

PAGE TURNER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY ANN LOWREY

As I write this, my tulips are three inches high, the robins are vying for space in my heated birdbath and the days are getting surprisingly long.

As you read this, it will be time for our spring book sale, May 3, 4 and 5. The book sales are the Friends' biggest projects every year, but the Friends have been busy all winter:

* We introduced a scholarship, sponsored by the Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library this winter and our two winners will be announced at the High School awards ceremony in May.

* The Friends sponsored the annual writing contest, the photo contest and the edible books contest. All three programs continue to have excellent interest and participation.

* The Friends will contribute \$35,650 to the library this year to support children, teen and adult programs, conferences for librarians and so much more. Have you noticed the new furniture in the library? The funds contributed by the Friends will pay for several years of furniture replacement.

We hope you will enjoy this issue of the PageTurner. The Friends have need for volunteers for many projects so if you're a Friend, why not become a volunteer also?

-Ann

From the Director

By Nyama Y. Reed

Through the efforts of Friends volunteers who sort books twice weekly ALL YEAR to sell in the small book room AND on eBay (<http://ebay.to/2TOaiD9>) AND at the twice yearly big sales – the Library is able to offer enhanced programming, purchase furniture and technology, and support staff attendance at conferences. The Whitefish Bay Public Library would not be as excellent as it is without the generous support of Friends!!!

We just posted our 2018 Annual Report to the Community at <https://bit.ly/2WGlxQ5>. Last year Friends funded 212 programs with 6,600 people in attendance, fully 77% of our total programming. So when you donate used books, music and movies to the library for sale by Friends, you are helping the Library to provide storytimes, the Summer Reading Program, craft programs, STEM or STEAM classes, 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, WFB TALKS, and our annual special events such as the Edible Book Festival, Photography Contest and Writing Contest.

When you purchase books from Friends, you also help the library buy new furniture and fund special projects such as the picture book reorganization we did last year. This year we are on track to buy new computers chairs for patrons, additional comfy chairs for the children's wing, and study tables to replace the 17 year old ones that are getting a bit wobbly.

Help keep Friends and the Library going strong in 2019 by donating your used books, music and movies. Then when you have empty bookshelves, stop in to by new-to-you used ones at the sales!!!

-Nyama

Adult Services Update

By Scott Lenski, Community and Adult Services Librarian

2019 is the 4th year of our monthly speaker series Whitefish Bay TALKS and it's been so much fun planning this series. By now I hope you've heard about our TALKS but if you haven't, think of them like TED Talks about local topics. We've had such a wide range of speakers covering topics like local history, food, philosophy, the Great Lakes, and so much more! I'm really excited about some of the speakers on the horizon.

In May we're hosting Wood Benson, a Master Gardener and active participant in the South East Wisconsin Master Gardener Pollinator Group. Wood will be at the library on Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30pm to discuss tips on how to make your garden more supportive of the native bee populations. I'm sure he'll have some great tips for us on how to have a beautiful garden while at the same time helping to keep the bee populations healthy.

In June we're in for a real treat as Jessica Michna portrays Laura Ingalls Wilder on Tuesday, June 18 at 6:30pm. Generations of children and adults worldwide have been fascinated by the stories of Laura Ingalls Wilder. Her "Little House" series was the basis for a successful television series. But how did her life really evolve? What motivated her to put her experiences to paper? In this presentation you will meet Mrs. Wilder, older, wiser, and reflecting back on her life. She will tell you her life story and how she came to produce her literary works. You won't want to miss this special event! Thanks for Friends ongoing support for Whitefish Bay TALKS. We've been able to host some very entertaining and distinguished speakers, and I look forward to more years of bringing this program to the Whitefish Bay Community.



Jessica Michna as Laura Ingalls Wilder

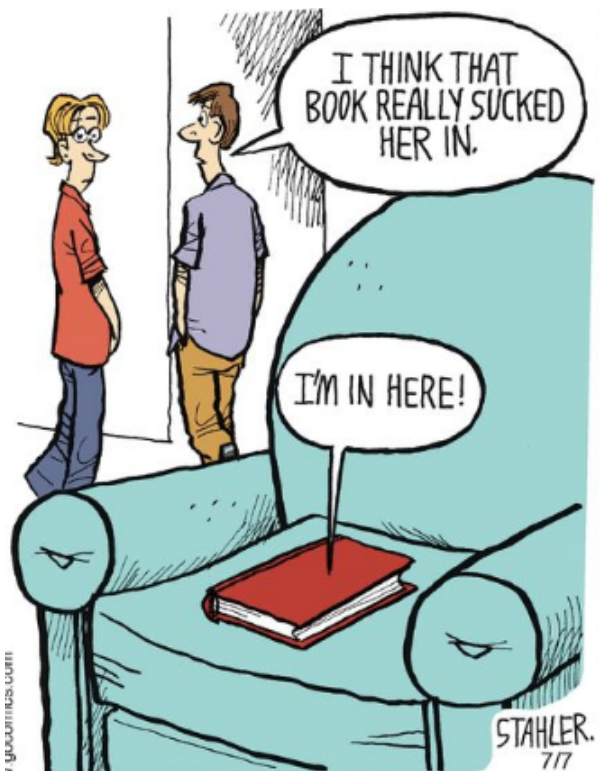
Volunteer Coordinator Needed!

Friends of the WFB Library is seeking someone to work with our volunteers.

The coordinator would help schedule other volunteers for:

- Book Sales
- Adopt-A-Shelf Program
- Green Day in the Bay

Interested? Please email us at:
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Friends' Library Book Sale Coming Up!

Mark your calendars! The Spring Book Sale is set for May 3rd - 5th at the Library.

A special preview party will be held Friday evening, May 3rd, from 5 to 7 p.m. This invitation-only event is open only to folks like you - Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library. Look for your invitation coming soon by mail. For the general public, the sale is open from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 4th, and noon-3 p.m. on Sunday, May 5th.

If you can't make it to the sale, you still can help out. Please pass on word of the sale to every book lover, reader and teacher you know. And Friends are always looking for volunteers. If you're interested, hop online and go to: www.wfblibrary.org/get_involved/friends/

Proceeds from the book sales go to supplement the wide range of activities at the Library including reading programs, computer equipment purchases, speakers, furniture and much more.

Donations are also accepted for the Library Book Sale and for the Book Room in the Library. All books; CDs, DVDs, records and other media; puzzles and other slightly-used toys and games can be dropped off throughout the year at the Library.



CONGRATULATIONS to the 2019 Writing Contest Winners!

Short Story

1st Place - Susan Rozanski

2nd Place - Leopold Shircel

3rd Place - Jon Kolb

Memoir

1st Place - John Phillips

2nd Place - Jon Kolb

3rd Place - Don Bluhm

Poetry

1st Place - Dina Schachtely

2nd Place - Joyce Davis

3rd Place - Gabriella Echimof

Friends Contributions to the library in 2018



Welcome New Members!

It's a pleasure to welcome the following new member who has joined Friends since the last newsletter was published:

Jason Gannett	Georgia Mavrinnac
Rob Gardenier	Allison & Kevin Schwab
Rita Kehl	Serene Sahar
Theresa Hoge	Karen Staff
Judith Tolkan	Sebastian Mei & Dalyn Ward
Leah Dean	Basil Maglaris & Gina LaPorte
Debra Jenkins	Debra Schwinn
Mary McFadden	Serena Petri

Thank you for your support.

Members are the lifeblood of our organization!

Youth Services Update

By Katie Kiekhaefer & Valerie Morris

In last winter's newsletter, I had introduced our newest Friends-funded project in the children's department: reorganizing the picture books, changing them from alphabetical by author to organized by subject area. I'm happy to give an update on this exciting undertaking that we successfully completed at the beginning of 2019.

First, a little background: why did we reorganize? Well, as librarians, we are used to answering questions, a lot of questions. And often, we were hearing a lot of the same questions: Where are the books on trucks? We need books on toilet training! Do you have a section for dinosaur books?

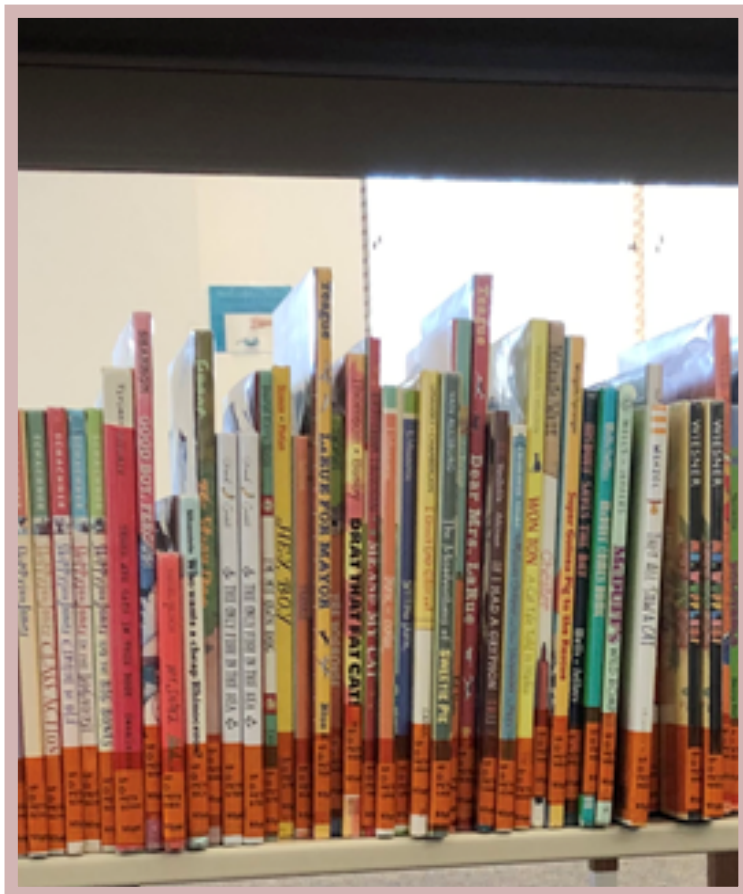
In response to these and many other questions, we reorganized! Now, all those books on trucks, princesses, dinosaurs, and more, that our community loves, are shelved together. We consider our picture book collection as a forest. Each picture book in our collection is placed into one of 14 main categories, or 14 trees, represented by a letter of the alphabet and a corresponding color label on the spine of the

book. Within the main categories, books are placed within a subcategory, or branches.

With Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library funding, we were able to purchase new labels and create new signage to help patrons better understand our new system. We had to relabel over 4000 books, so it's safe to say this project was a big undertaking for the youth services department and it would not have been possible without the generous help from Friends.

This reorganization of the picture books makes the collection more browse-able for all of our patrons, and we're excited to already see the benefits of this new set up. Many patrons have said they've discovered some new-to-them books, and youth services staff has enjoyed being able to explain how to use our new system.

I invite all of you to check out our new picture book area!



Teen Services & Technology

By Allison Fantetti

The Whitefish Bay Library works hard to provide programs for all ages. Teens, or young adults, can be the trickiest age group to attend programs. They can be pulled in many directions like sports teams, more homework, and are more independent (i.e. their mom isn't going to sign them up for programs anymore!) But we have seen great success over the last year with teens flocking to our programs. In December "Hack Your Hot Cocoa" returned with 50 teens coming in to customize their hot chocolate and play games with their friends on a school half day. March had a structured program titled "Paint & Pot." As the name implies, teens were invited to come paint their own terracotta pot and then plant a succulent in it to take home. The teens spent over an hour designing their

pots and were thrilled to be able to pick out their unique plant. However, no March is complete without a Pi Day Celebration. After school on Pi Day (March 14), teens were invited to come and sample a selection of pies. The French Silk Pie was the first to go, with Banana Cream taking second, strawberry rhubarb was not as well received and thus the least popular. None of these programs would be possible without the generous support of the Friends of Whitefish Bay Library. The teens can look forward to continued programing for the rest of 2019!

Meet the Friends

Meet Sonya Ruff and Judy Guelig

Co-Chairs of Book Sorting, eBay



We've both lived in Whitefish Bay for over 20 years and love the community. We are avid readers and lovers of the library so it is the ideal place to volunteer.

Sonya has been volunteering at the library for 15 years after retiring as a labor and delivery nurse; Judy has been here 12 years after retiring as an accountant with U.S. BankCorp. Along with a great group of volunteers, we spend a couple of hours twice a week in the basement library sorting through donations for the book sale and the sale room. We also have researchers checking for books to sell on eBay.

We are both knitters and get together with other each week to work on our projects. Judy also enjoys sewing. We also belong to book discussion groups and of course enjoy reading, mostly

fiction for Sonya and mysteries for Judy. Sonya also keeps busy with her five grandchildren. Volunteering at the library is a great way to meet like-minded people and to be able to give back to the community.

Judy's Recent Books:

Michael Connelly – Dark Sacred Night, 5 Stars

Jacqeline Winspear - The American Agent, 5 Stars

Kathleen Ernst - Mining for Justice, 4 Stars

Sonya's Recent Books:

I love to read short stories. Authors I enjoy are Elizabeth Strout, Ursula Hegi, Joseph Epstein, and Richard Russo. I have too many books that I enjoyed to list them!



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Board Meetings are held at the Library at 6:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month (except July and August). Friends members are welcome to attend to get an idea of our work in progress, ask questions, or contribute ideas.