

March 2023 Director's Report:

### **2023 Friends Membership Drive Report**

- **So far, the 2023 Membership Drive has brought in:**
  - 61 total members
  - \$1,825.00 total income
  - 10 have used the online payment method

### **Library Programming / Events:**

- **Online Knit & Crochet Group (continual)**
  - We continue to host weekly Zoom meetings, 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.
- **Come & Go Craft Days**
  - Paul and Beth have begun hosting all-day come & go craft opportunities in the Children's Department on days our district has no school. They've been well received.
- **Maker Monday**
  - February's string art card kit was popular and for March we will be releasing a wooden candle holder set.
- **Upcoming:**
  - We've received another grant from Early Childhood North Central Iowa to put together new **literacy kits** for families. The March kit is available now and we will have another in April.
  - **Cabin Fever Book Bingo:** both floors will have a version of this mid-winter reading incentive complete with great prizes. This continues through mid-March, so it's not too late to take part!



### **Other Updates:**

- **Friends of the EPL Community Room Fundraiser & Renovation Project**
  - As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, the fundraiser has brought in an expected \$202,466 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.
  - Our structural steel did not arrive on time so our project completion date is pushed back at least to mid-April. I will keep you posted as I know more.
- **Supervisor's Tour**
  - Postponed to March 28<sup>th</sup> at Noon
- **Gallery application**
  - Still on hold for now – I'll let you know when we have it up and running.