

September 2021 Director's Report:

Friends Membership Drive Report

- **So far, the 2021 Membership Drive has brought in:**
 - 114 total members
 - \$3,965.00 total income
 - 14 have used the online payment method

Library Programming / Events:

- As follows are some programs we've been able to hold under the current circumstances, and those we have planned as upcoming events:
 - **Sweet Corn Days**
 - Tena, Beth, Paula, and Marcia hosted a table in front of our entrance before the parade on Saturday of Sweet Corn Days, handing out free books, mosquito kits, and Imagination Library forms.
 - **Back to School Bash**
 - Beth and Paula represented the library at the event, handing out remaining free books, mosquito kits, and any other kit materials we had left over from the Summer Reading Program.
 - **Online Knit & Crochet Group (continual)**
 - We continue to host weekly Zoom meetings, sometimes also outdoors or in the community room, hosted by Tena.
 - **Book Club (continual)**
 - This is now also offered as a hybrid program, hosted via zoom and in-person, by Beth.
 - **Outdoor Story Times**
 - Paula has offered outdoor story time events for mid-July through mid-August. Indoor events begin again in mid-September, but in the Community Room.
 - Regular programs continue & you can look for news of Fall programs soon!

Other Updates:

- Imagination Library
 - As of the date of this report, we have 113 children registered from all over Emmet County.
- Roof leak
 - I stopped in Sunday morning 8/29 to discover that the storm the night before had caused water to find a way in and there was a steady drip onto my desk in the office. I cleaned up the mess and put a container there to catch continuing drips, then called the roofers Monday morning (by then it had stopped coming in). The ceiling has only a small crack where the water came through, and upon inspection the roofer found that the pieces of the roof all look good. The exception is some caulking along the seams of the metal flashing, which has let loose in the corner above the office. He suspects each corner may be in a similar condition, and is searching for the right caulk that would adhere to this surface. We will have new caulking put down on all corners and see if that takes care of it. If not, it could be that the drain isn't sealed properly, so that would be the next thing we repair.



- HVAC Project
 - The bell has been removed, and the stand demolished. I'd marked the area and turned in a building permit, which was approved. Now, our contractor is waiting for the subcontractor to pour the concrete pad. Our components are all either received and waiting in storage, or slated to arrive in Sioux Falls on Wednesday. Once the cement is in place we will look for a good span of weather to dig into the project (we will be without air for at least 5 days). Everything is on track.
- Sewer line repair / replacement
 - The City has agreed to fund and make arrangements for the replacement of our deteriorated lines, which is estimated to cost \$20,000. I've asked for another update as of 8/31 and hope to have more to report at the meeting.
- Pippa White performance
 - We were hoping to finally host Pippa White's performance of The Orphan Train this fall, as we'd gained permission to use the ELC Little Theatre, and were working on setting a date. Unfortunately, with the up-tick in Covid cases, Pippa is not comfortable traveling to venues that require an overnight stay this fall. We will try again in the spring.
- Hiring for open part time position
 - Lin Esteves, our former Bilingual Librarian (2012-2017) was selected for our open 15-hour-per-week position. She's remembered quite a bit from before, and we've been catching her up on everything that's changed. It's wonderful to be able to translate documents, do a better job of ordering Spanish materials, and better assist non-English speakers at the library again.