On August 13, 94 generous donors contacted the Erie Community Foundation to give $6,071 to Hooked on Books for Kids.

Thanks to a pool of money provided by the Erie Community Foundation, Erie Insurance, Wabtec, E. E. Austin, ErieBank, Knox Law, McInnes Rolled Rings, and Little Caesars/Dickey’s BBQ, Northwest Bank, and Velocity Net, this amount was increased to $6,475.02—a new record for us!

All told, 391 non-profits received $5,569,161.

Truly, Erie is a generous community, and we thank everyone who donated to whatever cause to make this another extraordinary event! Erie’s children and youth thank all our donors!

We Are Looking For A Volunteer Web Master

Sadly, our faithful web master, Catherine Toews, is leaving us. She and her husband Adam are returning to their native Canada, where Adam is taking up a new teaching position.

Thus, we are hoping a volunteer take her position. Time commitment is minimal, two hours a month, if that. Technical requirements include understanding HTML and FTP to change the PDF filename to “newsletter pdf” to avoid updating the code on the website, uploading the new newsletter PDF to GoDaddy, and re-labeling the previous newsletter so the directory on the website has all back issues.

For more information, call Dean Baldwin at 814-431-3676.

And thanks, Catherine, for your years of faithful service!
The Kiwanis Club of Erie has been extraordinarily supportive of our reading programs at Edison and Lincoln Schools. While HOBFK provides the books and the readers at Edison, Erie Kiwanis provides $3,000 for the books at Lincoln and readers for students in grades K through two. We use our buying power to purchase the books for Lincoln, but without support from Kiwanis, we would not likely be able to provide books for Lincoln on our own.

Kiwanis will begin its reading program on October 22. If you are interested in reading at Lincoln one Tuesday a month, October through May, call Linda Smalley at 814-566-4391.

October 11 will mark the beginning of HOFK’s annual program of reading and giving books to students in grades K through 5 at Edison School.

Organized by board member Belle Koncewicz, the program provides adult volunteers who do the reading and encourage the students to read to or with their parents, some of whom attend these sessions to learn the importance of in-home reading and get tips from volunteers on how to do it with their children.

It’s hard to know who has more fun on these Fridays, the kids or the readers! Call Belle and join the fun: 835-7790.

Thanks to New and Renewing Members

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- Kiwanis Club of Erie
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We Welcome Kindergarten at Harding School

First day of school for children entering kindergarten can be difficult for both the children and their parents. To lessen the trauma for both parties, Harding School initiated a new welcoming event, sponsored by United Way of Erie County, Eriez Magnetics, and Hooked on Books for Kids. Teachers and principal Kevin Harper were on hand, breakfast was provided, and Hooked on Books for Kids gave new books and information to encourage parents to read at home. A fun event for all who attended. Way to go, Harding School!

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