

# December, 2018

## Newsletter

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New signage and table layout at the October Annual Sale was a big hit; revenue totaled almost \$9,050.

## FEL will mark in 2019 40 years of library support

It has been my absolute pleasure to be involved with the Friends these past two years. We have seen the Ongoing Book Sale team create record revenue from our library-based sale, funded many large and small library projects, taken on new outreach and fundraising opportunities in Edmonds, and worked to ensure that our Friends group has a long future ahead of us.

The upcoming year will be especially important as we celebrate 40 years of supporting the Edmonds Library!

With the recent approval of our 2019 budget, which includes ~\$30,000 in funding for the library, our \$4,000 graduate-level scholarship, and a new Edmonds-focused education and literacy project, it is going to be a big year for our group. And of course we couldn't make this happen without the dedication of our members and volunteers, and the wonderful staff at the Edmonds Library. A heartfelt thank you to all of you!

Please have a safe and happy holidays, and I look forward to working with you all in 2019.

Luke Distelhorst

President, Friends of the Edmonds Library

## Message from the Library Manager

Along with longer nights, holiday shopping and lights and more time spent inside, it is as inevitable the library receive a surge of returns from people cleaning out their house making for plumper, fuller shelves starting December.

It keeps library staff on our toes with shifting materials, year ending weeding projects, sharing material with our other 23 libraries based on their space availability and, of course, displays.

Librarians love to create and customers love to check out book displays evidenced by circulation statistics and empty easels! The ability to draw out the features of the collection based on themes, promoting local and national events and having a fun, eye-catching way to connect our readers with books are valuable reasons to have library displays.

They also assist customers in discovery and highlight the library's holdings, and help librarians with readers' advisory.

I am proud of the Library staff and the FEL ongoing book sale area volunteers creation of a joint winter holiday display that celebrate all the various holidays in the winter months from Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Siwali, Chinese New Year and Las Posadas to name a few.

I hope you take the opportunity to check out the display to buy used books and borrow library books.

Have a wonderful holiday season and here is to a great 2019!

Richard Suico, Library Manager

## Friends book sales will bring in \$30,000+ in 2018

Thanks to the dedication of Friends volunteers the Ongoing Book Sale in the Edmonds Library has already generated more than \$20,000 of income in 2018, and when combined with the Annual Sale (\$9,050), revenue will total over \$30,000 for the year!

This fall we had great themed displays in Ongoing, including one featuring local Northwest authors, and as Richard mentioned above, a display of various books focused on many different winter holidays (below).

At the October Annual Sale, led by volunteer Chris Walton (below, welding), a new table layout, signage, and a comprehensive plan already are paying dividends for Friends volunteers. This year's sale included an author reading with local Mukilteo children's author Trisha Perez.

Does all this sound fun to you? Please email us if you're interested in working on our book sales! [Email FEL](#).







**THANK YOU**



**VOLUNTEERS!**





# Annual Meeting approves 2019 budget, board of directors

If you missed the Friends' annual meeting in November you can find the presentation, budget, and board of directors on our website here:

[Friends 2018 Annual Presentation.](#)



The Annual Meeting was catered by FEL Business Member Chef Dane Catering



Washington Poet Laureate Claudia Castro Luna reading at the Edmonds Library



Edmonds Bookshop owner Mary Kay Sneeringer sharing her book picks for 2018

## Upcoming FEL event dates

- Thursday, January 24, 1:30 pm - Joe Abkin, Kruckeberg Botanical Gardens
- Thursday, February 28, 1:30 pm - Scriber Lake High Student Authors
- Sunday, March 24, 1-4pm - 3rd Annual FEL-Gallaghers' Fundraiser
- Thursday, March 28, 6:30 pm - Jim Landers, Edmonds Historical Museum



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