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EUCLID PUBLIC LIBRARY
631 East 222nd Street
Euclid, Ohio 44123

Opening a book opens doors...

Friends Membership

Renew your membership if it has expired or start hunting around now for that misplaced membership card.

Membership envelopes are available at the library and they can be returned any time.

Book Lover - $50.00
Book Conservator - $75.00
Book Connoisseur - $100

Individual/Family - $5.00
Book Collector - $10.00
Special Friend - $25.00

To join, pick up a membership envelope at the library or address one to:

The Friends of the Euclid Public Library
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Luncheon with Elizabeth Van Lew

THURSDAY, MARCH 23
12:00 PM | Lake & Shore Rooms

The Friends of the Euclid Public Library invite you to a luncheon with abolitionist Elizabeth Van Lew as presented by Women in History. Known as "Crazy Bet," Elizabeth used disguise and feigned insanity to feed information to the Union army during the Civil War. Tickets for this event will go on sale Monday, February 20.

HAPPY NEW YEAR
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The Friends of the Library Board meets the first Monday of every month at 7:00 PM. Friends are welcome to attend.

JANUARY 9
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Friends *of the* Euclid Public Library *Newsletter*

Between Friends

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Message from the President *Roberta Gibbons*

When Camilla Smith told me that she was retiring as the Friends of the Euclid Public Library President and from the Board, she also asked me to consider running to replace her. I hesitated and told her I'd get back to her. How does anyone replace this incredible individual who led us for 13 years, in addition to her seven other years on the Board and her service as Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary? I finally did say yes, because she promised to always be there as a resource. She even stopped by for the October 2022 meeting to bring us information she knew we needed. Words cannot accurately or completely express my thanks and appreciation for her knowledge, leadership, friendship, enthusiasm, kindness… I could go on, but you get the idea. And, if you have had the pleasure of knowing her and working with her, I know you will miss her as much as I will. I would also like to thank Gay Marie Goden for her incredible 20 years as Friends' Treasurer. Her reports should be legendary. Her input on past events, present policy, and future concerns are invaluable. Luckily, she is staying on the board so we can continue to use her advice and insight. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find information about our newly appointed board members: Asenath "Joy" Bailey has already committed to helping with the Book Sale Committee. Desiree Korpowski is our new Treasurer. Brianna Wilson Mejak has already recruited student book sale volunteers and will serve on the Programs Committee. Ashley Johnson will serve on the Bylaws Committee.

I have lived in Euclid for 67 years! My parents built a house in the Indian Hills area when I was six. I moved to the Edgecliff neighborhood when I got married and have been there ever since. I am the widow of John Gibbons (a Euclid Teacher), mother of Cathy and Betsy (Euclid graduates), daughter of Hank and Anne Grosel, with four siblings and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. My uncle Chuck Grosel is the last aunt/uncle left, but my Pierce and Grosel relatives were and still are a source of support. I attended St. Mary's Collinwood School, K-8, Beaumont School for Girls, The Catholic University of America, and Cleveland State University for my MEd. I taught French in the Cleveland Municipal School District from 1971-1978, then took time off to stay home with my girls until they were both in school. I subbed in Euclid for several years before becoming the librarian at Glenbrook Elementary, and then a Reading Teacher at Forest Park Middle School. Now retired, I enjoy reading, walking, yoga, and spending time with family and friends. I also volunteer as a surrogate parent for the Euclid City Schools. I look forward to meeting many of you at our various events.

Upcoming Library Programs

JANUARY

9 Instagram Book Talks: Law Enforcement Appreciation Day - 6:00 PM
23 Monday Morning Movie - 10:15 AM
13 Virtual Winter Reading Kick-Off - 6:30 PM

FEBRUARY

2 Women in History Presents: Dessert with Jane Edna Hunter - 7:00 PM
13 "Victorian Weddings" from the James A. Garfield National Historic Site - 6:30 PM
15 Cleveland Museum of Art: Harlem Renaissance - 2:30 PM
15 Birth of Rock and Roll - 6:00 PM
27 Monday Morning Movie - 10:15 AM
28 The Extraordinary Life of Dr. Martin Luther King with Susan Cannavino - 6:30 PM

MARCH

2 Winter Reading Wrap-Up - 6:30 PM
6 Virtual Author Visit: One Community Read - 7:00 PM
8 Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument - 6:30 PM
16 Women in History: Luncheon with Elizabeth Van Lew - 12:00 PM
22 Cleveland Police Museum - 6:00 PM
27 Monday Morning Movie - 10:15 AM

APRIL

4 Everyone Has a Story to Tell: How to Create an Engaging Podcast and Get People to Listen - 6:00 PM
11 The Fascinating Galapagos Islands - 6:30 PM
24 Monday Morning Movie - 10:15 AM
25 Reiki with Maggie Kimble,LMT - 6:30 PM

Visit euclidlibrary.org/libcalender for more information and to register for virtual programs.

Director's Report *Kacie V. Armstrong*

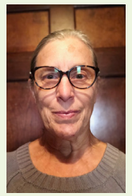
Happy New Year! As I begin my 10th year as the Director of Euclid Public Library, I want to thank each of you for your on-going support. I also want to thank outgoing Friends President Camilla Smith for her service and welcome new Board Officers Roberta Gibbons (President), Asenath "Joy" Bailey, Desiree Korpowski, Ashley Johnson, and Brianna Mejak. I also want to extend a special thank you to Gay Marie Goden for serving as the Treasurer for a number of years and continuing to remain on the Board.

As the year begins, please visit the library, check out books, movies, and music, participate in programs, and use our technology resources (computers, WIFI, scanners, and copiers). Euclid Public Library staff is also a vital resource in helping you research the questions you have regarding careers, educational subjects, or just fun topics. Stay connected with the library by visiting us online at **euclidlibrary.org**.

Friends Annual Meeting

The Cuyahoga Astronomical Association not only provided the speaker for the Friends Annual Board Meeting on September 29, but a clear starry night and the telescopes for our guests to enjoy the view.

Welcome new Board Officers



Roberta Gibbons
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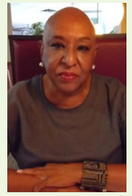

Asenath "Joy" Bailey
Board Member

Desiree Korpowski
Treasurer

Ashley Johnson
Board Member

Brianna Mejak
Board Member

The Friends are pleased to announce four new board members: Asenath Joy Bailey, Desiree Korpowski, Ashley Johnson, and Brianna Mejak.

Asenath "Joy" Bailey retired from the Department of Veterans Affairs after 38 years of service. She served in several positions during her tenure: the last 12 years as Program Analyst for VA Central Office. Asenath Bailey is the recipient of Vice President Al Gore's Hammer Award for the development of the Monofilament Testing Program. This program provided an inexpensive method for testing diabetic neuropathy that was readily available to patients at no additional charge and by-passed government "red tape" in its implementation. She has volunteered at the Transitional House of Greater Cleveland, teaching job preparedness skills to its residents. Additionally, Asenath is the Chair of the Benevolent Committee, First Baptist Church of South Euclid that offers Thanksgiving baskets as an outreach program to surrounding communities. Asenath served on the board of directors for Georgetown of the Highlands Condominium Association as its recording secretary from 2009 to 2012. She has been a resident of Euclid since 1988.

Desiree Korpowski is a first year member of the Friends and looks forward to working with such an important group. A Euclid community member since 1997, she graduated from The Euclid High School in 2001. After continuing her education, she chose to come "home" to Euclid to teach in 2008 with the support of her amazing husband. "Dezz" currently co-teaches Junior English at Euclid High School where she is also the Department Chair for the Special Education Department as well as the co-advisor for Student Council. She looks forward to giving back to our community.

Ashley Johnson will be serving her first year on the Friends of the Euclid Public Library Board. She is currently a Finance Manager in Higher Education and the proud mother of two elementary school-age children. My family and I have been a member of Euclid since 2015 and we enjoy participating in the City of Euclid community programs throughout the year. As a non-traditional adult student currently continuing my education, the Euclid Public Library has been a place for my family to utilize all its resources and it has contributed greatly to our education. I am excited to bring my enthusiasm and ideas to the Board as an active community member and new friend.

Brianna Mejak has been a resident of Euclid for six years. She is the Director of Campus Ministry and a teacher of Creative Writing at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School. She also serves at Our Lady of the Lake as the Young Adult Minister. The library was always one of her favorite places as a child, and it still is today. Brianna is hoping, as a Friends of Euclid Public Library Board member, that she can help foster that positive library experience for today's youth. She will serve on the Program Committee.

Summer Reading Club

First Place:
Alayna Barnes

Second Place:
Kathleen Smyth

Third Place:
Kathy Bailes

The Friends provided the funds for the incentives and prizes for this popular program. In addition, funding was used to purchase books for participating children to help increase reading skills. During the summer, the Friends also supported several gaming events with the final one being held on August 17. There were over 150 participants who stopped by to enjoy the video games.

2022 FOEPL Annual Report

As of Sept 31, 2022

TOTAL RECEIPTS	**$6179.7**
- Membership	$1788.00
- Donations	$227.80
- Fall Book Sale	$1088.64
- Spring Book Sale	$3075.26
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$7550.60**
PUBLIC PROGRAMS	**$5505.54**
- Programs	$601.67
- Advertising	$99.00
- Reading Programs	$4804.87
LIBRARY STAFF	$**755.00**
- Grants	$300.00
- Page Awards	$400.00
- Staff Donations	$55.00
ADMINISTRATION	$**1290.06**
- Supplies Membership	$122.00
- Postage Membership	$116.00
- Stamps	$522.00
- Postage Newsletter	$232.00
- Dues, fees, taxes, etc	$298.06