

THE FRIENDS

Lakes Country Public Library



REPORT

Summer 2026



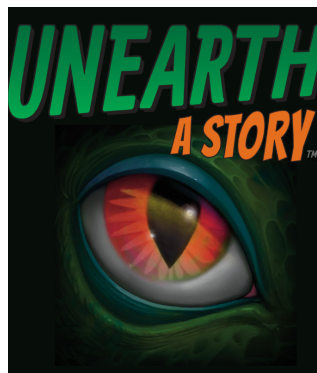
Book Sales - Past & Future

The Memorial Weekend Book Sale made a total profit of \$1,238.50. Some of our profit came from selling Friends of the Library book bags made and donated by Michelle Zelle. Volunteers ran the sale and came back on Tuesday to box up the remaining books. Thanks also go out to all the people who donated books. Everyone who visited found something of interest and many left with an entire bag full of treasures!

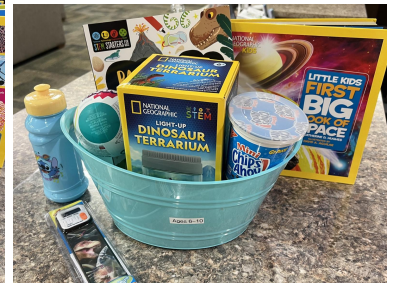
Our next book sale will take place on **September 4-5**, the weekend preceding Labor Day. A reminder that Friends of the Library members receive early entrance to the book sale on Thursday September 3 from 1-4. For successful sales, we rely on your donations. Please help us by taking your gently used books, movie DVDs, music CDs, games, or puzzles to the circulation desk. Children's materials are highly desired. Placing your donation in a box or paper bag is highly appreciated.

Friends Support The Summer Reading Program

Over 50 children and their parents attended the Summer Reading Kickoff Party on June 6. At the time of this writing, 94 children have signed up for the program. The Friends provided the funds for the food served at the kickoff, and the reading prizes that will be given out throughout the program. The theme this year is "Unearth a Story". Something new happening with the reading program this year are the **Grand Prizes!** For every child who finishes all 5 weeks of the summer reading program, their name is automatically entered in for a grand prize bucket. One winner for ages 0-5, one for ages 6-10, and one for ages 11-17.

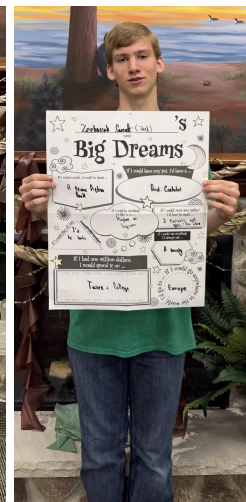
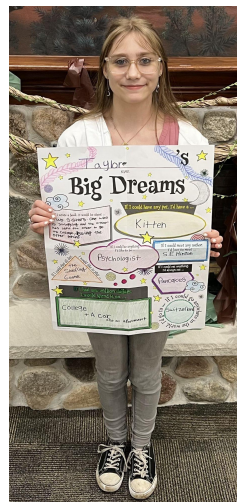


The grand prizes are generously funded by the Friends, and are another example of your membership dues working hard to support youth literacy!



Meet the Summer Interns

When you visit or call the library there's a good chance you'll be talking with one of the two summer interns. The Friends generously donated enough funding to pay the stipend of one intern. The summer interns this year are Taylor and Zechariah.



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Brat Sales Are Really Cooking!

Our first brat sale of the year was held on June 27th at Lakewood SuperValu. The weather was perfect, the cookies were delicious, and our hard work paid off. Our total profit was \$1,296 which is a record for us. A big thank you goes out to the Friends who volunteered and those who came to eat. It was a very fun day!



Mark your calendar. Our next sale is Saturday, **August 8th**.

What's Happening at the Library?

A great way to know what activities are taking place at the library is to visit the Lakes Country Public Library website and click on the *Calendar* tab on the top. Click on the activity that sounds interesting to you and more details will pop up. Not a fan of technology? A printed monthly calendar of events can be found at the circulation desk, or you can check out the bulletin board in the entrance for more details.

***There are a lot of events happening at the library over the summer, so stop in to find something for you!!!

Here are just some of the summer offerings sponsored by the Friends.

Stitching Group

The Friends of the Lakes Country Public Library is sponsoring a gathering of knitters, crocheters, and stitchers of any kind to join us as we create, learn and share with each other. There is no formal instruction, but we plan to learn from each other.

Beginners to Advanced stitchers are welcome. No registration is required. They meet at the library on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month from 2-4pm.

Bring your PIGS (Projects In Grocery Sacks), ideas, patterns and let's get stitching.



Upcoming Gardening Class

Wednesday August 26th at 1:30pm
Save Money, Save Seeds

Have you ever wondered if you could save seeds from your garden and then count on them to germinated the following growing season? Learn how to collect, process, and store garden seeds.

Please register for this class at the circulation desk or by calling the library at 715-276-9020.

Summer Meetings

The Friends are a group that supports the library through fundraising events and service. If you would like to be an actively involved member, please consider coming to the meetings. Your ideas will certainly be welcome. All meetings begin at 9:15 in the library.

July 21st August 18th September 15th

2026 Officers

President: Margaret Brubaker

Vice President: **Open**

Secretary: **Open**

Treasurer: Lydia Bessert

Member at Large: Joan Sackett

Board Liaison: Katie Essermann

2026 Membership

If you have *not* paid your 2026 membership dues, this will be the last newsletter you receive. We hope you'll continue to support the Lakes Country Public Library by filling out and returning the attached membership form!