

September 2023 Director's Report:

2023 Friends Membership Drive Report

- **So far, the 2023 Membership Drive has brought in:**
 - 103 total members
 - \$3,105.00 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.
- **Story Times**
 - Paula and Beth have offered story time events in the Children's Department (and sometimes outdoors)
- **Lego League (monthly)**
 - Continues year-round as a passive program offered monthly on Saturdays.
- **Bluey Bonanza**
 - 55 people attended and enjoyed games and snacks with Paula and Beth
- **Kindness Rocks**
 - 16 people painted rocks at our come-and-go event
- **Sweet Corn Days Author Event**
 - 39 visitors came to see 5 authors at what turned out to be a well-received event. We plan to do this again next year.
- **City Council Tour**
 - I hosted interested City Council members for annual report highlights and a tour on August 21st.
- **Upcoming:**
 - **Ocean Sensory Jars with Paula and Beth**
 - On September 18th kids can stop in anytime to create an Ocean Sensory Jar
 - **September Sewing Series with Beth**
 - Beth will teach a small group sewing series which begins with Sewing 101 and then offers a project class where participants will make a zippered toiletry bag.
 - **Saturday Art Activities with Beth**
 - Beth will be offering a series of art activities for young children on the Saturdays she works beginning this fall.



- **October Crochet Series with Tena**
 - Tena will teach a crochet series beginning with Crochet 101 and then offering a project class featuring a cowl
- **November Knitting Series with Tena**
 - Tena will teach a knitting series beginning with Knitting 101 and then offering a project class which could be either a scarf or an afghan
- **November Lucille Ball event with Jillann Gabrielle**
 - Wednesday, November 8th at 5:30 pm
- **December Holiday Event with Rosemarie & Tena**
 - Still in the planning stages, this is tentatively set for Saturday, December 9 from 10-12 with food items and crafts for adults and teens.

Other News:

- This month I sent out annual bills to our contracting cities based on their cents-per-thousand property tax minimums for library service. Gruver's payment has come back already.
- I've agreed that the library could be a drop-off point for this year's UDMO Food Drive in partnership with the Emmet County Public Health office and Wellness Coalition. This will take place September 25-29.
- The ARSL Annual Conference takes place September 20-23, and I will be carpooling from Des Moines to Wichita, KS with three other Iowa people.
- Plans for our annual Staff Development Day are coming together. We have refresher sessions scheduled with EBSCO and Mango, and will also be hosting panels with local members of human service organizations including Hope Haven, Public Health, UDMO Housing Services, and IowaWORKS. There will be time for roundtable discussion, as well, as we plan to invite staff from area libraries to join us.