



Epilogue Bookstore Volunteer Newsletter

March 2018

Update

In February Epilogue Bookstore took in about \$1,100.00. February's end of the month sales report documented that a total of 594 items were sold; the best selling item was hard back books. Considering February is a short month and that one of the days in the month was a holiday Monday, it was a very successful month.

FOSL purchase for the library

The library had both of its servers go down on February 21, 2018. Because of the age of the servers, replacement parts are no longer available. The library had to purchase new servers for a total cost of \$16,000. Thanks to the support of FOSL members and the volunteers in Epilogue Bookstore, FOSL was able to issue a check for \$8,000 toward the purchase of new servers. FOSL had also committed \$6,000 to the refurbishing of the Children's Department. That work was completed in February. The cost was lower than expected thanks to the vigilance of library staff so the library asked for only \$1,700 to help cover this project. The cost over and above the \$1,700 was covered by a generous donor. Thank you all for your investment in the process and success of the bookstore. Epilogue's volunteers deserve a great deal of credit for FOSL's ability to provide financial assistance to the library. Harold Hayes, Library Director for Samuels Library sent the following message to all who volunteer in Epilogue Bookstore:

"I would like to express my deep appreciation for the monies recently donated by FOSL to the Samuels Public Library. You allowed us to put the finishing touches on the play area AND provided for the replacement of the hardware that runs the library when it failed... suddenly... catastrophically. So, the next time you are working in the FOSL bookstore, remember that your volunteering helps keep the library running in a very literal sense! Thank you for your service to FOSL, Samuels Public Library, and our community."

Thanks,
Harold A. Hayes, Library Director

Note Cards

By now you have probably noticed the file boxes on one of the book shelves next to the bookstore checkout desk. They are filled with blank note cards or a variety of greeting cards. Epilogue Bookstore customers are welcome to purchase them. They may name their own price from 10 cents to 50 cents or more if they chose. There is a small wooden box nestled amongst

the file boxes where patrons can put their payment. If you have a chance you might want to help keep the card boxes in some order.

Safety Notice

The following notice was issued by Harold Hayes this week. Please observe this new policy.

“Some of our library patrons have allergies to nuts; therefore, for their safety the public areas of the library are now nut-free (peanuts and tree nuts). All foods and snacks in the public areas of the library must be free of tree nuts, peanuts and peanut oil (this includes peanut butter). Staff may still bring peanut butter and other items with nuts, but they may only be eaten in the staff lunchroom. Thank you for your support!

Thanks

Harold A. Hayes, Library Director
Samuels Public Library “

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.

New Volunteers

The store is in need of more volunteers. Word of mouth is often the best advertisement so please, if you know anyone who would fit into our volunteer family, invite them to contact Joan Richardson at 540-636-3352 or joankr@centurylink.net if they have questions. New volunteers will find a volunteer application on the library website www.samuelslibrary.net or on FOSL's website www.friendsofsamuelslibrary.net

Don't despair, Spring is coming!

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