

April 2023 Director's Report:

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

- **So far, the 2023 Membership Drive has brought in:**
  - 95 total members
  - \$2,910.00 total income
  - 11 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**
  - March's wooden candle holder kits flew out the door and for April we will be hosting an in-person Magnetic Plant Rooting Craft.
- **Cabin Fever Book Bingo** was very well received and we had several positive comments about how it helped people read outside of their usual genres.
- **Upcoming:**
  - We've received another grant from Early Childhood North Central Iowa to put together new **literacy kits** for families. The March kit went well and in April we will be distributing a Music Kit.



### **Other Updates:**

- **Friends of the EPL Community Room Fundraiser & Renovation Project**
  - Construction is finally in full swing!
  - As of March 31<sup>st</sup>, the fundraiser has brought in \$205,466 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.
  - The final Punch List walk-through will be held April 26<sup>th</sup> after which point we can move the furniture in and get settled. We will plan to begin using the space the following week.
  - We've scheduled an Open House for Monday, May 1 from 4-6pm. Join us if you can! Your May meeting will be held in the new space.
- **Supervisor's Tour**
  - Postponed to Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at Noon
- **Gallery application**
  - Still on hold for now – I'll let you know when we have it up and running.

