

# Friends of the Greenfield Public Library

## Fall Newsletter

The fall months have been busy ones for the Friends of the Greenfield Public Library. Our membership has grown, even though attendance at our monthly meetings remains low in numbers. Any member is encouraged to attend our meetings the first Tuesday of every month at 5:30 to be a part of our reflecting upon past events and planning for future ones. Now that our financial resources are growing, projects to support programming and small facility improvements are also being discussed. Our group was a recipient of \$3,600 through an Empowering Adair County Foundation grant to fund our contribution to the Imagination Library for this next year.

With Samantha Davis' departure to attend law school, Abby Karas agreed to take on the president's position. Brenda Thaden assumed Abby's position of membership. Carol Baudler remains the financial chairperson and Marilyn Nickel continues to serve as the secretary/newsletter.

Here's a brief review of our group's endeavors the past few months of 2025:

### September

During the Swap Meet weekend, the annual book sale was held in the meeting room adjacent to the library. Children's, juvenile, and adults' books, as well as puzzles and DVDs, were attainable through goodwill donations. The funds raised from this project, equaling \$358.84, will be used for upcoming events and projects.

An appreciation luncheon for members belonging the first year of our group's reorganization was held on Saturday, the 13th. Fall table decorations and delicious food welcomed the thirteen members attending. Door prizes were awarded as yet another way to express the Friends' appreciation for the support given to our public library.



## October

A Halloween party, held on the 31st in conjunction with the Fire Mates hotdog supper, was even more of a success than the previous year's. A count of 185 adults and children attending the event was recorded. Some of the various activities, located in different spaces within the children's department, included Bingo, a book walk, a BOO game, ring toss, bowling, and making bookmarks. There were prizes for these many activities, making the festivities even more enjoyable for the boys and girls participating.

## November

The Friends were able to pay for the pizza served on the 18th at the Parents as Teachers gathering. This group is made up of families with children in the range of 0 to 5 years of age who want to enhance early literacy development in their homes.

## December

A few members decorated a tree in the Warren Cultural Center as part of the Adair Co. Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Tour of Trees and Holiday Luncheon. The theme of the tree was "The Joy of Reading", using bookmarks made by elementary children as the main ornaments and book covers for the tree skirt as well as the tree topper.

A Children's Christmas Market was held on December 18 and 19. Preschool and elementary-aged shoppers could purchase items for four people, at \$.25 a gift.

Approximately 165 boys and girls took advantage of this opportunity to get gifts for special people at this holiday time. The outpouring of donated items more than filled the tables set up in the meeting room to better accommodate those shopping. Many thanks to those who donated new or gently used items besides gift bags, wrapping paper, and tissue paper.

If you know of others who would wish to join Friends of the Greenfield Public Library, please have them contact Danica Clayton ([gpl@greenfield.lib.ia.us](mailto:gpl@greenfield.lib.ia.us) or 743-6120) at the Greenfield Public Library or stop by the library in person.



### Upcoming Events

#### **Snuggle Up with Book**

January 29<sup>th</sup> @5:00pm

#### **Friend's Coffee**

March 7<sup>th</sup> @10:00am