

## December 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.
- **Tinker Tuesdays**
  - These continue once a month with Beth and Paula hosting after school.
- **Story Times**
  - Paula and Beth have offered story time events in the Children's Department
- **Outreach**
  - Paula has resumed outreach visits to the Headstart & Early Headstart classes.
- **Maker Monday**
  - This event is back, and October's was our last in-person until the Community Room is finished. Rosemarie hosted this event and is planning the next several as kits.
- **Oh, Jackie O!**
  - Only 8 people attended our special event with musical theater performer Jillann Gabrielle. It was a very well-received performance, but we were up against a funeral of a well-known community member, which we could not have predicted. We hope to have her back next year as Lucille Ball, when we have our new Community Room space.
- **Upcoming:**
  - Paula has a new Story Walk in place for the holiday season, and the Friends Group had put together a plan to offer treats during the Chocolate Walk (which had not yet occurred when I put this report together).



### Other Updates:

- **Imagination Library**
  - As of the date of this report, we had been up to 180 and have now slipped to 176 children registered from all over Emmet County. (The number fluctuates as some are added and some "graduate" each month.)
- **Friends of the EPL Community Room Fundraiser & Renovation Project**
  - As of Nov. 16th, the fundraiser has brought in an expected \$167,170 out of \$222,000, and since we made the Supervisor's match amount we can expect another \$5,000 from them.
  - The construction is onto the framing stage and the structural engineers have worked out a plan for the unexpected load-bearing wall that will leave us with a 7' opening between pillars instead of 8', so only a minor change in the end.