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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY ANN LOWREY

It's official! The Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library have awarded \$60,000 to the Library to fund programs and projects for 2023!

How will this be spent?

You may have noticed a new self-checkout station in the lobby. Give it a try next time you're in the library.

The Friends will sponsor programs including the summer reading programs for adults, teens, and youth. Other programs for 2023 are the Take and Tinker collection, the Seed Library, museum memberships and the photography contest.

This year, watch for a refresh of the teen area. This will include new artwork, a neon sign, and some new furniture.

Looking for a "Hot Read"? This area now renamed "Lucky Day" will be enlarged by the Friends. It's more likely you'll find that recently published novel on your list.

How can you help? Support the Friends by attending our **Book Sale on May 5, 6 and 7**. Our book sales, whether you attend in person and in our Book Sale Room or purchase through our eBay site are how we fund our contributions to the Library.

We also thank our very generous community for donations of gently used books and media. Without your donations, none of this would be possible.

Happy spring and hope to see you at the book sale!

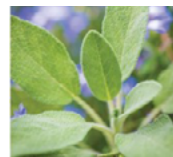
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## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

BY NYAMA Y. REED

We are happy to offer free seeds for the 4th year, thanks to the generosity of Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library.

The majority of our seeds are purchased from Burpee and we strive to offer organic for Herbs and Vegetables.



### Herbs

Basil, Genovese  
Chamomile  
Chive  
Cilantro/Coriander  
Dill  
Parsley  
Rosemary  
Sage, Broad Leaf  
Thyme



### Vegetables

Arugula  
Carrot, Kaleidoscope  
Blend  
Kale, Red Winter  
Kohlrabi, Purple Vienna  
Lettuce, Gourmet Blend  
Radish, Cherry Belle  
Snow Pea, Oregon Sugar  
Pod II  
Tomato, Yellow Pear  
Turnip, Golden Globe



### Flowers

Cleome  
Coreopsis  
Daisy, Silver Princess  
Poppy, California,  
Salvia,  
Sunflower, Busy Bee  
Zinnia, Giant Mixed Colors

[https://www.wfblibrary.org/at\\_the\\_library/seed\\_library.php](https://www.wfblibrary.org/at_the_library/seed_library.php)

If you are new to gardening, here are some useful websites with handy info for getting started.

Spring Planting Schedule - Now is the time to start growing seeds indoors, so they are ready for planting. (<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/sewmg/files/2011/02/SpringFallVegetablePlanting2017.pdf>)

Gardening Expert Melinda Myers offer plenty of garden how-to tutorials, with video recordings. Plus plant specific info for growing a variety of plants. (<https://www.melindamyers.com/>)

UW-Madison's Wisconsin Horticulture site offers info on growing seeds, sharpening your tools, and lots of other topics. (<https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/>)

The Whitefish Bay Garden Club has excellent lawn and garden tips for our area. (<https://www.whitefishbaygardenclub.com/>)

Sincerely,  
Nyama  
Your Whitefish Bay Public Library Director

### Adult Services Updates

*By Scott Lenski, Community and Adult Services Librarian*

Happy spring! We've got some new and exciting things happening at the library, thanks to our Friends. First off we've got changes coming to our Hot Reads collection. Hot Reads are those titles with long holds lists that everyone wants to get their hands on. Our designated Hot Reads copies can't be placed on hold and are first come first served. In 2023, Friends have committed to purchasing these hot titles and we're making a few changes. The collection will now be called the Lucky Day collection, meaning it's your lucky day if you find this item on the shelf and get to check it out. We'll also be able to purchase more copies of titles, so hopefully you'll get a hold of these titles faster. Lucky Day can be found right by our new books as you enter the Adult Services collection.

Friends have also continued to support the library's Take and Tinker Collection. Take and Tinker is a collection of tools, games, and other items that you wouldn't expect to find in a library. We recently purchased some new items including pickle ball rackets and paddles, an acoustic guitar, a green screen, a GoPro Video Camera, and a cornhole set. Friends have committed more money in 2023 so we'll see a bunch more items coming to Take and Tinker. Since the inauguration of the collection, here are the top 5 most popular items in Take and Tinker:

- 1) Cricut- An electronic cutting machine that can cut all sorts of designs from materials like paper, vinyl, card stock, and iron-on transfers.
- 2) Movie Projector- Perfect for outdoor movie nights or parties.
- 3) Brother Sewing Machine- When you need to hem those pants or sew those curtains.
- 4) Metal Detector- Fun at the beach, park, or even in the backyard.
- 5) Button Maker- Craft buttons for your backpack, hat, or shirt.

You can browse the collection in person, near our new large print books. We've also got a list of all items on our website. Take and Tinker items can be placed on hold so check what we have to offer.



### We Can Help Each Other

Greetings!

My name is Francine Curtis, representing Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library, a volunteer group which works to strengthen our great library. I'm reaching out to you today to make sure you know that our organization resells books, videos, CDs/records and gently-used games and puzzles at our May and November book sales and in our Book Sale Room in the library.

If you have any of these items, we'd be happy to take them off your hands. For more information, please call 1-562-760-0475.

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

So please keep us in mind if you have these items to donate.

Sincerely,  
Francine Curtis  
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## Youth Services Update

By Katie Kiekhaefer

On Wednesday, March 15th, the Whitefish Bay Public Library participated in a multi-cultural event at Nicolet High School. Over 93 individuals (parents, children, and students) RSVP'd for this evening of food and fun to promote community within the North Shore for families who are not native English speakers.

As part of the event, we helped families sign up for library cards and learn more about library services. Our Youth Services Reference Assistant Liza translated our branded bookmark and our card application forms into Spanish, while our Circulation Assistant Su translated our bookmark into Chinese prior to the event. During the event, they assisted attendees with signing up for library cards. It was amazing to watch as they spoke with individuals in Spanish and Chinese.

The attendees' faces lit up when they were able to converse in their primary language.

Thanks to Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library, we were also able to give out "library swag" like stickers with our logo and mood pencils featuring our tagline. Most importantly, we also gave out more than 30 books to children and teens attending this event. These books were purchased with Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library funding to originally hand out during our summer and winter reading programs.

Thank you again for all of your support, Friends, and for helping us bring books to our community.



## Welcome New Members!

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

Marlene Jaglinski	Daryl & Michaela Stuermer
Pat Geiger	Jenna Kashou
Amy Hostler	Glenn Ragalie
Sue Wile	Tom Hettinger
Nancy Drewek	Sandy Brusin
Jennifer West	Mary Jo and Larry Wellenstein
Laura Lutz	Gabriella Leachmon
Carol Gauger	Britt Bossert
Julie Pekarek	Charlene and Jim Van Orsdol
Christy Hurst	Cassie King

Thank you for your support.

Members are the lifeblood of our organization!



## Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library Writing Contest Winners 2023

The winners of the 2023 writing contest were announced, and a reception was held, on Wednesday, March 22 at the library. The winners, three in each category of short story, memoir, and poetry, read their pieces at the reception which was also the 10th anniversary of the contest.

The winning submissions can be read on the website [here](#), or by clicking below.

### Short Story

- 1st Place - Malin Morris: [“66 Degrees North”](#)  
2nd Place - Jessica Dean: [“How We Say Howdy”](#)  
3rd Place - Gary Garcia: [“PeeWee’s Guest”](#)

### Memoir

- 1st Place - Carolyn Kott Washburne: [Ouch](#)  
2nd Place - Jessica Dean: [Scoutimer Jones](#)  
3rd Place - Jon Kolb: [Bucky](#)

### Poetry

- 1st Place - Stephanie Hobbins: [“Just Hair”](#)  
2nd Place - Kathleen Folkrod: [“Tantrum”](#)  
3rd Place - [Dina Schachtely](#)



On November 29th (Giving Tuesday) the Friends received a \$1,000 donation from Johnson Bank! Bryan Schauland, Assistant Vice President and Sue Runkel, Officer from our local Johnson Bank visited the Book Cellar and presented the check. As part of the Bank’s Neighborhood Giving Campaign, we were selected as a Whitefish Bay nonprofit to receive this honor.

### Winning Poem: “Just Hair” by Stephanie Hobbins

Young girl goes bald. People gawk.stare.  
friend says to her, “Hey, it’s just hair.”

it’s not, i think back, it plays with your mind  
tugs at your heart, yourself you can’t find

mourning the loss, of what used to be  
in the mirror, now, that me, I don’t see.

this disease has taken so much of my glee  
not just my appearance-the me I used to be

Sheared like a sheep  
Tears I still weep

Hiding under wigs and hats  
can’t bear to hear their whispered chats

Confused, distraught, everywhere I go,  
hoping that my difference won’t show

All the friends and loved ones I’ve shown  
cannot relate, I feel so alone

thinking it’s chemo, they say, “It will grow”  
I smile, but think, how little you know.

Alopecia, so blatant, it tricks people’s brains when  
some assume worse, it brings more pain

their eyes of pity are silent blows  
yes, they mean well, but still the shame flows

My body itself attacking my hair  
keeps taking and taking until I am bare

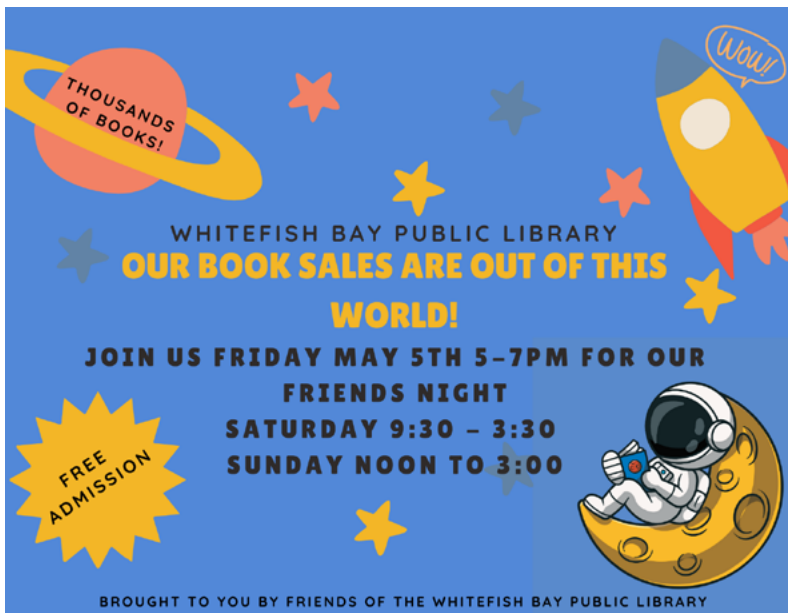
reflection and time help dry off those tears  
and here i am left facing those fears

To be bald, to be me  
And also be free

## What's New at the Book Sale?

The Friends' book sale is just around the corner and here's a peek at what you'll find this May:

1. A large collection of children's picture books with accompanying CDs. They are great to listen to with a child or help the child build independence as they follow along with the book and CD on their own.
2. Our new set of five bookshelves now takes up a formerly underutilized area and is full of cookbooks. They are sorted by category and we've retained only the best quality.
3. We now take the library's discarded books and you will find them interfiled with all our other books by category. Even though they are library discards we have shelved only the best quality.
4. We have reorganized some areas in a more logical way. Never fear! We will have a map available, and we can hand you a pocket-sized map so you can easily find your favorite subject matter.
5. We have two new categories that some of you have asked for: We have a collection of Large Print books and a new shelf featuring True Crime novels.



### Whitefish Bay Friends' Spring Book Sale

We have Books, CDs, DVDs, Vinyl and Puzzles galore!

May 5, (Friends Night) 5 to 7 p.m.  
 May 6, Saturday 9:30 to 3:30  
 May 7, Sunday noon to 3

In the "Book Cellar" at the  
 Whitefish Bay Public Library

Cash, checks, and all credit cards are  
 welcomed!



### Look for these new bookshelves at our May sale!

We received these from the UWM Surplus facility. Their mission is described [on their website](#). The UWM Surplus Program helps manage all unwanted furniture, equipment & computers from campus. This is achieved by either finding a new use for items on campus, selling them online to the public, donating them to area non-profits, or recycling them as scrap. We are a 501(c)(3) organization so the shelves came to us free of charge.

Thank you, UWM Surplus!

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LIBRARY'S FRONT DESK? PLEASE HELP  
US ATTRACT NEW PATRONS BY RATING  
AND REVIEWING US ON [GOOGLE MAPS](#)



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Board Meetings are held at the Library at 6:00 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.