



April 2023

NEWSLETTER

& Annual Meeting Invitation

FROM THE PRESIDENT

On April 26 at 6:00 p.m. we will have the Friends Annual Meeting. Highlighting the agenda are the Teen Service Award winner announcement, the T. Patricia Dee Award presentation, recognition of library volunteers, reports from the head librarian and from the Dolly Parton Imagination library project, video from the Blind Date with a Cookbook event, the election, and we're delighted to again offer refreshments.

I can hardly believe it. It's already time for the Friend's spring book sale. Please take the time to visit the library on April 28 and 29. Once again the sale will be by donation.

We have been thrilled and impressed with the response of our patrons and the amount and quality of book donations. Recently we received 35 boxes of wonderful fiction. We have also been blessed with donations from the Shelter House book sale. Each day we look forward to going to the library to see what has been donated. The Friend's room is so filled we've had to expand into the library storage room. What a great problem to have.

In addition to books, we have also received an artwork donation from the Hyatt Regency and will be putting together a special art sale in cooperation with the Library Foundation. Date and time have not been scheduled yet.

We have such wonderful volunteers and a creative and capable library staff to work with. Please join us for the meeting. Take time to check out our web presence on the Library site.

Looking forward to sharing with you in person at the annual meeting or the sale.

Keep reading!!!!!!

Bill Benson



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The Board of the Friends of the Coralville Library
cordially invites you
to attend our annual meeting
Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.
at the Coralville Public Library
lower level



Requesting Volunteers



We are initiating a new volunteer opportunity for the Friends of CPL.

On the first Tuesday of the month, we will be meeting in the lower level of the library to do various projects benefiting the Friends and the CPL.

Our first "soft opening" activity was held in March: Adult gardening kits were assembled.

During the April event (pictured above), we worked on the Seed Exchange and assembled craft kits. Additional unscheduled ses-

sions include dusting the library shelves, purging old or damaged books from book donations, shelving and boxing hard back fiction that the library is currently purging, working in the book sorting room and any other projects that should arise.

Next month's opportunities will be announced via email

soon. If you are interested, please email me at leeannanded@gmail.com or text to (406)208-6337.

I hope to see you soon!

Lee Ann Logan



What's Cooking

The Library's Blind Date with a Cookbook Video Contest is becoming an annual tradition.

In 2022 Sara Pitcher hatched the idea for the contest after noticing the Friends shelves were overflowing with cookbooks. The contest challenges community members to create a short video of themselves making a recipe from a mystery cookbook.

It was a success and returned for a second year in January. The contest gave away 164 cookbooks, had 29 video submissions, and 813 people participated in voting for the winner.

And the winners are . . .
<https://coralvillepubliclibrary.org/blind-date-with-a-cookbook-winners/>

Find all 29 video submissions on the Library's YouTubeChannel: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLbqN_4yLSRaSuXnqkHpAYnXuFPYD4j-M

Sara is also creator of the

Friends infographic (on the following page), which illustrates our yearly progress .



2022 at a glance



Giving



Gave \$1000 for
Teen Service Award
to a local senior who volunteered
50+ hours at the Library



Gave \$3000 to
Local School Libraries
for books and literary activities.



Gave \$1009 for
Kids Book Giveaway
gave more than 200 new books
to kids during the holidays



Gave \$3500 to
Dolly Parton
Imagination Library
DPIL mailed over 3,000 books to
Coralville children under 5.



Gave \$3,330 for
New Initiatives
at the Coralville Public Library



Gave \$1,200 for
Adult Craft Kits
at the Library
over 800 free craft kits
given away.



Gave \$5,800 for
Reading Program
Prizes & Activities
at the Coralville Public Library



Put over 600 books in
Little Free Libraries
across the community

Gave over \$18,800
to literary projects in Coralville

Membership



207
members



over 450
volunteer hours

Funds Raised



\$4,069
membership dues



\$17,682
from four Book Sales

WHAT'S UP

Going forward the Friends' dues year will follow the calendar year; a reminder for the 2024 will be included in our fall newsletter.

New members are welcome and appreciated any time of year, but memberships come due with the new year.

**Renew your membership and
enjoy early entry into Friday of book sale events.
Eligible members will receive an
email notice approximately one week before sales.**

New!

Update your membership online!

Visit

<https://coralvillepubliclibrary.org/about/friends-of-the-library/> membership tab.

The Friends of the Coralville Library newsletter is published twice a year usually in April and October.
(FriendsOfCoralvillePL@gmail.com)

The newsletter can also be viewed on our web site:
coralvillepubliclibrary.org/friends.

Thanks for your support.

BOOK SALES

Remaining 2023 Book Sales

**April 28-29
August 4-5
November 3-4**