



Friends of RADL January 2021 Newsletter

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Hello, Friends! Yes, you are correct. Our Membership Meetings remain paused . . .

It's 2021? Wow. Let's review.

2020 has been an unusual year for everyone, including the Friends of RADL.

- Our last Membership Meeting was in March, 2020,
- Being unable to hold elections in September, 2020, the current Board offered to remain in office until such time as we can resume business,
- In November 2020, the membership approved emergency powers to allow the Board to approve expenditures, as requested from RADL or needed to keep the Friends in operation until such time our membership meetings can safely resume,
- Newsletters continue every other month with bulletins sent out as needed, and
- Our ongoing fundraising activities encompass Amazon Smile Donations and Direct Your Dollars through the Family Fare stores.

Membership

Thank you, Friends! Membership chairperson, Lisa Sutton, reports we currently have 87 paid members. This is phenomenal!

Family Fare Receipts

Update - Yes! The Friends of RADL are receiving a \$1,000 check for the \$150,000 in receipts we collected. Receipts were submitted in October to SpartanNash. The application was approved but processing was delayed with Covid-19 interruptions, etc. The check is expected to arrive the first week in February. Thank you to Nick at our Roscommon Family Fare store for seeing this through.

Normally there would be a check presentation at our Roscommon Family Fare. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the check will be mailed directly to the Friends. Appropriate thanks and acknowledgements to Family Fare and our community members will be made through newspaper publicity and a sign at RADL. **Thank you to all of you who saved receipts!**



That's where they come from!

(Photo shared by Rita Battocletti)

Now - We are still collecting receipts.

- We collected the last set in less than a year, even during a shutdown,
- Linda Brick just finished the latest count and there are **\$61,804** in receipts. Fantastic!
- So, keep stuffing the box in the vestibule at RADL.
- **Please note - your “Yes” card (not the store’s) must be used at time of purchase to receive the “Direct Your Dollars” credit and the entire receipt is needed and should be turned in,**

Help Wanted to count Family Fare Receipts. Someone for February/March and someone for April/May. It takes a few weeks to accumulate enough to count into bundles. Job involves picking up receipts from box in vestibule at RADL every 7 - 10 days. Counting them into bundles with a printed calculator tape. All supplies, including printing calculator provided. Contact Linda Brick - friendsofradl@gmail.com or 248-835-3036.

Amazon Smile Donations

We currently generate between \$80 - 100 annually through Amazon. Thank you!

Your Amazon orders can earn \$\$\$ for the Friends of RADL. Designate the “Friends of the Roscommon Area District Library” as your Amazon Smile Donation Recipient on your order. It happens automatically if you bookmark the Amazon Smile page and use it to place your orders. The site is identical to the general Amazon pages, it just remembers to credit your donation.

Treasurer’s Reports - Thank you - Treasurer Lisa Sutton has supplied reports for November and December. (If receiving newsletter by email, they are attached.)

RADL News

Hours: **RADL** Tuesday-Friday, 10am-5pm Saturday, 10am-3pm **Lyon Branch** Tuesday - Friday, 10am - 3pm

Director Colleen Dyke extends a big “Thank you!” to the Friends of RADL for the donation in December of \$630 to purchase books for the RADL Battle. Colleen and the staff have been designing a special RADL Battle in place of the traditional Battle of the Books program that had to be cancelled this year due to Covid-19. Similar to BOB, the unique to RADL program is designed for 15 students in grades 4 - 6. The kids will get 5 books to read (and keep to grow their personal libraries). Participants will answer questions online. There will be two mock battles in February and a championship in March. Dates are to be determined.

Each staff member chose a book to read and develop 30 - 40 questions for that book. Staff member Sara Humphreys is coordinating the effort to compile the questions into trivia quizzes for the kids. There are no teams, each reader participates on their own. Exciting!

Look for updates on RADL’s Facebook page and registration information. **Thank you, Colleen, Molly, Sara, and Josh for making this happen! You all continue to reinvent how we interact with our library. We sure appreciate your creative solutions.**

Wanted at RADL: The staff uses antibacterial wipes everyday to keep the library sparkling and sanitized. Donations of canisters of wipes, any brand, any size, would be greatly appreciated all winter long. If you can help, just drop them off at the library. Thank you, the staff appreciates how you’ve been bringing in the canisters.

Friends of RADL Officers & Committee Leaders President - Linda Brick, Vice President - Heidi Luebke, Secretary - Sue Glover, Treasurer - Lisa Sutton, Trustees - Steve Remenar & Linda Udy. Leadership Committee Leaders: Membership - Lisa Sutton, Publicity - Linda Brick, Landscape - Joyce Ballard (All “boo-boo’s are mine! Sorry. :) Linda)