

August Book Sale

The August Tent Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Chippewa Falls Public Library was a success in spite of rain dampening a few books on Thursday evening, August 13. The Friends made a profit of just under \$2100 which will go toward programming at the library. In addition, leftover books were distributed to different groups in the community and beyond.

The Boys and Girls Club members were invited to come on the last afternoon of the sale and choose books to have for their own. Ridgeland is starting a new library, and they also came on the last afternoon to choose books for their start-up library. Boxes of paperback books were sent to the County Jail, and the Chippewa Veterans Home staff chose large print books for the veterans who reside there. Several boxes containing mainly large print books were given to the Chippewa Falls Senior Center to sell or give away, and Dale and Joan Sosalla took the balance of the books on Saturday morning and gave the Friends a generous donation. They are retired people who choose to give back to communities by donating books. About 8 to 10 percent of the books are put online for sale. The money from those sales enable them to pay expenses and give donations to public libraries (like ours) when they pick up leftover books from sales. The remaining 90 percent of the books are donated to various non-profit organizations such as Goodwill stores, other non-profit second-hand stores such as Cents and Sensibility in Independence which helps support about six homeless shelters and other projects for low income families. Some books are given to schools that run fund raisers to sell to raise revenue for education and equipment.. This effort is their way to give back.

The next Friends of the Library book sale will be held on January 14 and 15. The library is accepting newer books in good condition up until a few days before the sale. So, when fall cleaning, think of cleaning out your book shelves as well. The Friends as well as the library staff appreciate your generosity in donating books for their ongoing sale under the stairs as well as for the January sale.