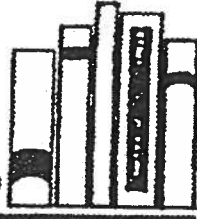


# FRIENDS



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### NEWSLETTER February 2017

#### President's Message

*JoAnne Lotterio*

Dear Friends, a new year and many changes for our organization. We are no longer having an annual book sale at the Red Brick Municipal Building in the Village. Due to an aging volunteer group and no younger members joining, declining profits and continued storage issues, the members attending a special meeting in August made this difficult decision.

However, our book sale room at the Library has been renovated! More shelving and a fresh coat of paint! A great variety of books, DVD's, CD's and books on tape are available. Please stop in to see what's new.

You will be receiving tickets for the Passport to Lewiston Raffle in the mail this spring. Tickets will also be on sale at the Library. This fundraiser becomes more popular every year. Many local businesses participate and we have divided the donations and items purchased into several prizes. More chances to win!

I encourage you to become an "active" Friend of the Library. Our brief monthly meetings are held in the community room at our Library the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM. You can choose to volunteer when it is convenient for you. Fresh ideas and regular participation are always welcome! Thank you for your continued support.

#### Financial Highlights of 2016

*Jo Merino, Treasurer*

The Friends are pleased and proud to report 2016's financial highlights.

Income was derived from:	
Used Book Sales	\$3,034
Membership Dues	850
Donations	845
Tote Bags	70
Raffle Sales	2,670
Net Book Sale	4,107
Amazon Smile	8
The funds were spent on:	
Newsletter Printing	\$389
Newsletter Postage	197
25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration	1,050
Raffle Tickets & Advertising	658
Book Sale Supplies & Wine & Cheese expenditures	349
Friendly Gathering	859
Book Sale Room Spinner	296
Friends' Gifts to the Library:	
Summer Reading Program Rewards	1200
Children's Books	693

Without you and our dedicated volunteers, this would not be possible. Thank you from the Friends. Let us do it again in 2017!

## **Our 2016 Friendly Gathering**

Jo Merino, Treasurer

On October 19, the Friends hosted a gathering to eat, sip and be thankful. Over 100 guests attended. Our guests included dedicated Friends, helpful Librarians and valuable Book Sale Volunteers.

This gathering afforded us the opportunity to thank everyone who made the yearly book sale possible. The number of hours worked and the number of books handled can never be quantified.

We also had the chance to publicly thank our dedicated book sale Chairperson...JoAnne Lotterio. Her husband Mike took on the Chair position in 2004. He had the idea to take it out of the library community room and bring it to the Red Brick School. That year sales increased by \$1,000! Shortly after that, JoAnne took the reins and the rest is history. She hauled millions of books, organized volunteers, sorted, setup and worked the entire sale. The most amazing fact about all the book sales the Lotterios chaired is that they netted \$67,513; the most profitable year was 2010 when the sales reached \$5,775. BRAVO! We truly appreciate their efforts along with the thousands of happy patrons who left the sale, arms full, barely able to wait to get home and read. THANK YOU MIKE & JOANNE.

**THE FRIENDS' USED BOOK SALE ROOM  
HAS UNDERGONE SOME CHANGES.....**

**MORE TABLE BOOKS  
MORE CD'S      MORE DVD'S**

**PLEASE VISIT US AND SUPPORT THE  
LEWISTON LIBRARY**

**WE ARE EAGERLY ACCEPTING DONATIONS  
OF BOOKS, DVDs AND CDs AT THE  
LIBRARY FOR THE BOOK SALE ROOM.**

**PLEASE do not bring encyclopedias, textbooks  
or material in poor condition. THANK YOU.**



**Welcome 2017 - A Fresh New Year**

**JANUARY MEANS IT IS MEMBERSHIP  
RENEWAL TIME. PLEASE FIND MEMBERSHIP  
ENVELOPE ENCLOSED FOR DUES PAYMENT.  
THANK YOU FOR CONTINUED FINANCIAL  
CONTRIBUTIONS.**

In 1971, the children's librarian at the Troy Public Library in Michigan, Marguerite Hart, contacted a number of public figures asking them to write a letter to the children of Troy describing the significance of libraries and their own experiences of reading. She received 97 letters. E.B. White, author of *Stuart Little*, *Charlotte's Web*, *The Trumpet of the Swan* and many more beloved classics, responded with the letter below.

E. B. WHITE

NORTH BROOKFIELD, MAINE

April 14, 1971

Dear Children of Troy:

Your librarian has asked me to write, telling you what a library can mean to you.

A library is many things. It's a place to go, to get in out of the rain. It's a place to go if you want to sit and think. But particularly it is a place where books live, and where you can get in touch with other people, and other thoughts, through books. If you want to find out about something, the information is in the reference books---the dictionaries, the encyclopedias, the atlases. If you like to be told a story, the library is the place to go. Books hold most of the secrets of the world, most of the thoughts that men and women have had. And when you are reading a book, you and the author are alone together---just the two of you. A library is a good place to go when you feel unhappy, for there, in a book, you may find encouragement and comfort. A library is a good place to go when you feel bewildered or undecided, for there, in a book, you may have your question answered. Books are good company, in sad times and happy times, for books are people---people who have managed to stay alive by hiding between the covers of a book.

*EB White*

Forty six years later, a library still means the same to so many. We love our Lewiston Library!