

Friends of the Ellsworth Public Library

NEWSLETTER



Read all about our initiatives to support the library since last July

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- Book Sale Revenue
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Book Sale Revenue

January: \$1,500
 October: \$1,527
 August: \$3,191

2024 was a good year for the Friends and the Library. We got many donations, our book sales were well attended and quite successful. We also saw some return on the Clynk program for bottle returns and a very healthy response to the Hannaford Reusable bag sale on our behalf during December. The Library itself has continued to prosper under the direction of Sarah Lesko, who completed her second year as the Director. She has developed many new programs, acquired numerous new resources, and along with the staff has made the Library a vibrant community resource!

Library renovation: Sarah and library staff are exploring a new effort to improve the Library building, update its many systems, and add additional room for collection expansion and staff work spaces.

Want to get involved in the renovation? Come to one of the public planning meetings or write a letter of support for the library to use on grant applications! Follow the renovation progress on the library website for more details, <https://www.ellsworthlibrary.net/renovation-updates/>

At our **January meeting** the Library's request for Friend's funding was approved. The \$9,470.24 included \$4,700 for youth programs, \$3,000 for Adult programming. We are paying for two electronic resources Kanopy and New York Times on-line, and for Museum passes for patron usage. We will be funding programs to coincide with National Library Week.

The **January book sale** went off without a hitch, weather was great, volunteers were cheerful, patrons were generous and we sold a lot of books and took in \$1,500. A big thank you to all of our volunteer who worked the sale and sorted books in preparation for the sale! We are now looking for donations for our big 3 day sale in May. We need clean, recent fiction and non-fiction, picture and beginning chapter books for youth as well and puzzles. Books can be dropped off at the library during operating hours.

DUES! Yes it is that time of the year when dues are due. The majority of our funds are spent on Library programming. For a paper copy of this newsletter please send in the enclosed dues card/envelope. For those receiving by e-mail, please use the next page to renew your membership, either through the mail or drop off at the circulation desk in the library.

Thank you again for being part of the Friends, and the smiles and enjoyment of the library patrons.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 3 PM, all are invited to attend.

Upcoming Book Sales:

Saturday, March 15
 Setup: 9 – 10 AM
 Sale: 10 AM – 12 PM

3 Day Sale - May 15-17
 May 15: 1:30 PM - 4 PM tbc
 May 16: 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM tbc
 May 17: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM tbc





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