

# April–June, 2017 Newsletter

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*Thank you to the Edmonds Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Dave Earling and the Edmonds Library for hosting the ribbon-cutting ceremony!*

## Ribbon-cutting ceremony held for major library upgrades

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### Short-term volunteer opportunities!

FEL currently is seeking a few members to serve on short-term committees that help us determine the coming year's direction and priorities. We have spots open on the Nominating Committee and the Budget Committee. If you're interested, [please email us](#) for more information. Thank you!

### Upcoming FEL and Library Events

- Edmonds Library event calendar with many Explore Summer free kids programs: [Event Calendar](#).
- September Membership Program: Mary Kay Sneeringer, Edmonds Bookshop, 6:30pm, September 28
- October Membership Program: Andy Eccleshall, painter and muralist, 6:30pm, October 26
- Annual Sale: October 27-28
- November Annual General Meeting: 1:30pm, November 16

### April–June financial highlights

- ♦ Ongoing Sale income:
  - ♦ April: \$1,229.50
  - ♦ May: \$1,277
  - ♦ June: \$1,535
- ♦ Membership and donations: \$305



Student authors from Marjie Bowker's Scriber Lake High classes.

## May Program, 2017 Scholarship

At our meeting in May we had the privilege of hearing from Scriber Lake High School teacher Marjie Bowker's students. Marjie runs an award-winning writing program in which students explore the writing process, from rough draft to contributing to the publishing of a book of collected stories. Each student read from their stories and shared a bit about what the program has done for them personally. They explained how writing and sharing their stories in a supportive environment helped them to process challenging circumstances and traumatic past experiences. The audience was captivated by these young peoples' beautiful writing and raw honesty. Thank you to all of the members who were able to attend. The marketing manager of the group reported back to us that our meeting was their most lucrative in book sales to date! If you are interested in purchasing one of their books, [you can do so on Amazon](#).

At our June meeting, Scholarship Committee Chair Diane Stanhope introduced the 25th annual UW Master of Library and Information Science Scholarship winner Shannon Adkins. The annual scholarship is a source of pride for the Friends, who are able to present this unique award to students aspiring to make change in the world through public librarianship. The winner receives \$4,000 towards their degree. Diane and the Scholarship Committee worked very hard to choose a winner out of the extremely qualified candidates. Shannon shared with the group her background in library work that began at a young age, as well as her passion for serving through librarianship. She thanked the Friends for the generous scholarship that will allow her to focus on special projects. She plans to work with the local Books to Prisoners organization and form a social justice book club with her extra time. Thank you to all of our members who help provide funds to make this award possible!

## Board and Membership approve new By-Laws, Policies and Procedures

Along with all of the fun happenings this Spring, the By-laws and Policies and Procedures Committee worked hard to ensure those documents were both relevant and continue to help us best accomplish our goals. This process is repeated approximately every three years. After careful review and editing by the committee, both documents require board and membership approval. The board approved both in May and we had just enough for a quorum at our June meeting, and the new By-laws and Policies and Procedures were voted on and unanimously approved. Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the meeting and vote. The updated documents are available on our website:

- [By-Laws](#)
- [Policies and Procedures](#)



Scholarship recipient Shannon Adkins with Scholarship Committee Chair Diane Stanhope

Have you been to the library recently? Here are some of the changes you can expect:



The cluster of four new checkout computers, located next to the new holds section



The new all-in-one computers and desks are a huge functional upgrade for library patrons



New storage and display area behind the single point of service



The new holds area features matching endcaps to the ones FEL purchased for the non-fiction section in 2016



Included for cuteness: Reading with Rover turned 10!

# Managing Librarian's report

I am happy to announce the most extensive remodel since the carpeting project in 2008 was successfully completed in June. The project was actually three upgrades done concurrently to minimize inconvenience to customers and disruption to staff workload.

The customer service area was given an updated look. Beyond the aesthetics of the maple wood cabinetry, the design is functional and allows for bulletin boards and shelving that addressed needed solutions for workflow and technology that were not there in the original 1982 design. The customer service area also consolidates both the circulation and information desks where the reference librarians and circulation staff help everyone from one point of service. This addresses the issue of duplicating and sometimes redundant staffing of, eliminates customer confusion and the "ping pong" effect of being directed from one service desk to another when asking for help.

The simplicity of single point of service is the staff have the training and knowledge to answer your question or easily get someone who can help. One important aspect of the change is the ability for staff and customers to be able to more easily interact. To that end, a common space with public catalog and registration computers is strategically located near the service desk so staff can assist customers with questions.

We were also able to add two additional self-check stations for a total of four located around the pillar closest to the FEL book sale area. They have the latest library technology housed on matching maple wood finished cabinetry and already are well used! To create the common area and to be closer to the self-check stations, the holds shelves are now centrally located for easy access to find and check out material seamlessly.

The second project was the children's storage area. Youth Services is a major part of what we do and it entails collecting supplies for arts and crafts, books and toys for story times. On account of the generosity of FEL, we were able to utilize storage originally intended for art prints. Our children's staff were able to create a design that repurposed a lot of wasted space and consolidated children's supplies to one place. It had the added benefit to create more space for other departments.

The third project is the most visible, utilitarian for customers and involves one of our most used and popular resources--public computers. The FEL made a substantial purchase to replace all of the library's computer tables and replace them with the SIL standard. More importantly, it resolves the long standing wish of customers of having monitors on the desk rather than below, whose screens were difficult to see and USB slots hard to access. The tables have a maple wood finish, visually appealing and added benefit of a smaller footprint creating more space in the library for book displays and study tables.

The FEL purchase of tables expedited the replacement schedule for the new "all-in-one" monitor/computer combination for the Edmonds Library. These computers have the latest technology and a form factor that includes USB ports on the side of the monitor for easier access.

All in all, a very busy couple of months so time for everyone including myself to enjoy some light reading. Enjoy your summer and see you all in September!

*Thank you, Richard, for all your hard work managing the partnerships between the Friends, Sno-Isle and the City of Edmonds in getting these great upgrades completed!*

*Sincerely,*

*Friends of the  
Edmonds Library*

## Contact Us

Do you have ideas about who we can work with, projects to implement or are interested in volunteering?

Please reach out to us!

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