Thank you to all those who supported the Friends with their energy, time and money last year! We couldn’t do all we do for the Library without your help. With your support the Friends have managed to meet and exceed our goals for 2017! We look forward to helping the Library accomplish wonderful things in 2018.

**Noodles & Company Benefit Night**

Thursday, March 22nd, 5 – 9 PM
Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser night to Support the Friends. Come in to the Noodles & Company at 13300 Technology Dr. in Eden Prairie on March 22nd from 5 to 9 PM. 25% of the proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Eden Prairie Library. Join us for an easy and delicious way to give back!

**Fundraising Committee Meeting**

Sunday, February 25th, 12PM
The Friend’s Fundraising committee oversees, organizes and manages programs and event functions, including Book Sales and Volumes & Vines.

Are you interested in helping with our yearly events, or just want to know what we are planning for 2018? Join us for our Spring committee meeting, on February 25th at the Library, You will meet the Committee chairs and hear what’s on the docket for 2018.

**Eden Prairie Reads:**

Wednesday, March 13th, 6:30 PM
This year’s Eden Prairie Reads is *Waking: A Memoir of Trauma and Transcendence* by local author Matthew Sanford. This beautifully written memoir tells the story of how Sanford regained his life after suffering through tragedy. The community discussion will take place at St. Andrew Lutheran Church on March 13th followed by a moderated Q&A, and book signing.

**Spring Book Club Dates:**

7PM – 1st Monday of the month

March 5th: *Future Home of the Living God* by Louise Erdrich
April 2nd: *Beartown* by Fredrik Backman
May 7th: *The Best We Could Do: An Illustrated Memoir* by Thi Bui

A limited number of lending copies may be picked up at the information desk beginning 3 weeks before each discussion.

**Like us on Facebook!**
**May Used Book Sale:**

The next book sale will be on **May 3rd** – 5th at the Eden Prairie Library. Plan on seeing a fabulous collection of books for all ages. All proceeds support our Library. All Hennepin County Friends may shop an hour early on May 3rd. The final 2 hours of the sale on May 5th will be the $5 Bag Sale.

**Dates & Times:**
- **Thursday, May 3rd:** 5 – 6 PM (All Friends Pre-Sale) 6 – 8 PM (Open to the Public)
- **Friday, May 4th:** 10 AM – 4 PM (Open to the Public)
- **Saturday, May 5th:** 10 AM – 4 PM (Open to the Public) 2 – 4 PM ($5 Bag Sale)

**Want more information about the Friends? Interested in volunteering?**

We raise funds to support Eden Prairie Library; volunteer to help the Library staff with events; attend and participate in Library programs; and support community events to promote awareness of the Eden Prairie Library.

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**Author Event:**

**ANDREA SWEENSON**

**Monday, April 9th, 7 PM**

Swenson will discuss her new book, “Got to Be Something Here: The Rise of the Minneapolis Sound” and tell stories about Prince the Minneapolis Sound. She traces the rise of that distinctive sound through 2 generations of political upheaval, rebellion and artistic passion. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

**David Housewright**

**Sunday, May 20th, 1 PM**

After a nearly 20-year absence, detective Holland Taylor is back on the case in “Darkness, Sing Me a Song”. Join Minnesota author Housewright to discuss the return of his Edgar Award-winning series. Books will be available for purchase and signing.