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I don't know about everyone else but it seems to me that the summer went by way too fast!

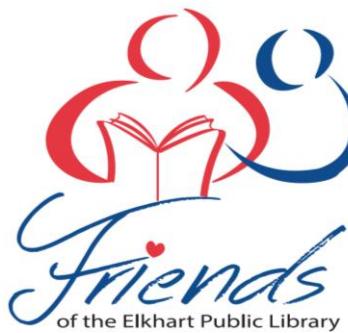
The Friends of the Elkhart Public Library have been busy all summer and we have a full agenda as the fall season arrives. This summer we sponsored or co-sponsored several projects and we were proud to have our name associated with these events.

We helped bring Musical Artist and educator Jeannie B. to the Elkhart area on June 6th. We were also able to co-sponsor Eric Litwin, singer and author of the original "Pete the Cat" books, for his visit and performances at Elkhart elementary schools. These were both real hits with the children and parents.

In addition, we co-hosted the outdoor event on High Street celebrating Harry Potter's 21st birthday, on the steamy afternoon and evening of June 30th. This street party was also very well received in the community and I have been assured that we will have another one next summer with a different theme. Watch this space and the Library website for further information.

As the summer was drawing to a close we were able to install the first of our **Little-Mini Libraries** at the Wellfield the week before Taste of The Gardens in late August. This outreach project is a small, free, "book trading" library (take a book and leave a book if you can) using a re-purposed newspaper vending box, which has been spruced up, using the logos of the Elkhart Public Library, The Friends of the Elkhart Public Library and the Wellfield. So far it has been well received and well used. The book turnover is very good. It is located in front of the "entrance cottage" at the Wellfield so folks may have access without needing to go through the entrance to the park. We have plans for a second installation soon and will keep everyone updated on the progress of phase two of this project.





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October 21-27, 2018 is the 13th annual National Friends of Libraries Week. The Director of the Elkhart Public Library and Trustees of the Board at the Elkhart Public Library have posted a proclamation, to make visitors aware of this special week. We wish to thank Director Lisa Guedea Carreño and The Trustees of The Library Board for the recognition. The Friends of the Elkhart Public Library was formed in late 2010. During the eight years from January of 2011, until now, our Friends of the Library group has given \$52,000 to the library to fund children's programming, contribute to new and emerging technologies, and support staff training. We raise our money through book sales and other fundraising activities.

We have our Trees, Trees, Trees decoration contest coming up again this holiday season. This is the third annual event. Gayle Windsor is the coordinator again this year. She has informed me that the "sign up" deadline to participate is November 10th. Forms are available at the front desk of the library. The drop off times for the decorated trees will be Saturday, November 24th (9 am-1 pm) or the evening of Monday, November 26th (6 pm and 8 pm). Display will begin on Tuesday, November 27th at which time the bidding and voting will also begin. The auction will close on Thursday December 13th. Pick up for the winning bidders will begin on December 15th (9 am- 1 pm) and will conclude on December 17th (6 pm-8 pm). Bidding begins at \$10.00 and proceeds at minimum \$2.50 increments. Categories being judged by the panel of judges are Most Beautiful, Childhood Memories, Most original/Literary and there is a Peoples Choice award. More details and the full list of contest requirements will be available on the Friends of the Elkhart Public Library Facebook page beginning the week of October 21st.

The Board of the Friends of the Elkhart Public Library voted, at the October 2018 meeting, to **bring back the monthly book sales beginning in January 2019**. We have had a number of requests to do this and we believe we now have the manpower to staff the set up, sale day and tear down of the sales, even as we increase the frequency of the sales. Sales will be on the first Saturday of each month from 9 am until 1 pm. We will not have a sale in July due to the fact that this will be the weekend of the Fourth of July celebrations.

Please mark the following book sale dates on your 2019 calendars: January 5th; February 2nd ; March 2nd ; April 6th ; May 4th ; June 1st ; August 3rd ; September 7th ; October 5th ; November 2nd and December 7th. These dates will also be published on the Friends of the Elkhart Public Library section of the Library website.

Currently in the planning stages, we hope to have another **Trivia night** in the late winter or early spring of 2019. We haven't set the date for this yet but stay tuned for further information. I have heard from many of the attendees at the last two events that they really had a great time so we are hoping to repeat those successes.