

## December 2023 Director's Report:

### 2023 Friends Membership Drive Report

- So far, the 2023 Membership Drive has brought in:
  - 105 total members
  - \$3,135.00 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
- **Lego League (monthly)**
  - Continues year-round as a passive program offered monthly on Saturdays.
- **Come & Go Crafts (on days with no school)**
  - Each time the school schedules a teacher in-service day, our Children's Department will host a come-and-go craft all day long.
- **Art Sparks**
  - Every third Saturday there will also be an art activity in the Children's Department.
- **Wonka Chocolate Factory event**
  - Several families (around 35 total people) attended our chocolate-themed event for children this month, including a better-than-usual proportion of bilingual families.
- **Lucy! With Jillann Gabrielle** was very well attended and received. We plan to have her back in 2024 for her next character performance.
- **Friends of the EPL Silent Auction**
  - The Friends' Silent Auction has brought in \$2,325 including monetary donations and sales. This will go towards our Imagination Library Project.
- **Teen Programs**
  - Beth has been hosting opportunities for teens such as "Teen Tasters," and DIY Dog Toys
- **Craft series for adults & teens**
  - Tena hosted two knitting classes in November.



**Upcoming:**

- **December Holiday Event with Rosemarie & Tena**
  - This is planned for Saturday, December 9 from 10-12 with food items and crafts for adults and teens.
- **Going Bananas!**
  - The authors of this new banana bread cookbook are joining us from Sioux Falls on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. This event should be fun for all ages, and will offer a unique gift option for the bakers in your life.
- **Ukulele**
  - Starting in January, we plan to host a monthly opportunity on the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 am for one hour. This will be an informal group that will learn together and work their way through the simple songs in The Daily Ukulele. Those interested just need to bring a ukulele (any style will do), a copy of the book, and join us as we work toward making music! It will be a come-as-you-can type of program, much like our knitting group.

**Going Bananas**  
-A Banana Bread Cookbook-

FREE PROGRAM!  
Free samples  
Copies of the book available  
Fun for all ages

2 Men  
100 ways to make  
banana bread  
1 book that captures it all

**Thursday, Dec. 14 @ 5:30pm**  
**ESTHERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**LEARN UKULELE**

WHAT YOU NEED:  
1. A UKULELE  
2. BOOK: THE DAILY UKULELE  
3. COME AS YOU CAN!

WHAT YOU DON'T NEED:  
1. EXPERIENCE

**2ND SATURDAY  
OF EACH MONTH  
STARTING JANUARY 13  
10:00 -11:00 AM**

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