

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021

FRIENDS OF AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY

Friends began meeting again in July 2021, after having not met for over a year, due to the pandemic. With the new construction at the Amherst Library all recent meetings have been held in the Fellowship Hall at the Amherst Historical Society. When the library construction is completed, Friends will meet in the new second floor meeting room. Plans are to hold future book sales there, also.



A Friends donation helped to offset the cost of purchasing books for the Library book clubs that began meeting in July. Cost to Friends: \$2000.00.

Friends hosted the 7th annual paper shredding in July, assisted by Scout Troop 494, who collected bags and boxes of papers from the cars as they drove through. Cost to Friends: \$821.56.

Another annual project was the purchasing of a book (448 copies) for each kindergartener at Powers, St Joseph, and Firelands Schools. The book selected for last fall was *The Doorbell Rang*, by Pat Hutchin. When the books were distributed, a Friends volunteer read the story in each classroom. Cost to Friends: \$1662.08.

In December, Friends and Amherst Library co-sponsored a Marion L. Steele Choir Concert of seasonal music at Heritage Presbyterian Church for the community. The price of admission was a donation to the food pantry. Cost to Friends: covered by donations.

Friends made small donations to Amherst Historical Society, the Veterans Mural Association, and the Hot Dog Heaven paver project. Cost to Friends: \$400.00.

Income came from sales from the Book Nook (\$1752.96), Membership (\$1316.25), Amazon Smile (\$79.30), and donations \$270.00).

Total assets as of December 31, 2021 equal \$14,468.69.