

OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2022

The quarterly newsletter of the
**Friends of the Stoughton
Public Library**



Happy Fall Friends!

Here's what we've been up to since our last newsletter:

National Night Out on August 2 was an annual community building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. Held at Nordic Ridge Park, the Friends' table promoted awareness of our organization and to engage with individuals and families. We heard many positive comments about the library events and services. **At least 40 children participated in our take-home craft project!** Even Batman made an appearance.



Movie Night on Aug. 27 was co-sponsored by the Friends. The movie *Detective Pikachu* was shown on a huge screen at Nordic Ridge Park, in conjunction with the library and the City's recreation department. We thank the library for creating an intro. video mentioning the Friends before the movie started.

Saturday Farmer's Market on Sept. 17 was another awareness event to boost membership and sell raffle tickets for the upcoming Fall fundraiser! Market staff were welcoming and we met a lot of current members and new supporters who purchased tickets. We had a children's book give-away which was very popular.





Fall Raffle Results

The Fall Raffle was a great success. In August and September, businesses and individuals were asked to either sponsor the fundraising event or donate an item as a prize. The response was wonderful: sponsor funds \$1,800, raffle ticket sales \$2,555 and donations \$1,000 totaled gross revenue of \$5,355. After expenses of \$494, the net income was **\$4,861**. Thank you to the individuals and businesses who donated prizes.

THANK YOU!

Sponsors include: **Culver's-Stoughton, H&R Block, CMA Accounting, Stoughton Rotary, and Nazareth Health & Rehabilitation.**

Prize Donors include:

- **woodworker Merlin Luschen**
- **Stoughton Garden Center**
- **Stoughton Opera House**
- **Stoughton Country Club**
- **Tru by Hilton**
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- **Costco**
- **One Community Bank**
- **Viking Brew Pub**
- **Friends of the Library**
- **Lesley Johnson**
- **quilter Pam Zeisner**
- **weaver Sarah Bukrey,**
- **woodworker Mike Andersen**
- **Geoff Burt**



CLICK HERE TO SEE THE PRIZE WINNERS:

<https://www.stoughtonpubliclibrary.org/friends-library>

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2022 RAFFLE PHOTOS



THANK YOU FOR BEING A BOOK LOVER

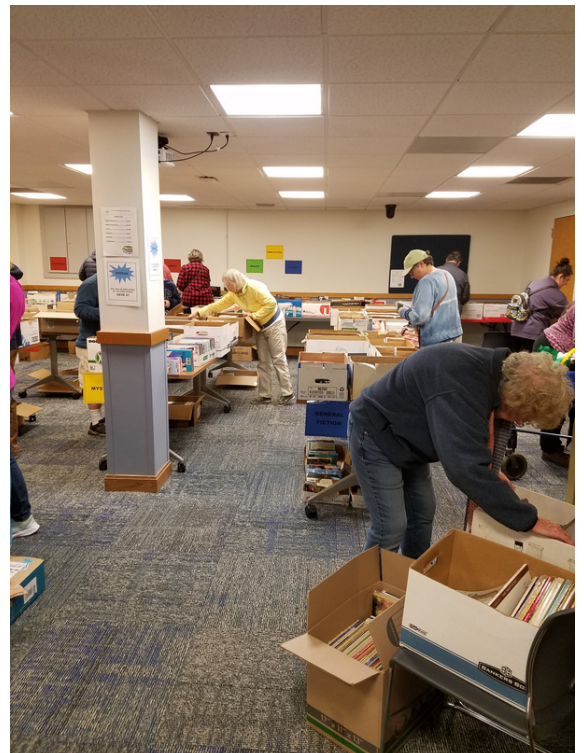
Our **BIG Book Sale** was Sept. 23 and 24. It was very well attended and successful thanks to all who shopped and supported the Friends.

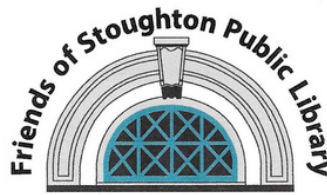
A huge thank you to our many volunteers who gave their time and energy to set up the sale, work at the sale and take down and box up the remaining books: Christine, Dolores, Erleen, Mona, Claudette, Peggy, Lynn, Jan, Dayna, Joni, Paula, Jean, Amy, Judy, Ruth, Sharon, Jocelyn, Nancy, Lesley and Jeanne.

We raised \$1,186 (after expenses) and could not have done it without all of your help! It's estimated that 900 to 1,000 books were put into the hands of children, teens and adults!

Children's books featuring diversity and inclusion were donated to Head Start and the Itty Bitty Bookstore. Spreading the love of reading is one of our major goals!

Pictured below are just a few of our wonderful volunteers.





National Friends of Libraries Week is Oct. 16-22, 2022

Library friends groups help support local libraries and celebrates the contributions of friends across the nation. How you can help promote awareness? We know you already visit our wonderful Stoughton Public Library. Encourage neighbors, friends and family to become members of our Friends group. During this week, a flyer promoting membership will be placed in library patron's books on hold. Hopefully we will be able to double our membership from the current 100 individual and family members. **Thank you to Thrivent Financial for the \$250 action team grant to print the flyers.**

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**Our next board meeting is Tuesday
Jan. 10, 2023 at 6 pm in the library's
Carnegie Room. Please join us!**

Membership renewal notices
will be mailed in November so
you can continue to support the
Friends in 2023.

The annual meeting was held on Oct. 11, 2022. We were fortunate to have two new individuals, Chris Phillips and Sybil Pressprich, elected to serve starting in January 2023. We'll introduce Chris and Sybil to you in the January newsletter!

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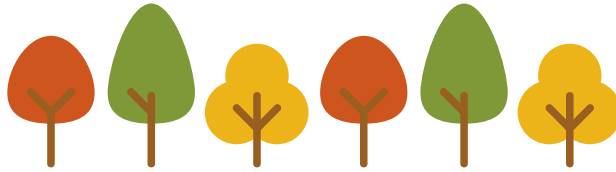
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