



Epilogue Bookstore Volunteer Newsletter

November 2018

Update

“Square’s” end of the month report for October documented that Epilogue Bookstore along with FOSL’s annual book sale took in about \$3,091.00. The book sale brought in \$2,500.00. Thank you all for the time you gave to make this possible! The book sale was pronounced a success by all concerned.

Volunteer Schedule

As a reminder - please let Lori know as soon as you are aware that you cannot make one of your shifts so she can find someone to fill-in. Lori’s email address is gehrigsmommy@gmail.com or for more spur of the moment contact, she asks that you text her or call her at [540-660-1039](tel:540-660-1039)

Volunteer Duties

As the bookstore matures and FOSL learns more about its management needs, new volunteer jobs have been created. We have seen an increase in the number of volunteers interested in helping in the store. While it’s still true that staffing the bookstore remains the highest priority, FOSL is now able to channel more volunteer assistance to sorting and caring for the back stock of books for the store. Susan Hayes and Karen Heier trained on November 14th to learn the routines around sorting donated books and keeping the bookstore stocked with quality material.

Steve Earle has assumed the role of maintaining supplies for the Keurig machine. Besides donating the Keurig machine and keeping an eye on supplies Steve has offered ideas focused on making this venture as successful as possible. FOSL appreciates Steve’s attention to the details.

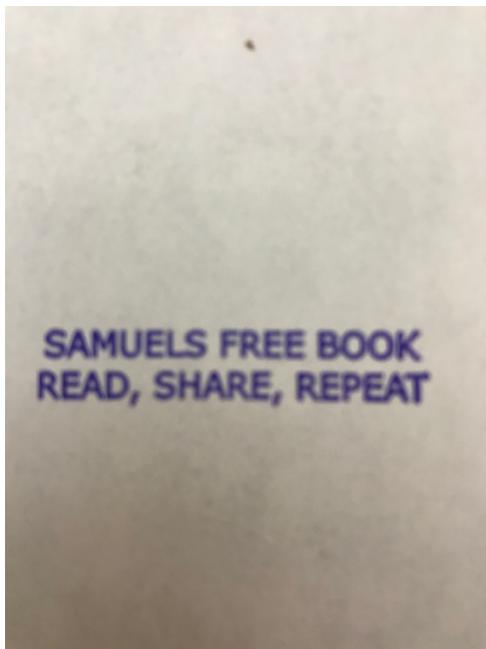
FOSL also welcomes Sharon Fisher and Jessica Priest Cahill to its volunteer family. Sharon and Jessica will be helping FOSL meet its mission to provide quality adult programs to the community through Samuels Public Library. Both Sharon and Jessica have served as speakers for multiple programs and have been instrumental in suggesting and organizing these programs. Sharon will also use her computer skills to create posters for upcoming programs and sales in the bookstore, as well as taking charge of publicizing these events to FOSL members through vertical response.

Upcoming Sales in Epilogue

Once the sale on children's books closes, Epilogue will offer Christmas and holiday books at 50% off. Just as the Christmas shopping fever really grips everyone, "gift" books will be the next bargain item offered by the store after gift books. Encourage your friends and family to consider Epilogue Bookstore as a Christmas shopping destination.

Free Books at Samuels Library

Samuels Library will offer free books to people who are not able to obtain a library card. The stamp pictured below will appear on the page edges opposite the spine of the book. If any of the books with this stamp should accidentally make their way to the bookstore, please do not charge a patron for such a book. It may happen that the patron wants to make a donation which would be fine, but it should be made clear the book is free.



Inclement Weather

On November 15th this area was hit with inclement weather. Lori Girard sent out an email to all of you on November 14th which said:

“Hi all,

I've had a few ask me about the inclement weather policy. My best advice is to keep an eye out on the library website <https://samuelslibrary.net/> to see if they have made the decision to close. They are good about posting closings right there on the homepage. No sense in coming out to a closed library. Other than that, if you feel at all unsafe coming in for your shift, don't chance it. Just shoot me a text or email and/or call the front desk of the library to let them know so they're informed. Keeping the store open isn't worth anyone getting hurt.

Thanks!

Lori “

These are definitely words to live by! FYI – you can also call the library at 635-3153. If the library is closed or is planning to close early/ open late, a recording will supply that information. The motto is safety first.

New Volunteers

FOSL and the library still need more volunteers! Volunteer applications are prominently displayed on the store counter. Encourage any interested patron to fill one out and take it to the library circulation desk. The application is also available on the FOSL and library websites. Please consider that word of mouth is often the best method of volunteer recruitment. If you know anyone who is interested but has questions, invite them to contact Joan Richardson at 540-636-3352 or at joankr@centurylink.net .

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.