

Friends

of the

Library

Spring 2023

NEWSLETTER

Friends of the Library Annual ***Book - Plant - Bake Sale***

At Roger Marten
Community Center

May 6, 2023
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.



UPDATES FROM THE FRIENDS

April 2023

Dear Friend of the Library,

This could prove to be a most exciting year for the Mondovi Public Library and a great time to be a “Friend”! The MPL Capital Campaign Committee has raised \$1.6 as of March 2023 for the new library building and the location has moved to the lot across the street with a floor plan soon to go out for bids. After receipt of the submittals, we will both know the cost of the project and an idea of when the construction can begin. Be sure to watch for updates in the Buffalo County News and on the MPL website (mondovilibrary.org).

It is easy to become a member of the Friends of the Library. Dues are inexpensive levied per year at \$3.00 for an individual and \$5.00 for a family. There are four meetings a year, once per quarter, and their purpose is to plan how to support the library and organize fundraising or awareness events. The Friends support the summer reading program with prizes, provide supplies for children, youth and adult activities, sponsor author visits and finally consider any needs that the library staff might have and generally support this busy community location.

Here is a list of upcoming events for the Friends of the Mondovi Public Library:

1. Newcomers are always welcome at our meetings. The next one is on **Tuesday, April 18 at 5:30pm** in the library. Bring a friend!
2. The “Friends” biggest fundraiser is the annual **Book Sale**. As often happens, the Mondovi Garden Club will be joining us with Spring plants on **Saturday, May 6 from 8 am to 1 pm** at the Marten Center. Help is needed for setup on Friday starting at 4:30pm, during the sale on Saturday and after the sale to store the unsold books and clean up afterwards. Systems are in place so this is a very pleasant day. It is fun to see adults and kids find books to enjoy. The sale is made up of books from the library that no longer check out and books donated by patrons. Free-will donations have provided more funds than marking prices on the books.



MORE UPDATES

3. Mondovi Public Library's Capital Campaign Committee will host their **4th Annual** Pork in the Park Fundraiser at Mirror Lake Pavilion on July 4 before and after the parade. Mike and Aleen Linse generously provide and prepare delicious pork loin and use a very tasty bean recipe and the Friends make it a meal by adding items and a beverage. Each year, more than \$1,000 is raised for our new building.
4. Make sure your children, grandchildren and neighbor kids know about the library's **Summer Reading Program** and the **July 4 Kiddie Parade**. The theme for both is **All Together Now**. Information will be available at the library and on the website.
5. The Library has a booth during the **Buffalo County Fair** on **August 3-6, 2023**. This is a great place to visit about our library in the Community Building as you enter the fairgrounds and share progress for the new building. Volunteers are needed to make it happen by checking on the booth and talking to fairgoers.
6. We look forward to having our third **Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser** at the Marten Center during **Oktoberfest** in downtown Mondovi **October 14, 2023**. This is also organized by the Capital Campaign Committee, but help and participation is surely appreciated.
7. **Your ideas here**....There are other possibilities such as a visit by Jane Kirkpatrick, a Mondovi native who writes popular historical fiction and loves to encourage people to tell "their stories". Bring your ideas and join us at the meeting on **April 18 at 5:30pm**.

Please consider your role in all these happenings. Mark your calendars and become involved as you are able. We have lots of fun!

Sincerely,
Friends of the Library Committee,
Judie Ohm, Judy Weishaar, Kathy Stelzleni, Ginny Gunderson



GENERAL INFO



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Library Hours

Memorial Day through
Labor Day

Monday 10 - 6
Tuesday 10 - 7
Wednesday 10-6
Thursday 10 - 7
Friday 10 - 4
Closed Saturday
& Sunday

