Fall has arrived, the harvest is underway, and Friends are busily preparing for the big book sale coming up October 24th-26th! Right smack dab in the middle of National Friends of the Library Week, the library staff and Friends Preview sale is Wednesday, October 23, 12-2:00 pm. All adult fiction, including a limited selection of large print, are alphabetized by author, sorted by genre, and will be on labeled carts in Meeting Room A-B. Adult nonfiction, movies, CDs, video games, young adult books, and children's fiction, nonfiction and audiobooks will be located at the Friends bookstore area, the Susie Stafford Book Sale room. As advertised, movies will be ½ price on Friday, 12-5:00 pm. Watch signs for other daily specials on Friday and Saturday! AND downtown Warsaw’s Spooktacular is Friday...trick or treats for children at the Friends bookstore!

The final two Saturday sales for 2019, are November 23, and Santa Day, December 7, and will be located at the bookstore. The hours are 10 am-1:30 pm. Watch for the sign and special deals!

It's official, the Friends bookstore name is, STORY EMPORIUM. After reviewing 43 surveys, designated OPEN hours have been determined, and specifically, Friends will voluntarily manage it. Weeks One and Three

- Monday 9am-12N
- Thursday 1-4pm

Weeks Two and Four

- Tuesday 4-7:30pm
- Saturday 10am-1:30pm

A tentative opening date will likely be in March. Policies need to be written, staff confirmed and oriented to procedure and inventory. Purging, cleaning, room décor, advertising, and a grand opening are just a few of the items on a long list we will be working on until then. Friends are enthused, excited, and committed to this new endeavor. Updates will be in the winter 2020 newsletter.

Recent new Friends members are Ann Werk, Faith Boggs, and Pat Haines. We welcome you and sincerely thank you for supporting FOL.

FOL is financially supporting Santa Day for Children's Services again this year, fulfilling a portion of the Wish List. We will be filling gift bags for the children on Wednesday and Thursday, November 20 and 21, from 1-4 pm.

Once again, the Hospitality committee has identified charitable organizations. The AWL and The Salvation Army Angel of Hope have been named for October-November. Donations may be taken to the November 4, FOL meeting. After Thanksgiving, The Angel of Hope Christmas tree will be located across from the Circulation desk. Simply select a tag, shop, and drop off your unwrapped donation with the tag to the Circulation Desk on your next visit to the library. The library is notorious with The Salvation Army for the generosity of their patrons! Friends will assist in making this a win-win for Kosciusko County!

Chapter Chat book club is a huge success!! Drop by on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 1-3 pm. Bring a friend, we would love to have you! If there is any interest in an Adult/Young Adult Sci-Fi/Fantasy book club, be sure and let someone from Friends know!

Watch for sorting and updates at The Puzzle Place. Like so many others who frequently borrow puzzles, it was brought to our attention by one of our members, there were many with missing pieces! Incredibly frustrating, if this happens, please discard the puzzle in recycling (minus any plastic), and do not return it to the library. If you work a puzzle and it's complete, drop a note in the puzzle with that
information for the next person. Friends will try to monitor the area more regularly. With fall and winter approaching, puzzles are a convenient and fun way to spend time alone or as a family. The Puzzle Place is the perfect place to browse and make a selection.

Happy Fall. See you at the Book Sale!
-Merri