



WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR ...

The Friends of Edmonton Public Library continue to promote public interest in the Edmonton Public Library through advocacy, community engagement and meaningful financial contributions. Over the past 25 years, FEPL has contributed \$1.4M to EPL towards capital improvements, pilot programs and enhanced services.

Bringing books and children together



Between 2022 and 2024, \$50,000 was given towards EPL's **Ready. Set. READ!** pilot program in partnership with the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. This program inspires a love of reading by gifting free books to children from birth to age five and helps prepare them for kindergarten.



SHINING A SPOTLIGHT ON COMMUNITY INTEREST

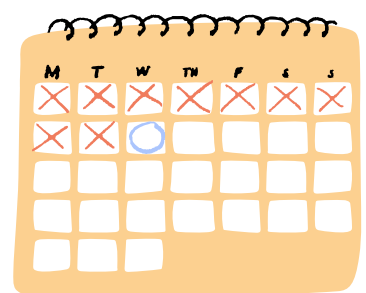
Every year, EPL invites thought leaders from a variety of industries to share their insights, ideas, experiences and viewpoints with the aim of helping to build stronger neighbourhoods and communities. The Friends of EPL were proud to sponsor the **Forward Thinking Speaker Series** event featuring Dr. Hayley Wickenheiser on October 27, 2024.

Raising funds to enable meaningful contributions to the Vision of EPL & support the library community

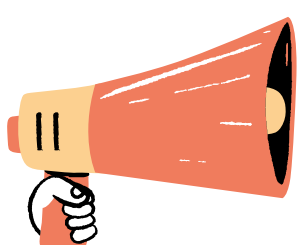
In the last quarter of 2023, the Friends of EPL secured \$78,000 in funding through AGLC by volunteering at a casino. Of this, \$55,000 was used to purchase labyrinth book displays for EPL branches throughout the city. These displays will showcase Hits-to-Go and themed materials at EPL.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Work is underway to plan the 2025-2026 Friends **Salon Speaker Series** centred on local leaders sharing their perspective and opinions.



CONNECTING WITH YOU!



Share the love of reading with Book Recommendations, where we connect books and community by highlighting what our members are reading.