



January 2019

# Bookstore Banter

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*“Volunteerism is  
currency that  
appreciates.”*

*- Anna McCarthy*

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## Even the Smallest Purchases Add Up!

In December the store brought in \$910.92. The top selling category of merchandise was hard back books, with 572 hardbacks being sold. Total net sales in 2018 was \$16,257.11 which includes \$3,000 from the book sale, donations, memberships purchased in the store, and other miscellaneous sales. 2018 was a good year and it's due to your hard work and dedication! Thanks to every one of you for a job well done.

## News You Can Use

The sale of DVDs, Audio Books and CDs spurred sales in the month of January. The week of Jan 7-Jan 12 raised over \$440. Congratulations!

There will be more computers with monitors coming our way as the library phases in newer units. These move fast so be on the lookout for the sale cart.

Note that there are a number of 2017/18 books on the "New" shelf for \$3. They are in great shape and by well-known authors.

## Making Room

Someone has agreed to help the Library find new homes for discards and books FOSL doesn't want for either the bookstore or the book sale.

- 1) She is looking for a few volunteers to help sort the books we have already accumulated and stored in the back room. If you are interested in helping out, please let Lori Girard know.
- 2) If you see books (particularly novels) that have been on the shelf a very long time (3 months or more), please pull them and place in the box just inside the back room next to the restock shelves. There will be a clearly marked sign on the wall.

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“Outside of a dog, a book is a man’s best friend. Inside of a dog, it’s too dark to read.”

-Groucho Marx

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## Money Management

Just a reminder – When you end your shift, please be sure to leave \$35.00 in the cash box. All other monies should be turned in with your end of shift cash envelope. It is also important to count the cash in the box at the beginning of your shift to ensure there is \$35.00 in the box. Lastly, look at the mix of change you pass on to the next shift – will that next shift have adequate denominations of bills and coins to get through their time in the store?

## Scheduling

I would like to thank all of you for making the scheduling for Epilogue easy and fun for me. As a reminder - please let me know as soon as you are aware that you cannot make one of your shifts so I can find someone to fill-in. My email address is [gehrigsmommy@gmail.com](mailto:gehrigsmommy@gmail.com) or for more spur of the moment contact, you may text or call me at 540-660-1039. – *Lori*

## Volunteers

FOSL and the library still need more volunteers! Volunteer applications are prominently displayed at 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](mailto:joankr@centurylink.net).

## Thoughts, Concerns, 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](mailto:joankr@centurylink.net) to pass on any ideas. You will see this paragraph in every newsletter because your ideas are important to us!

Respectfully submitted by Lori Girard on behalf of the Board of Directors for the Friends of Samuels Library

