

The Friends of the Eager Free Public Library

The Friends of the Eager Free Public Library formed in January 1993 with 12 members who were committed to enhancing the services of the library through financial and volunteer support. Ruth Ann Montgomery served as the Library Director and the Board Liaison.

The original executive board consisted of:

Kathy Rohde - President

Jan Benzinger - Secretary

Thea Brunsell - Treasurer

Ardis Zwicky - Volunteer Coordinator

Stephanie Johnson and Sue Holec - Preschool Committee

In the sixteen years that have passed, the library has undergone a major addition, and since 2006 Kathi Kemp has served as the Library Director and Board Liaison.

At the 2008 annual meeting, the Friends of the Eager Free Public Library elected:

Fred Juergens - incoming President and Interim Secretary

Carol Endres - incoming Treasurer

Josh Tregoning - Membership Chair

Denise Janssen Eager - Programs Chair

Open – Secretary; position filled by Sonja Heiser in early 2009

Open - Volunteer Chair; position filled by Gwen Brunner in early 2009

Izabel LeMay was appointed High School Liaison in early 2009

The purposes of the Friends as a charitable organization are to focus public attention on the Library and to cooperate with the Library by supporting its services and facility for the Evansville community.

In fulfilling these purposes, the Friends hold an annual Ice Cream Social and an annual Used Book Sale. The Friends also collect “Pig Receipts” and through them receive contributions from the Evansville Piggly Wiggly. The group has recently used money raised from these events to buy new shelving for the Library building, to sponsor Family Game Nights and High School Study Nights, to sponsor the Library’s Summer Reading Program, and to help support the teaching of English as a Second Language to local residents whose first language is Spanish.

The Friends have been asked by the Library's Board of Trustees contribute to the construction of a new sign and bulletin board to be placed in the library's front lawn. This will draw further attention to the library and permit the posting of notices of the library's activities where they can easily be seen.

The Friends group welcomes new members from Evansville and its surrounding townships. People who wish to join the Friends may learn more about the group in several ways: visit the Library or call the Library at 882-2260 and speak with staff there, or send an email to: libraryfriends@charter.net. Current members of the Friends are also encouraged to email the group to contribute ideas and to check their membership status.