



Second Quarter 2022



You Don't Wait for Pie at Pie Place

Rack after rack, tray after tray, pie after pie, smile after smile all added up to nearly \$2,000 on Saturday, May 14 at the Friends of Stoughton Public Library annual Pie Place. It was great to be back in the Carnegie Room after a year at the Badger Theater and a year of no pies at all due to the Pandemic. And the crowds came back to share their appetites for tasty homemade treats. Fruit pies, custard pies, nut pies, and cupcakes tempted all who found their way to the table laden with slices of luscious goodness in clear single slice clear boxes.

The opening slice was sold at 9 am. Seven and a half hours later the last remaining piece of pie was sold at 4:30 pm. The unsold cupcakes were donated to the Fire Station staff nearby who were happy to keep the yummy morsels from going to waste.

Volunteers in the kitchen sliced more than 100 donated pies. Individual slices cost \$3.00 each and could be eaten onsite. In addition to pie, coffee, water, juice, and ice cream were available for purchase. Tables were covered with red and white checked disposable coverings. Books from the book nook were scattered on each table to provide not only reading materials, but as a reminder that books are for sale at the book nook any time the library is open.

Updated membership brochures were on hand for the convenience of visitors who chose to become a Friend on the spot (one person did) or take the information home and drop off or mail in their check.

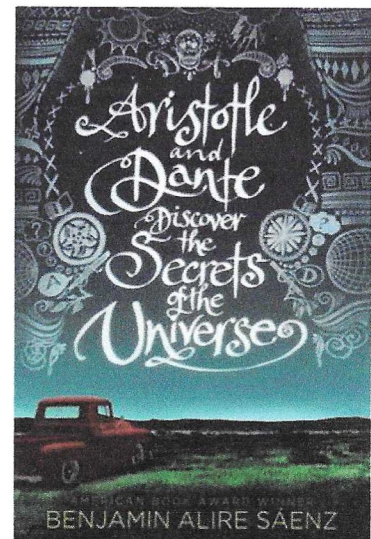
By 5:45 pm the tables were cleared and rolled away, the garbage bags were snugged and taken to the dumpster, the cupcakes were ready to be shared with our firefighters and the cleanup crew of volunteers headed home to relax.

Thanks to everyone who bought a piece of pie or two. And our appreciation to all the volunteers who baked and worked to make this event such a huge success.

Youth Book Review

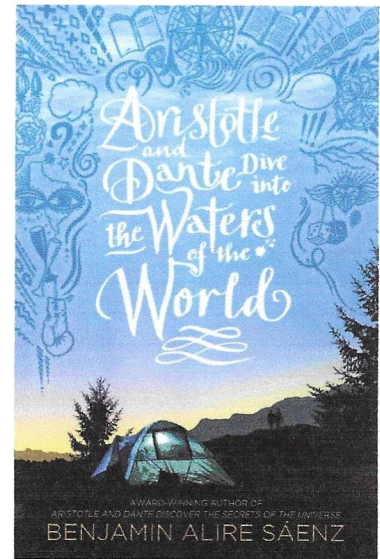
The Friends have enjoyed the able assistance of two Stoughton High Norse Star staffers. Both young women have just graduated, but before moving on Emma Phillips shared her insights about a recent read of hers.

I'm not sure if my book review will do this book justice, but I'll do my best. *Aristotle and Dante Dive into the Waters of the World* by Benjamin Alire Sáenz is truly a work of art. It follows the story of two young boys in El Paso, Texas, who, in the first book, *Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe*, fall in love and are now navigating their emotions in a story full of depth, love, and development. Set in 1989, it is a true coming of age story that touches on themes of love, fear, death, heartbreak, and disease. Though the book may have seemed a bit rushed and some of the grammatical



editing left something to be desired, I can still confidently say that this book is a masterpiece. It is a work of art because it is so full of love. It follows young Aristotle Mendoza through the journey of his mind and the beautiful things within it. This book is bursting with love, hate, death, fear, and pure exhilaration in the form of Aristotle Mendoza and Dante Quintana. It's given me a lot to think about regarding myself and the world I choose to live in. I highly recommend this double-book series to anyone who's looking for a satisfying story filled with love and all its counterparts of misery, desire, and even hate. This book redefines what it means to love and adore another person and I am so delighted to have decided to read it on a whim.

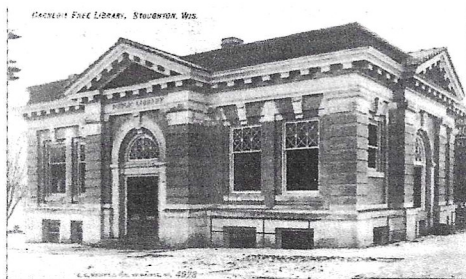
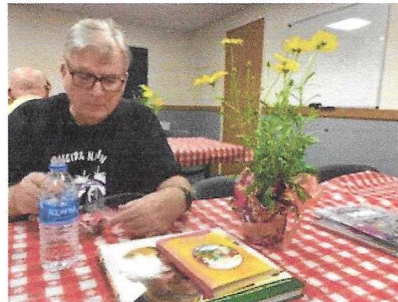
-Stoughton High School Senior Emma Phillips



Did you know Stoughton's first subscription library was formed in 1882? For a fee of \$2 a year, residents could rent one of the 25 books available.

Pie Place 2022 in Smiles and Pictures





Stoughton's Free Public Library

**Did you know the
Stoughton Public Library is
a Carnegie Library?
Andrew Carnegie granted
Stoughton \$13,000 for the
construction of the
Library. Our library is one
of sixty-three Carnegie
Libraries in Wisconsin.**

Love To Read fills our hearts and more

Thank you to all of our generous members who made donations to the *Love To Read* fundraising event. Over \$1400 was raised. As you can see in the photo many hearts were pinned to the bulletin board expressing adult's and children's comments about what they love to read or why they love to read. It was a great response.



Here are two easy ways to support the Friends

Amazon Smile



Do you purchase items from Amazon? If so, a part of your purchase could go to the Friends. Simply go to smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1487256 and log into your Amazon account. Select the Friends of the Stoughton Public Library as your chosen charitable organization, and we will automatically receive donations from your eligible purchases, at no additional cost to you. Make sure you bookmark smile.amazon.com for future Amazon shopping, so every eligible purchase you make on that site results in the Friends getting a donation. It's a win-win situation!

Thrivent

If you are a Thrivent client with membership, you can make an online donation or direct Choice Dollars to the Friends of the Stoughton Public Library. Go to <https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice>. Thrivent will cover all the processing fees, so 100% of your donation goes to the Friends. Thank you!



Watch for details about these upcoming events

August 2, 2022

NATIONAL NITE OUT

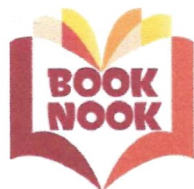
5:30-8 pm at Nordic Ridge Park

Friends of the Library will have a table at the event to promote our mission. There will be a craft activity for children, and some give away items.

October 16-22, 2022

National Friends of the Library Week.

Watch for information about ways we will be promoting this special week dedicated to being a friend of your library.



September 23 and 24, 2022

Book Sale in the Carnegie Room at the Library.

Hours are 1-5 pm Sept. 23

9 am - 5 pm Sept 24

A bag sale will be offered in the afternoon of Sept 24th.

Annual Fall Raffle will be held Saturday, September 24 at 3 pm on the library mezzanine.

Watch for details about raffle tickets.

Please plan to join us for fun and fundraising.

The Friends Mission

The mission of the Friends of the Stoughton Public Library is to promote library services to the Stoughton community; to stimulate gifts and bequests to the library; to provide support for library programs; and to encourage the broadest possible use of the library's facilities, materials, and services. --
Adopted: January 20, 1984

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Monday – Thursday 9am – 6:45pm

Friday – Saturday 9am – 4:45pm

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