

Friends of the Greenfield Public Library

Biannual Newsletter
Summer 2026

Since the start of the new year, the Friends of the Greenfield Public Library has maintained its activities/events of its first year of re-establishment and tackled some new projects. Our membership is currently at fourteen active members, yet attendance at our monthly meetings averages five. 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 current slate of officers is:

President – Abby Karas

Financial Chair – Carol Baudler

Secretary/Newsletter – Marilyn Nickel

Membership – a person is needed to fill this position



Here's a brief review of our group's endeavors the past few months of 2026:

January

Twelve children and accompanying adults attended an event called "Snuggle Up with a Book" on Thursday, Jan. 30 from 4:30 to 5:30. Children attending were encouraged to dress in their pajamas, bring a blanket, and a stuffed animal with which they could snuggle. At the event's registration, children received a punch card to take to each station for an activity. Once all four stations had been completed, the children could redeem their card for refreshments of hot chocolate and animal crackers.

February

The Nodaway Valley second graders partnered with Danica to read children's books and write book reviews on large hearts for "Give Your Heart to a Good Book." Some of the hearts were placed inside the book being reviewed and some were publicly displayed in a display created by Abby.



March/April

A children's bookmark contest was sponsored for National Library Week. Winners for the three age groups were:
TK - 2nd grade - Josie M.
3rd - 5th grade - Aria B.
Middle School - Juniper T.

Copies of these bookmarks were made, laminated, and made available at the circulation desk for patrons to have.



May

The Friends created a project binder to showcase our projects supporting literacy and usage of the Greenfield Public Library. They've also contributed ideas and other supportive efforts for adult programming that began in April.

The Friends' continue to support Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. It is an international program now in its 30th year of 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 currently funded through the Greater Greenfield Community Foundation and a grant from the Empowering Adair County Foundation.



To the left is a photo of the Make Ahead Food to Fix and Freeze class cohosted by the Library and Friends.

Upcoming Events

Friends Meeting

September 1st @5:30pm

Friends Book Sale

September 11 @9:00am-5:00pm

September 12 @9:00am-2:00pm

Friends Appreciation Luncheon

September 19th @12:00pm-2:00pm