

FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

FRIENDS OF THE EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARY

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EILEEN SIMMONS, EDITOR

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

You may already have received an email newsletter from us asking you to renew your membership. We know it has been a long time since any of us have been able to visit the library. Despite the interruption of in-person visits, the library has continued to provide important online services and programs to Everett residents throughout the pandemic.

The Friends of the Library have been proud to support the library throughout this very challenging time, and it is your continued support that has made it possible. In 2020 the Friends supported story walks in public parks, book giveaways at school meal sites and for Play and Learn families, and book bags for holds pick-ups. We supported online programs and led an advocacy effort for the library during last year's City budget cuts. Thanks to you, the library received more letters of support than any other City department.

2021 continues to be challenging, and your support is more important than ever. We ask that you renew your membership either online or by returning your membership payment in the mail.

PROJECTS FOR A BETTER LIBRARY

- 📖 Established a \$50,000 endowment for the benefit of the library.
- 📖 Funded over half of the \$80,000 restoration of the historic mural in the Main Library.
- 📖 Raised over \$50,000 for the Evergreen Branch.
- 📖 Hosted Spelldown! An Adult Spelling Bee, a fundraiser for three years.
- 📖 Annual meetings featuring popular speakers such as John Marzluff and Paul Bannick.
- 📖 Provided volunteers for special events
- 📖 Funded the annual Summer Reading book prizes.

We continue to build on our commitment to the library, even during the pandemic.

FRIENDS CONTINUE SUPPORT FOR THE LIBRARY DURING COVID-19



The Friends' donation of 25 mocktail kits for the Holiday Mocktail and Cocktail program in December allowed audience members to mix along with Revolution by the Barrel's chief mixologist, Nigel Lindsey. An additional 25 kits were funded by the City's Wintertide planning team. Connecting the Friends event with the larger Wintertide celebration allowed the library to reach a wider audience, with 49 live views.



The American Creed Film Screening & Community Conversation was initially planned as an in-person event. When the pandemic made that impossible, virtual panelists were added to create a more meaningful online discussion. The program was funded by a grant from Citizen Film, and the Friends' contribution allowed the library to pay the panelists for their time and contributions. The Friends provided \$450 and total attendance was 25.

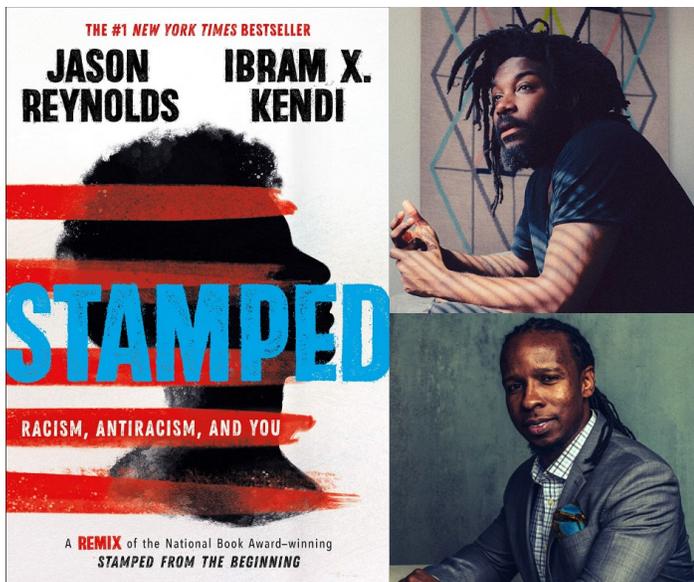
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\$1,300 donation from the Friends paid for flyers promoting library services to be inserted into all utility bill mailers. 25,000 households received the flyer, including one family that lives within walking distance of the Evergreen Branch. They were thrilled to learn there was a library so close where they live.



JASON REYNOLDS & IBRAM KENDI

One Everett One Book is a new initiative to engage community through conversation. Read “Stamped” and join the conversation on race and social justice on Monday, February 22, 6 PM.

Register to Attend on Crowdcast : epls.org/io/e/everett/register

Sign Up to Join a Live Book Discussion of “Stamped.”

Teens: Monday, Feb 22, 4 PM
Adults: Thursday, Feb 25, 6 PM

About the book: “Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You by Jason Reynolds and Dr. Ibram X. Kendi explores the legacy of racism throughout the entire history of the United States. It is written in a style that is accessible to both young adult and adult readers with a range of reading skills.

About the authors: Jason Reynolds, in addition to being a New York Times bestselling author, is a Newbery Award Honoree, a two-time National Book Award finalist, and the recipient of multiple Coretta Scott King honors. “Long Way Down” received both a Newbery Honor, a Printz Honor, and a Coretta Scott King Honor.

Ibram C. Kendi is the Andrew W. Mellow Professor in the Humanities at Boston University and the founding director of the BU Center for Antiracist Research. He is a contributing writer at The Atlantic and a CBS News correspondent. He is the author of many books, including the bestselling “How to Be an Antiracist” and “Antiracist Baby.”

WHY JOIN THE BOARD?

If you use the services provided by the Everett Public Library and have thought about volunteering in your community, joining the Friends board may be just right for you.

The Board works with Director Abby Cooley to make decisions about how to use the money we raise from Friends memberships and special events to best support the library. Board members also volunteer at library programs such as the Mayor’s Award for Summer Reading and author events, and will be able to do so again once the pandemic has passed.

If you have creative ideas for programs and events, think you might enjoy editing our newsletter, or have a bookkeeping or fundraising background, we could use your skills.

If you would like more information, contact us through Abby Cooley at acooley@everettwa.gov. A strong Friends group provides important support to the library.

Judy Pascale, President



NEW OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 2021

President:

Judy Pascale

Vice President:

Lyla Anderson

Treasurer:

Theresa Gemmer

Secretary:

Mary Kate Olson

Regular meetings will resume when it is safe to hold in-person gatherings again.



Join the Friends; support the Library. Your contribution makes a difference.

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