

# FRIENDS OF THE GREENFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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For this past quarter, the winter months have been slower ones for the Friends of the Greenfield Public Library. Not for lack of ideas, but more because the weather was less conducive to being out and about.

Seventeen children and twelve adults attended an event called “Snuggle Up with a Book” on Thursday, Jan. 30 from 4:30-5:30. Children attending were encouraged to dress in their pajamas, bring a blanket, and stuffed animal with which they could snuggle. Various stations with winter-themed books as read alouds had been planned, but children snuggling with their own parent(s) and an enjoyable book seemed to be more popular. Other activities included a “snowman” search around the children department to find all of the 24 hidden snowmen, crafting a cup of cocoa ornament, a hot chocolate and animal cracker bar, and a photo op station with a human-sized stuffed bear in pjs. Probably the most popular part of the evening was Library Director Danica Clayton reading aloud to the entire group at the end of the event.

February's project was “Give Your Heart to a Good Book”. Young patrons could pick a paper heart on which to write the title of their favorite book and then have it displayed for others to see.

Abby Karas created a March calendar with various reading ideas for each day of the month. Some of those ideas were read a newspaper, read for an hour, read to someone younger than



you, and also read out loud. This resource was available in hard copy at the front desk as well as digitally.

One item that has been repeatedly on the Friends' meeting agenda is determining a fundraising project to add more financial support to the Imagination Library. For those who are unfamiliar with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, it is an international program now in its 30<sup>th</sup> year advocating literacy. Parents may sign up their child to participate. It gifts free books to children from birth to the age they start school. This endeavor is already a part of the Greater Greenfield Community Foundation and that's who follows the grant's guidelines.

## Upcoming Events

June 3<sup>rd</sup> Friends of the  
Library Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Member Appreciation  
Lunch- more details to come!