

FOUNDATION FOOTNOTES

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Friends of the
South Park Township
**LIBRARY
FOUNDATION**
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UPCOMING EVENTS

* Membership Meeting

Wed, Sept 23, 6-8PM
SP Twp Community Room

Join us for a quick business update, refreshments, crafts, and Fall Book sale volunteer sign-ups.

* Holiday Market

Sat, Nov 28, 10AM-2PM
SP Twp Community Room

Shop for Holiday Books, Christmas decor, and more!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

For info or to sign up, message:
friendsofsplibrary15129@gmail.com

* Community Day

Sept 19
SP Fairgrounds, Clock Tower Bldg

Volunteers needed to help with games.

* Fall Book Sale

Oct 5 thru Oct 20
SP Twp Library Vestibule
Volunteers needed to sort and box books, 2 hour shifts.

Oct 21 and 22 - Setup
Oct 22 thru 24 - Book Sale
SP Twp Community Room

Setup volunteers needed to organize books, media and toys. Customer assistance needed during the Book Sale.

Co-Presidents Message

Why do you "Love Our Library"?

For many of us, our **connection to the library is personal**. It may bring back childhood memories, spark the joy of discovering a new book, introduce us to a new interest through a program, connect us with a helpful librarian, or simply provide a quiet place to read, work, or reflect.

As Friends, we are privileged to support the programs, resources, and special projects that make our library a vibrant and welcoming part of our community. For more than 50 years, Friends have helped carry forward a lasting legacy of ensuring that the **library remains a place to learn, explore, and connect**. We look forward to building on that legacy and continuing to support a library that enriches and connects our community.

Throughout September, "Love Your Library" Month gives us an opportunity to celebrate all that our library contributes to our community. Please **consider supporting the library's annual "Love Your Library" campaign** through a financial donation or by volunteering your time. Your support helps ensure the library can continue providing the programs, resources, and welcoming spaces that mean so much to us for generations to come.

Colleen and Maureen

Treasurer's Report

We're excited to share that last month we received a **very generous donation** from a Friends member, further boosted by his **company's matching contribution**. Together, these gifts brought our bank balance to a **record-breaking \$36,418.88**.

Our Love Your Library donation this month will fund all of the programs we proudly support, and **we're excited to help bring new 2027 programs and projects to life** as staff identify them.



South Park Township Library is currently located in what was once the township Public Works Department.

The library relocated to the newly renovated space on August 1, 1994.



Volunteer Spotlight: Linda Pelan



Linda has been a **dedicated and cherished friend** of the library since 2014. Her **creativity truly shines in the library vestibule**, where she creates thoughtful, eye-catching displays on a variety of topics. Her displays invite patrons of all ages to

stop, look, learn, and discover something new, making the vestibule a place that sparks curiosity and conversation.

As a member of the Community Outreach Committee, Linda has helped decorate the Christmas tree and, most recently, planted succulents for the Patio of Progress ribbon cutting. She has also contributed her creativity to the Fundraising Committee, including helping decorate for our Blind Date with Books fundraiser. Beyond the library, Linda volunteers with Meals on Wheels and has helped get our holiday donations to those in need.

We are **grateful for Linda's creativity, generosity, and dedication** to our library and our community. Her willingness to share her time and talents makes a meaningful difference, and we are fortunate to have her as a volunteer and Friend of the Library.

New Website!

 **fsptlfoundation.org**

We're thrilled to introduce our brand-new website to the community!

Visit **fsptlfoundation.org** to explore our new website and learn more about the Foundation, our work, and the difference we're making in our community.

But here's the best part: while the website is new, **our commitment is not**. For more than 50 years, we've proudly supported the library and the community we love.

New look. Same mission. More ways to connect.

👉 **Check it out today at fsptlfoundation.org!**

Summer Reading by the Numbers

Thanks to the Friends of the South Park Township Library Foundation and our community, this **summer's reading program** extended literacy, learning, and engagement beyond the classroom.

- 78 children read 1,852 books and logged 18,400 minutes—more than **306 hours of reading!**
- 726 adult program attendances, with an estimated **1,998 books read** by adults!

Call to Action: Donations Needed for Bingo Tea



The Fundraising Committee is helping to support the Library's upcoming **Bingo Tea**, and we need your help!

If you have any **NEW, unopened items you would like to re-gift** to the Friends, we would greatly appreciate your donation. These items will be used to create fun and exciting **raffle baskets** for the event.

We are also accepting **\$10-15 gift cards to be offered as bingo prizes**. **Gift cards** from any store or restaurant are welcome and would be greatly appreciated!

Donations can be dropped off at the **Circulation Desk at the Library**. If you would prefer to have your items picked up, please email us at friendsofsplibrary15129@gmail.com to make arrangements.