Epilogue Bookstore Volunteer Newsletter
July 2018

Update

In June Epilogue Bookstore took in about $768.50. It was a quiet month in the store. June's end of the month sales report documented that the best selling item was hard back books accounting for $275.50 of the total intake. The end of the fiscal year report is truly the awesome news! The fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 so from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 FOSL realized a total increase in funds of $19,814.48 from FOSL membership dues, donations and Epilogue Bookstore sales. Because FOSL had dollars left from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, FOSL was able to pass on $20,888.04 to the library to support programming and technology. None of the above would have been possible without your support!

Library Board of Trustees Resolution

On July 9, 2018 the Samuels Library's Board of Trustees passed "A Resolution Commending The Service of the Friends of Samuels Library" at its bimonthly Board meeting. The resolution honors the members and volunteers for "their diligent support, active volunteerism, and major contributions to the health and welfare of Samuels Public Library ". The resolution documented over 6,000 hours of volunteer work which is only the hours recorded by FOSL volunteers. It does not count the hours freely given but not recorded. The volunteers in Epilogue Bookstore made a difference to the library and to the community and definitely deserve the library's recognition. To review the full text of the resolution go to the home page on FOSL's website at www.friendsofsamuelslibrary.net .

Volunteer Schedule

Thank you everyone for your help with covering vacant shifts in Epilogue Bookstore. There are still some openings in July and Augusts' schedules circulating now. Please let Lori Girard know if you are available to fill any of them. Dixie Smelser relinquished some of her hours because of her work schedule but happily will help when she can. Meanwhile, if you have not already done so, let Lori Girard know if you have plans to be away. Lori's email address is gehrigsmommy@gmail.com

New Volunteers

The FOSL Volunteer Committee is actively seeking new volunteers. Volunteer applications are prominently displayed on the store counter. Encourage any interested patron to fill out the application and take it to the library circulation desk or to visit the library or FOSL websites to apply. Please consider that word of mouth is often the best method of volunteer recruitment. If you know anyone who would fit in with our volunteer family but they have questions, invite them to contact Joan Richardson at 540-636-3352 or at joankr@centurylink.net .

Volunteer Spotlight

The "Volunteer Spotlight" is a new feature in the newsletter to help everyone become "acquainted with" your volunteer colleagues. I have attached a copy of the Volunteer Spotlight Poster that provides a snapshot of one of the store's volunteers. Joan will be coming to all of you to ask your permission to feature you in the "spotlight". Of course you can say no should you not be comfortable with the idea.

AUTHOR! AUTHOR!

Our volunteer family has an author in its midst. In 2004 Mike Richards published a book entitled *Revolutions in World History"*. We have a copy in the store that Mike autographed. Thank you Mike and good luck with your move.

Thoughts, Concerns, and Ideas

Please don't hesitate to pass on any suggestions you might have regarding ways to make the bookstore more successful and your experience more enjoyable. You work in the store and see the day-to-day operation; therefore, you have the opportunity to observe problems or complications. Contact Joan Richardson at 540-636-3352 or joankr@centurylink.net to pass on any ideas. You will see this paragraph in every newsletter because your ideas are important to us.

Joan Richardson on behalf of the Board of Directors for the Friends of Samuels Library.