February 1, 2024

Happy February!

Welcome to our new member, Leslie Scott.

Our winter **Book Sale** is coming soon - **February 16 & 17, 10am - 4pm** both days. Fall in love with some great books! We have fiction, poetry, romantic & inspirational fiction, crime fiction, and large print, in addition to gardening, cooking, crafts & hobbies, history, biography and much more! This sale we also have a variety of vintage westerns, books about World War II, Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew and more! Friends members are invited to attend 30 minutes early (9:30am) on Friday and are entitled to one free book. Huge selection of books, puzzles, movies, music, audiobooks and more!! We hope to see you there!

For February, the **Everyday Book Sale stand** has romantic and inspirational fiction, and a selection of books (for all ages) for Black History Month. The stand is restocked weekly, so look it over when you are in the library.

Membership renewal notices will be mailed soon. We hope you will renew your membership for another year. We hope you will renew your membership for another year. Remember, you can renew online at https://forms.donorsnap.com/form?id=0627465c-850d-4de1-9fae-5516e7dbe8e1.

We had a productive **meeting** on January 27 and the minutes will soon be posted on our web page. Please see the attached Annual Report for the highlights of 2023!

Scholarships - The Friends will award several Sandra Larson Memorial Scholarships of \$750 this spring. The awards are made to high school seniors who live in or attend school in the Fern Ridge Library District. Application forms will be available soon on the Friends' web page, at the library, and on the Elmira High School website (limited to students, their parents and staff). Applications are due April 1. The scholarships are funded entirely by two generous local donors. Help us spread the word and recruit good candidates!

Be sure to check out the library's **monthly calendar** of activities. Pick up a paper copy when you are in the building, or look it up on the library website at <u>fernridgelibrary.org/calendars</u>. Adult programs this month include book club meetings, Walk & Talk every Thursday at 9am, AARP Tax Aid on Saturdays & Mondays, Hobby Hangout on Feb. 7 & 21, NAMI Peer Connection Support Group on Feb. 12, Ridge Writers on Feb. 14 & 28, and "The Big Read" Book Discussion on Feb. 17. There are also a variety of programs for all age groups of younger readers from Baby & Toddler Storytime to Teen Hour.

The **ArtSpace** will showcase Suzanne Keaveny's beautiful paintings of the Oregon landscape from January 5 through February 8. Don't forget to take a look!

The library will be closed Monday, February 19 in observance of President's Day.

Fall in love with a good book! Hope to see you at the book sale!



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