



FRIENDS *of* NEILL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Annual Newsletter and Membership Campaign

January 4, 2021

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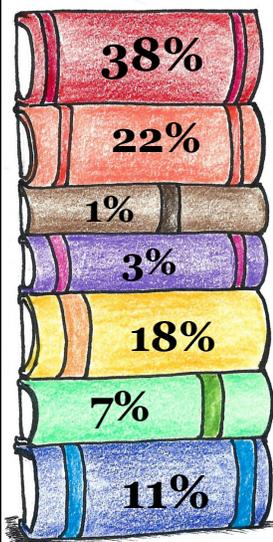


Julie Coyle



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Thank you for supporting our library
and enriching our community!



WHERE DO YOUR
DONATIONS GO?

- **Adult Materials 38%**
- **Juvenile Materials 22%**
- **Designated Gift Purchases 18%**
- **Special Projects 11%**
- **Programs 7%**
- **Administration 3%**
- **Other 1%**

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS REALLY STACK UP!

Letter from the President

What words would you use to describe this year of 2020?

I personally have felt many strong emotions this year and have used several unkind words to describe this last year. As I reflect on all that has happened and on the things that didn't happen for me and my family, I was pleased to find that the fine silver thread holding it all together is gratitude.

I am grateful for some small and simple things—extra time with family, pretty ok internet, a few less demands on my time, and the beauty of the Palouse. I am grateful for some pretty big things—employment, good health and human connection.

I would like to end this year with the words "Thank you." I have been inspired by the many acts of kindness and compassion I have witnessed in our community. Thank you for choosing to reach out and support the things you believe in. Thank you for your loyalty, your generosity and your love.

~Megan

Your Membership Matters!

In 2020, Memberships
accounted for 32% of
FNPL income.

Be a Friend
and help our library
thrive!

Find us on



social media

The FNPL Annual Meeting will be held on
FEBRUARY 8TH at 7PM
via ZOOM

Please email pullmanfnpl@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

Let Your Purchases



Do The Giving!

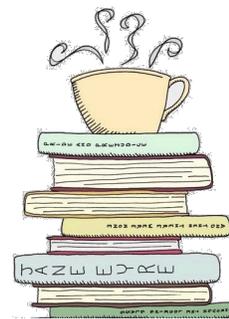
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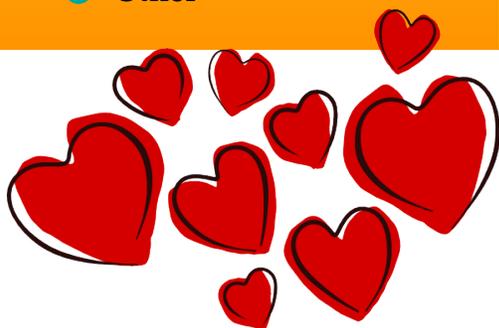
Cuddle Up with a Good Book Wassail

Recipe contributed by Lindsey Joy Smith

- 3 quarts water
- 4 cups sugar
- 12 oz lemonade concentrate
- 24 oz orange juice concentrate
- 8 cinnamon sticks
- 8 allspice cloves
- 24 whole cloves
- 1 teaspoon ginger



Place cinnamon, allspice, cloves and ginger in a spice bag. Boil the water and sugar for 5 minutes. Add the spice bag and the remaining ingredients to simmer for 20 minutes, or until ready to drink. Enjoy while cuddled up with your favorite book. Makes 40 servings; enough to last while you read a few classics!



Thank You Whitman County Commissioners!

In October, Friends of Neill Public Library received a grant for the amount of \$17,236.45 from the Whitman County Coronavirus Relief Fund. We thank the Whitman County Commissioners for supporting our organization during this pandemic.

"In a place that is home, Neill Public Library is the heart." -Sarah

We Love our Library Love Letters

"One reason I love the library is because of all the books! I love reading and it's a great place to do that. Another reason I love the library is because of all the cool programs. One of my favorite programs was Girls Who Code because that was REALLY fun."
-Raya, age 11

"I JUST LIKE GETTING A BUNCH OF BOOKS!"
- OWEN, AGE 5

"I love the library because it has always been a haven to retreat to with all our favorite books for free. It also is a great environment with great places to read."
-Levi, age 12

A Special Thank You to Key Club member **Marissa Carper.**

We appreciate all your hard work and the many hours you volunteered to help Friends of NPL!

Thank you!!

A Note from Joanna Bailey, Library Director

The impact of the pandemic on library service was severe and included a total loss of funding for books and other learning materials. In a time of unprecedented unrest, I am grateful to Friends of NPL for their fundraising campaign to ensure patrons of all ages had access to new materials and current information. I especially thank Marissa Carper for her focused outreach to middle and high school students. The letters from PHS Key Club members who shared what the library meant to them warmed our hearts and strengthened our purpose during some very dark days. And I am grateful to you, our generous donor, for making this campaign such a success. Your generosity placed into the hands of eager readers, 1,267 new items for adults and 858 items for youth! Thank you for making such a profound difference and for supporting literacy and enrichment for all ages. Last but not least, I thank Friends of NPL board members for tirelessly helping to clean and disinfect returned materials so these items could be safely borrowed anew. Over a twelve-week period, these volunteers spent over 150 hours meticulously scrubbing over 2,500 items. Their passion and dedication to furthering library service in our community is inspiring. This past year proved once again how resilient we are when we work together toward a common purpose. Thank you all for your vital support.