Shoemaker, Melissa Sitler, Jacob Smoot, and Mary Frantz

10 years

Roger Fogelman and Donna Grigsby

5 years

James and Martha Heffernon, Genna Mitchell, Sharon Moreland, and Carol Olson



Officers

President: Mary Ann Regehr

Recording Secretary: Stephanie Larson

Treasurer: Hellen Welch

Finances

Balance April 1, 2025	\$7,145.42
Income	\$5,588.14
Expenditures/Encumbered	\$2,883.46
Available Balance	\$9,850.10

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Dues:

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!

