

Friends of the Alice Studt Library at the Braham Event Center

The goals of the Friends of the Library are to support the Alice Studt Library as an East Central Regional Library Link site, to encourage reading of Braham area residents and to help dispense information as well as supporting arts and culture.

Book Club:

A group of 12-15 persons read a book selection each month and meet to discuss this book. The group meets the 4th Monday of each month at 1:30 pm. New members are always welcome.

Daily Newspaper:

The Star Tribune newspaper is provided for visitors at the Braham Event Center. It is especially enjoyed by bingo attendees.

Senior Social Hour:

The Friends arrange for a special program for Senior Citizens on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 2:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy a wide variety of topics of interest. Treats and coffee are provided.

Movies:

Movies for children or adults have been shown on a number of Sunday afternoons at the Event Center. A few of the movies are educational and meant to foster group discussion after the film is concluded. The movie choices are publicized in the Isanti County Newspaper prior to showing. The library pays a copy write royalty to make these movies happen.

Empty Bowls:

This event is a fundraiser for the Braham Area Food Shelf which serves around 35 families per week living within the Braham School District. The friends have sponsored this event for the past 2 years. Half of the planning committee consisted of school personnel as the bowls are made by Braham Area School Art students. This event has proven to be very successful and will be held again on March 21, 2019.

Historical Interviews:

Various members of the Friends have interviewed persons in the Braham community remembering the early days of Braham. These interviews are collected in a notebook at the Event Center and have been published in the *Braham Journal*.

Braham Reads:

To make books easily available in the community, the Friends have placed a book shelf in the Laundromat and the Braham Area Food Shelf. When time permits, another book shelf will be placed at the Senior Dining site at Hope Lutheran Church in Grasston. Two weatherized boxes

will be placed at village sites sometime this summer or fall. Possible sites include one next to the hardware store on Central Drive West and in the High Point park.

Kindergarten Story Time:

In May of each year, the kindergarten classes are invited to visit our library for a special story time conducted by Mary Kay Bodeen.

Computers:

Two computers are available for the public to use at any time the library is open. Also, the library is equipped with WIFI for public use.

Inter-library Collaboration:

The Friends occasionally meet with the Friends of the Isanti and Cambridge libraries to exchange ideas and share common concerns.

Library Hours:

Mondays (except major holidays): 12:30-4:30 pm. East Central Regional Library Link Site. Books from the regional library are transported to our site for area residents to check out. Also our library contains a great collection of books and books on CD for residents to check out.

The library is also open on Thursdays 8:00-noon to coordinate with the open hours of the Braham Area Food Shelf.

During the 2nd Wednesday at Senior Social, books are available for check out.

The Friends of the Alice Studt Library are a very active group. Additional members are always welcome. The Friends will gladly welcome donations.

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