

November, 2017 Newsletter

EdmondsLibraryFriends.org

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Annual Sale raises \$7,588 for FEL

Thank you to those who supported our Edmonds Library by donating books, volunteering their time and shopping at the annual book sale this year. Highlights include the continued Rick Steves book and DVD donation, the ability to pay via debit / credit card and Kindle contest book recommendation winners announced during the sale. With storage arranged for 2018 we'll see you next October! Final financial details to come in our December full-year wrap up newsletter.





Mary Kay gives her recommendations for 2018 reading.

September–October Programs

Mary Kay Sneeringer, owner of Edmonds Bookshop, thankfully continued the annual sharing of her book picks at our September program. For those unacquainted with Edmonds Bookshop it was established in 1972 as a family-run business, owned by two experienced book professionals, and staffed by smart, gracious, well-read employees. Since 2001 the current ownership has carried on the tradition of a community bookstore being at the center of culture, discovery and enlightenment, while enhancing the small town shopping experience of Edmonds.

Andy Eccleshall, Edmonds painter and muralist, shared his background, how he got into painting, his unique process and a wonderful slideshow of his work at our October program. He openly answered questions throughout his presentation and provided insight into the nature that inspires him. We challenge you to find all his murals around Edmonds! For those that couldn't attend Andy usually participates in the annual Edmonds art self-guided tour where you have an opportunity to peek into private studios, meet and talk with professional artists, see the work in progress and newly finished works available for purchase.



Andy discussing his upbringing in England and how that influenced him.

FEL–Library presentation to Edmonds Chamber

FEL President Luke Distelhorst and Edmonds Managing Librarian Richard Suico presented at one of the Edmonds Chambers July weekly networking breakfasts. In addition to covering roles both organizations fill in our community they highlighted a couple areas where we could use support from Chamber members including the need for new annual storage as well as business sponsorships for the annual book sale. We hope we can continue to find new partnerships with like-minded organizations.

Presentations on web:

[Sno-Isle Presentation](#)

[FEL Presentation](#)



Edmonds Managing Librarian Richard Suico and FEL President Luke Distelhorst

Annual Meeting — November 16, 1:30pm

FEL will have its annual meeting at 1:30pm on Thursday, November 16. Members will have the chance to approve the Nominating Committee's recommendations for FEL's 2018 Board of Directors as well as the 2018 budget. We will also have an update on 2018 membership programs and wish to thank all of our wonderful volunteers!

2018 Board Recommendations

Submitted by the nominating committee:

Karen Kipper, Jeff Janeway, Wendy Kendall, Rosemary Gunning, Judith Works, and Mim Edelstein.

President Luke Distelhorst

VP Programs Sharron Cramer

VP Membership Karen Kipper

Recording Secretary Jude Shaefer

Treasurer Stella Blomgren

Budget Chair Jeff Janeway

Director Katherine Kidwell

Director Summer Lemieux

Director Kate Ericson

Director Donna Coates *

*VP Programs co-chair

FEL BUDGET - FINAL		2016	2017	2018
		FINAL	FINAL	DRAFT
Income				
Bank Interest		\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 150
Bridge Group		\$ 650	\$ 550	\$ -
Donations		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Membership:				
Family & Individuals		\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300
Sponsorships		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sales				
Annual Book Sale		\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500
Ongoing Book Sale		\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Online Sales		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Outside Bksale		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Social Events		\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
Total Income		\$ 25,800	\$ 25,700	\$ 25,150
Expenses				
Library Amenities		\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
FEL Miscellaneous		\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 200
<i>FEL Operation Expenses</i>				
Aquarium		\$ 1,510	\$ 1,510	\$ 1,510
Plant Care		\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400
Anderson Donation		\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 800
Annual Book Sale		\$ 2,000	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400
Bridge Group		\$ 120	\$ 200	\$ -
Online/Website Host		\$ 150	\$ 140	\$ 140
Honorarium		\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
Merchandise		\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 800
Ongoing Book Sale		\$ 200	\$ 450	\$ 450
Book Storage		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Social Events		\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400
Library Enhancement		\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
FEL Special Projects		\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500
Poster Contest		\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300
Scholarship		\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Memorial & Gifts				
Donation Sponsored				
Total Expenses		\$ 29,880	\$ 35,700	\$ 37,000
Profit or Loss		(\$4,080)	(\$10,000)	\$ (11,850)

Thank You FEL business sponsors!

In 2017 we have been fortunate to welcome some local business sponsors who each made donations of over \$100 to FEL. We appreciate their support of our work and the Edmonds Library and hope to continue our partnerships with them in 2018!



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Managing Librarian's report

With winter upon us, we invariably go to our favorite indoor activities. Mine is snuggling to a cozy read on the couch and listening to an audiobook while doing chores around the house! I'm reading Mary Beard's SPQR. Beard is a popular classicist's whose latest work on Roman history is both engaging and irreverent. I'm also listening to Ray Dalio's "Principles" on audiobook. Dalio is one of the world's most successful investors and founder of the most successful hedge fund in history who shares his time tested philosophy that personal and organizational success is achieved through meaningful work and meaningful relationships through radical transparency. It is a worthwhile listen (or read)--dare I say it is a classic in the making.

On the library side of things, we are focused on implementing our strategic priorities by creating events and programs that promote our sense of community. We continue our storytimes on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings to help increase kindergarten readiness in language and literacy. Also, on December 28 at 2pm, Puppets Please Marionettes will have a variety show showing colorful animal characters who sing and dance for all ages.

We are also building on the idea of civic engagement in our libraries defined as bringing the community around issues of concern raised by and leading to residents who are better informed about their community issues. This has been seen at other libraries through the "Issues That Matter" forums that have addressed issues like homelessness, teen suicide, trafficking, bullying etc. You can look forward to libraries in 2017 and 2018 including Edmonds in spring 2018 hosting ITM forums on various aspects on the topic of mental health. The Edmonds forum will deal on the issue of teen depression and suicide.

The third priority is strengthening our economy by supporting entrepreneurs and small business owners. Edmonds Library has partnered with Seattle's SCORE chapter to offer experienced and experts on general business advice and starting and running a small business on first Thursdays from 4-6pm and second Saturdays from 10a-1pm .

Lastly, you can look forward to the "Music at the Library" series usually on the third Thursday at 630p. They include: November 16, Gary Stroutsos shares his meditative flute music and time honored stories with his "Along the River: Native American Flutes and Stories"; Saturday, December 2 at 2pm, all ages will enjoy the Canote Brothers who share their mastery of vintage American styles of fiddle tunes and country songs; in January, Puget Sound Productions will share traditional and original folk music by recording experts and musicians; and Saturday February 10 from 2-430p, join us for traditional Bluegrass music during the "Wintergrass Festival Preview: Performance and Jam Session".

Here's to all of you having a great holidays, winter season and new beginnings in 2018!

- Richard Suico

Ongoing Sale income:

- ♦ July: \$1,516
- ♦ August: \$1,483
- ♦ September: \$1,291
- ♦ October: \$1,635

Upcoming FEL and Library Events

- Edmonds Library event calendar: [Event Calendar](#)
- Stories of Self and Solidarity: November 16, 10:00 AM
- The Canote Brothers: December 2, 2:00 PM
- Puppets Please Marionettes (sponsored by FEL) December 28, 2:00PM
- Library closures: November 11, December 24-25



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