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## 2024 Fall Book & Media Sales Dates

Please mark your calendar for the 2024 Fall Book & Media Sale:

**Sorting:** Thursday, Sept. 12 – Saturday, Sept. 14

**Members Sale:** Wednesday, Sept. 18–1 PM to 6 PM

**Book Sale:** Thursday, Sept. 12–9 AM to 8 PM  
Friday, Sept. 13–9 AM to 4:30 PM  
Saturday, Sept. 14–10 AM to 2 PM

If you can volunteer for the sale, contact: **Bonnie Hindman** at [bonniehindman@gmail.com](mailto:bonniehindman@gmail.com) or 717-433-8055.



August 2024

### Executive Board

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**Members-At-Large 2024-2026**

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## Teen Space Unveiling



The Teen Space Unveiling was June 14 at the East Shore Area Library. Maria Lagasca opened (see photo) its dedicated teen space—a fun, modernized area where teens can be themselves from with many creative stations around the teen space. Some of the activities were a photo area which is demonstrated by Maria, button making, food, making a Zine, and gaming demos. The new teen space has video games and craft supplies. Based on input from

members of the Library's anime and board games clubs, it's outfitted for flex use, with comfortable swivel chairs and moveable tables. Our Youth Coordinator, Samantha Lowe, says, "The hands-on space is less about making a product but more about building the relationships. That is special to us. They see that they can trust us, that we're safe grown-ups in a safe place, and that they can keep returning. We're just trying to meet the kids where they are and offer engaging things they might not get to do otherwise."

Your FESAL money was used for this space, in addition to a contribution by Mark and Jane Medlow in honor of their son, Eric, whose picture is predominately placed on the wall of the teen section. Please read the article written by M. Diane McCormick about the August event featuring Myles Bullen: Poetry, Rap, and Navigating Grief on the ESAL's website.

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

FESAL is right on track with membership. As of July 1, 2024, we have 257 members. At the 2024 spring book and media sale, 122 people joined or renewed.

Please remember that all memberships expire on December 31, 2024. How can you tell if you renewed for 2024? Just look at your name on this newsletter's address label. If it says 12/31/24 after your name, then your membership is in good standing.

We sincerely thank each member for joining or renewing. FESAL is only as strong as our membership. We also appreciate the extra donations that many of you add to the \$5.00 dues. Along with book sale profits, we include those donations in the amount we give to the library twice a year after each book sale. The East Shore Area Library is extremely grateful. They recently celebrated the unveiling of the remodeled teen area, made possible with FESAL donations. Check it out the next time you are in the library. Next in line for renovation is the circulation desk area. Every cent you contribute helps our library to improve in ways that are otherwise not affordable within the regular budget. Thank you so very much for your generosity!



## Spring 2024 Book Sale

Yippee Yay!! Another successful Spring Book sale—\$12,300!! All because we have the most diligent, dedicated, hard working group of volunteers. When the books are brought down from the shed we look at the rooms with books piled on the tables and floors and wonder if we if all those books were randomly scattered in the rooms and hallway! We are so grateful for the excellent work our volunteers do. However, as we get older or situations change, we may lose volunteers. We are always looking for new helpers!

Please consider volunteering, even if you can work for only a few hours. Call or email Bonnie Hindman to sign up: 717-433-8055 or [bonniehindman@gmail.com](mailto:bonniehindman@gmail.com). FESAL heartily thanks and greatly appreciates all volunteers present and future! As a bonus, each volunteer gets a free book for helping. Will ever get them all organized? And it always amazes me that only after a few days we have an amazing well organized display of books and media and many of our customers compliment us on our efforts. Thank you East Shore volunteers—you are the best!!!

## Finally Accepting Credit Cards

After years of sending my wonderful parents in the children's room to the ATM for cash, we finally are accepting credit cards. Fulton Bank gave us a \$200 reimbursement on a Fitech device that worked perfectly during our last sale, thanks to the training that our volunteers received on its use. We raised over \$1,000 through this service and hope for more, as the word gets out, during our September Book Sale.



Our Treasurer was pleased with the performance, and your Friends group paid the surcharge on each transaction, plus the monthly fees and update charges. We informed each customer who used a credit card that at the next book sale we will pass on the surcharge to the customer. We are currently working on this changeover.

Thanks so much to all who made our last book sale a success, and we are looking forward to seeing you again on Sept. 18th for our next sale.

## Volunteers Needed

What do FESAL volunteers do? They mainly work at setting up and organizing books for our semi-annual book and media sales. Our volunteers have fun, and they love being submersed with books. It's a book-lover's paradise!

Throughout the years, we have received many compliments about the way we organize our books for sale. Volunteers go through the process of sorting the books into categories and then arranging them within each category. Fiction is arranged by author in alphabetical order, and we have subcategories for the nonfiction. It is much easier for customers to find books they want when the books are sorted. Imagine how it

would be if all those books were randomly scattered in the rooms and hallway!

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## 2024 FESAL Annual Meeting

The city of Harrisburg was founded by John Harris, Jr. in the 1700's, but members of FESAL can hear "from him," and about him, at the annual meeting September 24 at 1:00 pm because of the historical work of David Biser.

David Biser is a Harris reenactor for many years and the author of the recently published book *Visionary Road to the Capital: The Little Known Story of John Harris, Jr.* He is also the pastor of Cross Point Church in Lower Paxton Township and president of the Historical Society of Dauphin County. Through his interpretation, Biser will present a detailed and entertaining perspective on the multifaceted life of a man who



had a visionary plan for the development of the city that has been the capital of Pennsylvania since 1812.

## FESAL Announces Nominations

On September 24, 2024, FESAL will hold its annual members' meeting. During the business meeting portion, members will elect officers and members-at-large for the 2025 Board. There were no nominees for Treasurer. Thus, Tom Boone will continue serving as treasurer. Members-at-Large for 2024-25, Barbara Espenshade, Judy Grove, and John Switaj, will serve the second year of their term.

*The list of nominees is as follows:*

**President:** Andy Morrison

**Vice-President:** Patricia Crawford

**Recording Secretary:** Brenda Moore

**Corresponding Secretary:** Sandra Stoner

**Members-at-Large for 2025-26 (2-year term):** Shari Massini, Sue Miller, and Jeff Schiefer

## LIBRARY MANAGER REPORT

Midway through 2024, events and happenings at the East Shore Area Library (ESAL) are focused on building community and connecting people to ideas, opportunities, and most importantly, people. People have been the driving force in accomplishing all the initiatives we've accomplished this year. This includes the many members of the Friends of the East Shore Area Library (FESAL) who continue to do what they do best: increase awareness and raise funds for ESAL. This year, FESAL supported two new events, Book Bingo and National Library Week. We've hosted two Book Bingo, both of which have attracted participants from all ages, proving to be a successful and sustainable family friendly event. For National Library Week in April, not only did FESAL provide a cake for all staff, but several members also spent several days recruiting new members. ESAL's most extensive project this year involved the teen renovation, a project that cost more than \$30,000, much of which was funded by funds generated by FESAL. While some of us are exhausted, ESAL staff and FESAL continue to push and get things done even amidst a season of book bannings and social strife. In other words, we are not done finding ways to spend money and make money! The next projects in the works for ESAL is to renovate the circulation desk, an antiquated piece slowly becoming an eye sore, and to replace all tables and chairs, all of which are several years old. I look forward to focusing on creating more meaningful, impactful, and positive changes which ESAL cannot do alone. Libraries more than ever need support and this Library is pretty lucky to have the unwavering support from the Friends.

Respectfully,  
Maria Lagasca, ESA Library Manager