

September 2022 Director's Report:

Friends Membership Drive Report

- **So far, the 2022 Membership Drive has brought in:**
 - 109 total members
 - \$3,670.00 total income
 - 13 have used the online payment method

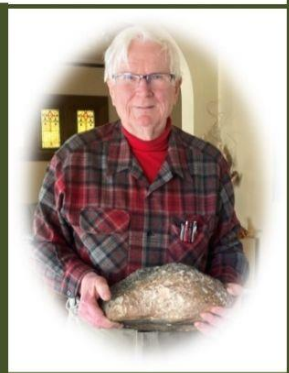


Library Programming / Events:

- **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.
- **Story Times**
 - Paula and Beth have offered story time events in the Children's Department and sometimes outdoors
- **StoryWalk**
 - Paula's August Downtown StoryWalk had around 100 participants.
- **Sweet Corn Days Giveaway Table**
 - Paula & Tena hosted a table during the opening ceremonies for Sweet Corn Days and had an excellent response. We were busy the whole time and stayed late. We are still giving away excess Summer Library Program prize books in the Children's Department.

Other Updates:

- **Imagination Library**
 - As of the date of this report, we have 168 children registered from all over Emmet County. (The number fluctuates as some are added and some "graduate" each month.)
- **Baker & Taylor**
 - As you may have heard, our main book supplier has been a victim of ransomware. At this point it's been nearly two weeks since we've been able to view our shipments or search for items to add to our next order. This software also runs the state's annual survey, but thankfully I'd completed ours before it went down. We are hoping for good news soon (and not too much data loss).
- **Preparations for the Community Room Project**
 - The Friends have now raised over \$116,000 of their \$222,000 goal. Two additional grant requests have gone out in the last week, and another will be submitted soon. Friends Board members are gearing up to visit potential larger donors, as well.
 - In the meantime, we've been working on clearing the storage room, and finding new homes for the items we intend to keep. Other departments have come to collect some of the shelving and chairs we cannot keep, and there will be a public surplus auction soon.

- **Meteorite Program coming up**
 - On Thursday, September 22nd at 6:00 pm Calvin Alexander from the University of Minnesota will be present to offer a program on meteorites. We've been working on gaining permission to post the documents we have on hand related to the Estherville Meteorite in anticipation of this event.
- **Annual Report to the State Library**
 - Highlights:
 - Standards were changed dramatically regarding how to count programming (age group detail, and detail regarding live in-person / live virtual, recordings, self-directed kits, group-lead kits, on-site / off-site, etc.). Because no notice was given about this change, I have altered our report forms so we can collect this information for next year's survey.
 - Total ebooks in the collection are up 40,000
 - Downloadable audiobooks are up 8,000
 - Total items (physical and downloadable) are up 50,000
 - Physical circulations are up 6,000 over last year
 - Total use of downloadable materials are down roughly 1,000

<p>FREE & OPEN TO ALL</p> 	<p>Emmit Calvin Alexander, Jr (Calvin), an Emeritus Professor and currently Curator of Meteorites for the Earth & Environmental Sciences Department of the University of Minnesota, has been studying meteorites since the mid-1960s.</p> 	<h2>Meteorite Program</h2> <p><i>Thursday, Sept. 22 at 6:00 pm</i> The Estherville Mesosiderite, Meteorites and Planetary Geology</p>  <p>This presentation will outline the origin of meteorites, their orbits before they hit the Earth, the phenomena of meteorites entry through the Earth's atmosphere, meteorites recovery on the Earth's surface and the different types of meteorites and origins.</p> <p>The scientific study of meteorites has, and continues to, provide fundamental new information on the formation of the Solar System generally, the Earth specifically. The impact of a large meteorite was responsible for the extinction of the dinosaurs, for example. The study of meteorites is now a recognized scientific field of study with its own journal Meteoritics and Planetary Science.</p> <p>Examples of several types of meteorites will be available for examination.</p>
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