

February 2023 Director's Report:

### 2023 Friends Membership Drive Report

- **So far, the 2023 Membership Drive has brought in:**
  - 30 total members
  - \$945.00 total income
  - 6 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 hosted 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**
  - January's cross stitch kit was popular and February's string art cards are expected to be, as well. We have wooden candle holders planned for March.
- **Upcoming:**
  - We've received another grant from Early Childhood North Central Iowa to put together new **literacy kits** for families in the coming months, so be on the lookout for their release.
  - **Cabin Fever Book Bingo:** both floors will have a version of this mid-winter reading incentive complete with great prizes.

### Other Updates:

- **Friends of the EPL Community Room Fundraiser & Renovation Project**
  - As of January 31<sup>st</sup>, the fundraiser has brought in an expected \$202,000 out of the original \$222,000 goal. The Friends Board has voted to approve two change orders (so far) that will extend the total project cost to \$253,363.
  - Construction has been on hold since the structural wall was discovered, but is expected to pick up again at the end of this month and be completed by the new date of March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- **Supervisor's Tour & Annual Report**
  - The annual report I've shared with the Supervisors is in your packets. I'm happy to answer any questions you may have. It pulls out highlights from the report to the state that we'd discussed a few months ago.
  - ***Due to the lack of progress on the Community Room at this point, I've postponed their tour to March 7<sup>th</sup> at Noon. Board members are welcome to join as you are able!***
- **Gallery application**
  - Thus far I have not had a chance to figure out the online application for artists to show their work in the library, but I hope to shortly. There has been a good deal of "extra" to do lately!