The 11th annual Erie Gives Day is scheduled for August 8th, and expectations are high that donors will surpass last year’s record total of $8.1 million distributed among 470 nonprofits.

On-line donations of $25 or more may be made between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm using Discover, VISA, AmEx, or MasterCard at www.ErieGives.org. Checks of $25 or more must be received at the Erie Community Foundation, 459 W. 6th St., Erie 16507, by Aug. 7, accompanied by a form printed from ECF’s website listing the organizations the donor wishes to support.

As in past years, generous companies including ECF, Erie Insurance, Wabtec, Erie Bank, Knox Law, National Fuel, UBS, Custom Engineering, and GEEDC will provide “Bonus Bucks” funds that last year added 6% to each nonprofit’s total. (See next page for more.)

Please support Hooked on Books for Kids on Erie Gives Day! The children and youth of Erie County will benefit from your generosity.
MORE ABOUT ERIE GIVES DAY

There are two ways you can increase your “bang for the buck” when you donate. One way is to send a check arriving on or before August 7. Checks avoid the 2.5% plus 30 cents that credit cards charge for handling donations. Adding $1 to the check of $50 will cover the 2% ECF also charges for handling the donations, so all your donation goes to HOBFK.

The second way is to add the 2% ECF charge for organizing and coordinating the event, plus the 2.5% plus 30 cents that credit cards charge for processing donations. Thus, for a $50 donation adding 2% or one dollar would cover the Foundation’s fee and adding 2.5% plus 30 cents ($2.55 total) would ensure that all $50 reaches HOBFK.

HOBFK WORKS WITH ASBURY WOODS

Laurie Mussett and Doug Rieder at Rodger Young Park

Again this summer, HOBFK is partnering with Asbury Woods for its Nature in Your Neighborhood events from June 15 through August 17. Events will be held June 15 and 27 at Bayview Park, June 22 and July 27 at Rodger Young Park, June 29 and August 3 at Perry Square, July 6 and August 17 at Washington Park, and July 13 and August 10 at McKinley Park. All events are from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

HOBFK gives books with nature themes at each event and encourages parents and kids to read all summer to minimize “summer slide,” the reading progress students lose during summer vacation. These are fun events for the kids, Asbury Woods, and us. Visit us anytime!
EMAIL OR PAPER?

If you prefer to receive your newsletter by email, with your next donation, include your email address and a note asking for online delivery, or send a notice to Dean Baldwin at dxb11@psu.edu.

However you get your newsletter, thanks for donating!

LET’S GET SOCIAL!

To keep up with our many activities, please “friend” us on Facebook. There you’ll find photos of recent events, news of upcoming events, and comments by recipients of our books.

On our website, you can find information about our programs, an application to receive books, photos and a video of the hijinks at our annual spelling bee, and information about donating.

Remember, we are an all-volunteer organization, so we have no paid employees or officers and very low overhead. Eighty-five to ninety percent of donations are used to purchase books; the rest goes to essential operating costs.

WE ARE GOOD STEWARDS WITH YOUR MONEY!

The WQLN PBS’s STREAM (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts, and Math) Machine visits schools, libraries, parks, and other neighborhoods throughout our community to provide remarkable outdoor learning experiences to inspire all children.

Additionally, children receive PBS KIDS’ books and STREAM Kits full of activities to encourage active learning in the home. Since launching this program last August, it has visited 37 locations, such as the Glenwood Y, Werner Books, Blasco Library, and the Erie Housing Authority. At these 37 events, WQLN served 2,135 children and distributed 3,366 PBS Kids’ books and 2,002 STREAM Kits, greatly exceeding its original goals!

HOBFK contributed substantially to this project, helping to buy over 1,800 of those 3,366 books, and at our June meeting we again voted to contribute to purchase another 1,800+ books.

WQLN’s STREAM Machine project overlaps precisely with our efforts to stimulate reading by children and increase parents’ in-home reading and interest in their children’s literacy and academic achievement.

Thanks to your generous support of our efforts to purchase and distribute books to Erie County’s underrepresented children and youth, we are proud to contribute to this excellent project.

If you listen to WQLN NPR radio, you’ll hear lots of announcements over the next year, applauding our cooperation and spreading the word about HOBFK’s valuable activities and contributions to literacy, life-long learning, and the love of reading.

THANKS FOR YOUR PART IN FURTHERING THESE ACTIVITIES!
Hooked on Books for Kids
P.O. Box 3059
Erie, PA 16508

Phone: (814) 431-3676
www.hookedonbooksforkidserie.org

Please note your renewal date below

WON’T YOU PLEASE HELP US?

Please use this coupon to lend us your support. The children and youth of Erie County will thank you.

Mail the completed form and check payable to “Hooked on Books for Kids,” P.O. Box 3059, Erie, PA 16508. Donations may also be made via PayPal, preferably using its Friends and Family option.

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