

# FRIENDS OF THE DUNLAP PUBLIC LIBRARY

January 2025 General Membership Meeting



# President's Report

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- **Friends' activities since October**
  - Focus on planning winter fundraisers
  
  - Developing foundational documents
  
  - Changes to the board
    - Adding board members
    - Expanding committees

# Vice President's Report

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- We have a new board member and Vice President!
- Please welcome Ashley Hunter to the team!



# Treasurer's Report

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- **Current Balance: \$12140.43**
- **Deposits: \$1250**
  - **\$1250 Donation**
    - **\$1000**
      - **Qualifies for 1:1 Cat Foundation match to be paid in 2025**
    - **\$250**
      - **Qualifies for 2:1 Cat Foundation match to be paid in 2025**
  - **Withdrawals: \$0**



# Secretary's Report

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- Accepting members since April 2024
- Current membership: 47 members in good standing
- Please share the work that FDPL is doing with your own Friends!

# Library Liaison's Report

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- The library has received the Tonie boxes and Tonies, and is working on processing and cataloging.
- Having Friends in the library for the mug pop-up events was a great way for the public to learn more about the Friends group.
- Alice in Wonderland Winter Reading has begun. Themed programming will run January through February, culminating with the mini-golf event in early March.
- Reception for Retired Trustee Angela Dhall.
- Thank you to the Friends members and Board!



# COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

# Building Awareness

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- National Friends of Libraries Week October 20-26
  - Raffle featuring NFLW mug and tote bag
  - Friends' "freebies", bookmarks and stickers, available to all
- FDPL Facebook Page launched in November
  - Used to promote meetings and events
  - Critical to Giving Tuesday and EOY Gift Giving campaigns
  - Please promote our posts to your social media outlets

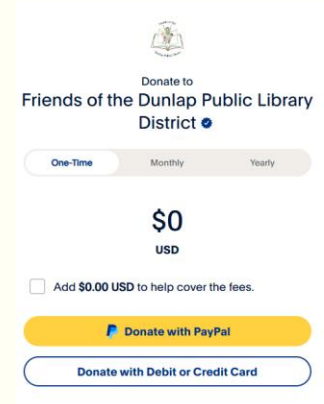




# Building Awareness, *cont.*

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- EOY gift giving campaign utilized Facebook, library newsletter, and individual contacts
  - PayPal donation page debuted in December
  - FDPL available as an organization in the Caterpillar Foundation's year-round Matching Gifts program
  
- Classic titles "book mug" & special Friends bookmark
  - Discounted price for FDPL provides a membership perk
  - Several opportunities to build awareness of FDPL
    - Display at circulation desk
    - Pop up sales
    - Prize for the Adult Winter Reading Challenge
    - Down the Rabbit Hole mini golf event





# NEW GIFTING GUIDELINES

# Gifts Guiding Principles

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- The Friends use guiding principles when determining how their financial resources will be utilized to support the Dunlap Public Library. Such principles are important to:
  - Insure a level of consistency
  - Maintain status as a non-profit organization
  - Develop shared understanding between all members that may participate in this process (e.g., Friends members, Friends board members, Library staff, etc.)
- These principles are meant to be used as a guide and the document may be modified via vote as needed.

# Selecting and Prioritizing Library Gifts

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- **Non-Profit Compliance**
  - Ensure gifts don't jeopardize the Friends' non-profit status.
- **Mission Alignment**
  - Gifts must align with the Friends' Mission and Vision.
- **Patron Benefit**
  - Prioritize gifts benefiting a significant number of patrons.
- **Financial Sustainability**
  - Consider ongoing expenses and Friends' funding ability.
- **Library Approval**
  - Vet gifts to ensure utility and maintenance feasibility.
- **Community Exposure**
  - Gifts should enhance Friends' visibility and support.
- **Durability**
  - Opt for durable items due to high public usage.
- **Historical Funding**
  - Avoid gifts the Library has traditionally funded to prioritize new opportunities.

# Gift Giving Timeline

Determine available funds for gifting

Jan

Board selects options to be presented to General Membership

At the General Membership Meeting a vote is held on which items will be funded

Apr

Board does second round of selection from wishlist to present for vote

Sept

Library builds the wishlist  
Includes time for board to ask clarifying questions and receive response

Feb/Mar

Board revisits remaining budget

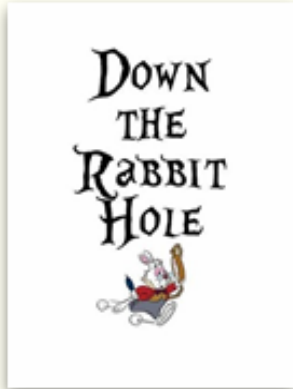
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Second vote occurs at General Membership Meeting

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# Down the Rabbit Hole Fundraiser

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- 18-hole mini golf in the library with *Alice in Wonderland* characters on site
- Saturday, March 1, 2025 from 2-6 pm
- \$5 per player includes snack and photo opportunities
- Local businesses are participating as hole sponsors
- Need volunteers for set up and take down as well as running the event
- Planning Committee: Anne Coghill, Bill Coghill, Peg Creasy, Kelly Kerckhove, Laura Keyes, Melissa Weyeneth



# First Look Books for Friends

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Publishers print "advance review copies" (ARC), free promotional copies of yet to be published books

Advance review copies are often available at library conferences. Our Library Director kindly brought books back from a recent conference

ARC books are now available for Friends to borrow via an honor system

ARC books are located in a bookcase to the immediate right of the circulation desk.

To check a book out, simply complete a check out slip and place it in the bin.

# WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW FRIENDS!

Invite your friends, family and neighbors to join. **All are welcome!** You don't have to be a Dunlap resident to be a Friend of the Dunlap Public Library!





OUR NEXT GENERAL  
MEETING IS:  
APRIL 10TH, 2025 @ 6PM

Next Monthly Board Meeting  
February 3rd @ 5pm -by the fireplace

