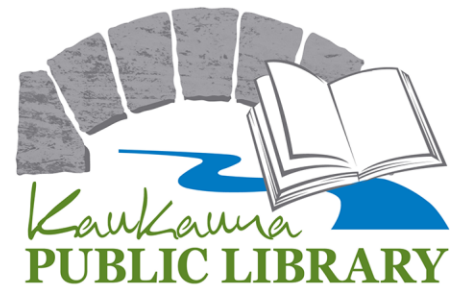


To: Kaukauna Public Library Board of Trustee  
From: Library Director Ashley Thiem-Menning  
Date: 1/20/2026  
Re: Friends Update



The Friends had a very large book sale this fall with revenue reaching almost \$1,800. With the Friends' ability to accept credit and debit cards now, revenues from sales are increasing. The Friends will be switching from a wireless tap machine to a larger plug-in machine. We anticipate that it will be easier for volunteers to use the larger machine and staff will retain the tablet debit/credit option at the service desk for local history books and mug fundraisers.

This year Communications Coordinator Schink put up the Library Wishing Tree again, which is a list of items that staff wish to have mostly for library programming. Donors can select an item off the tree, donate the funds for the item, which is then purchased by the Friends. We had 34 of 39 items purchased this year, for a total gift of \$2,886.

Bulk Crayon Pack
Activity Sensory Tray with Stand
Resin Specimen Bugs
STEM Angler Fish
STEM Math Link Builders
Art Bin Storage Box
Mancala
Washable Baby Doll Pajamas
Soft Touch Baby Dolls
3D Printer Stand
Canvas Boards
Mobile Charging Station
Lava Rock Beads
Dried Floral Stems
Foam Mats Interlocking
Play Food & Dishes
Wrist Jingle Bells
Alcohol Markers
Paint Palettes

Stretched Canvas
Sea glass
Bissel Sweeper
Fuse Beads
Battleship Game
Melissa & Dough Pretend Grocery
Library of Lights Decor
Program Snacks
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Summer Prize Books
White Board Inserts
Lego Wall
Office Label Maker
Prize Machine
Wood Beads

The Friends also sent out an end of year donation request for giving Tuesday. Donors graciously responded with donations reaching almost \$3,500 total.

