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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY PAT GOSCH

Hello Friends and Hello Summer! Yes, summer has unofficially arrived and we experienced one of the best Memorial Day weekends in recent history! Hopefully our summer will be more of the same!

It was a great spring for the Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library. We continue to sponsor many of the children's, teen and adult programming. The friends sponsored the Writing Contest and thanks go to Ellen Mei, a Friends Board member, for coordinating and hosting the event. The Edible Book Festival was also a great success with many terrific examples of creative thinking with puns on book titles as well as culinary skills. Whitefish Bay Talks continues with talks scheduled through July with a brief recess and continuing in the fall. We collected books at the Green Day recycling event.

Have you or your family had the opportunity to participate in events at the library? I hope so, but if not there are summer events that are right around the corner. Summer reading programs for children, teens and adults start in June and as in the past are sure to spark great reading opportunities as well as an occasional incentive.

Of course one of the ways that Friends can support these programs and other resources at our library is through your membership, donations of books, and of course buying books and other media at our semi-annual sale.

Speaking of sales, our May sale was a huge success. Thanks to the Friends who attended our preview night and got the sale off to a great start. I would like to send out a special THANK YOU to all the volunteers, Friends members and others who made the sale so successful.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact us at FriendsWFBLibrary@gmail.com. You can also help by continuing your membership, encouraging your friends to join and of course donating your gently used books or media to the library. We are grateful for all you do to further our efforts in supporting our great library.

Enjoy the summer!

From the Director

By Nyama Y. Marsh

RFID, What?

2016 is a busy year for Whitefish Bay Public Library (WFBPL) with several big projects to complete before year-end. A huge undertaking during the first part of the year was to convert our items to Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags. Previously 9 of 15 Milwaukee County Federated Library System (MCFLS) member libraries utilize RFID; WFBPL is the 10th library in MCFLS to convert and we are very happy to be coming up to speed on this staple of library technology.

How and Why?

Libraries place RFID tags in each library item. The tags contain antennae that transmit barcode data to the system for checking materials in and out. Implementing RFID for library materials will result in: 1) faster, easier checkout of materials for library patrons; 2) fewer repetitive motion injuries for staff; 3) improved collection management by enabling us to more easily do inventories.

When?

The RFID Conversion Project began April 1st and was finished on-time as of May 1st. Nearly every library which provided feedback on how they completed their RFID conversion project stated it took 2-4x longer than projected.

Who?

Kudos to our superb library staff whose outstanding effort resulted in completing such a big project, while meeting an ambitious deadline. I am so proud to be a part of the excellent team at WFBPL!



Children's Services Update

By Katie Kiekhaefer

If you ask a children's librarian about the busiest times of the year at the library, he or she will always say summer. Nearly every library in the country has a summer reading program, with kids of all ages attending programs and signing up for the reading program. Whitefish Bay Public Library is no exception! Last summer, more than 1300 children and teenagers signed up for the summer reading program, which was a new record. We offered nearly 50 programs during the months of June, July, and August, with attendance numbers totaling over 1500 people. This would not be possible without Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library. We use our Friends programming funds to bring in entertaining, high-quality performers for our Terrific Tuesday programs, purchase promotional materials and decorating supplies to get people excited about the program, and make sure we have the necessary materials for creating some terrific programs for elementary-schoolers and teens. Even more exciting: with the generous support of Friends, we were able to send a free book

home with more than 500 children and teenagers last summer. Our goal each and every summer is to inspire the children and teens in our community to continue reading, learning, and enjoying their time at the library.

Thank you, Friends!

Adult Services Update

By Scott Lenski

Summer is finally here and with it comes our Adult Summer Reading Program. This is the 8th straight year that we have offered this program, and every year it's been very well received by the community – with over 200 adults registering to participate in 2015. I'm sure the popularity is due in part to the great prizes we are able to offer thanks to generous donations from local businesses and with the support of Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library. It's easy to participate in our Adult Summer Reading Program. Just stop by the Adult Services Desk or find our website online to register. After registering you can submit entries for every book that you read from now until July 31. These entries go into a weekly prize drawing and on Monday, August 1, ALL the entries from the summer will go into the final drawing. I hope you enjoy participating and good luck!

We are also continuing with our monthly speaker series *Whitefish Bay TALKS*, conversations about art, history, food, culture, people, books and more! On Wednesday, June 22 at 6:30pm we'll have Dr. Gregory Sadler speaking on "The Eight Basic Tastes of Food: A History & Tasting." In this talk, Dr. Sadler will trace how the history of taste differentiation made its way through ancient and medieval literature in European and Islamic culture, influencing culinary arts and even medicine.

The talk will include a hands-on component for participants, a tasting of foods exemplifying these eight basic tastes.

On Monday, July 11 at 6:30pm we are hosting Terry Fisk who will speak on "Living to 100." Recently, the National Geographic Society identified hot spots of longevity around the world known as "Blue Zones." These areas have high concentrations of 100-year-olds and clusters of people who grew old without diseases like heart problems, obesity, cancer, or diabetes. Fisk will explain how you can calculate your life expectancy and what lifestyle changes you can make to increase your odds of living to 100. *Whitefish Bay TALKS* is possible thanks to the support of you, our Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library.

Thank you Friends and have a great summer!

Fourth Annual WFBPL Writing Contest

The Library hosted its fourth annual writing contest this winter – it ran from January 15th to February 12th, and a total of 23 people participated in it.

The first prize winners received \$50 each, and the top three winners in both the poetry and short story category were invited to read their entries at a reception for the entire community on March 22nd.

Participants loved the ability to share their writing with others, and expressed their interest in continuing the contest in coming years.

Congratulations to our winners, and thank you to every participant!

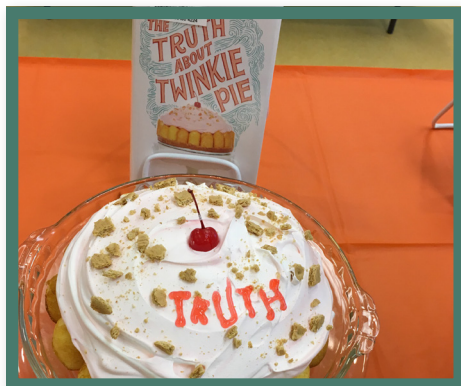
Contest winners:

Short story:

- 1st place: Stephanie Beatty
- 2nd place: Nancy Martin
- 3rd place: Julie Judes

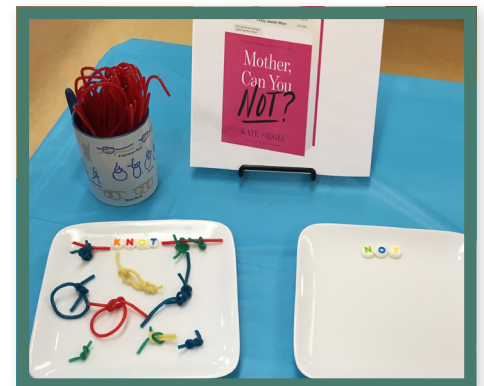
Poetry:

- 1st place: Liz Rhodebeck
- 2nd place: Diane Zeni
- 3rd place: Thomas Paul Murphy



Most Appetizing

"The Truth About Twinkie Pie" by Valerie



Best Pun or Play on Words

"Mother Can You Not?" by Angela and Gwyne



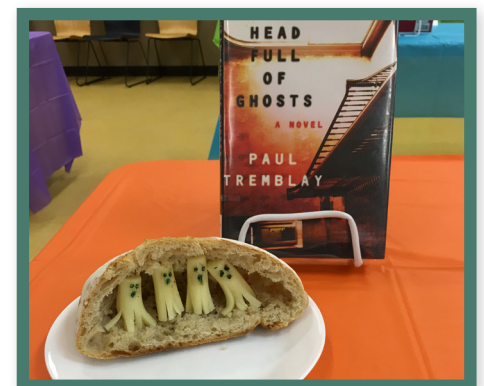
Best in Show

"Sweet Shoppe" by Angela and Gwyne



Best Engineering

"The Princess of the Geese" by Katie



One That Made You Smile

"A Bread Full of Ghosts" by Krista



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Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library is an all-volunteer group which provides financial and volunteer resources to the Whitefish Bay Public Library.

Friends raise funds in a variety of ways: Mainly from semi-annual book sales and the Friends Used Book Sale Room, online bookselling efforts and membership dues. The Library uses the funds to provide the majority of the adult and children's programming to the community as well as other efforts to enhance the library and to engage its patrons.

Friends' recent contributions have purchased a self-checkout station, created a teen/tween area, updated the children's area story room and the front lobby and added a bench and pet water dish by the front doors. Other projects funded by Friends are located throughout the Library.

All of these projects are made possible by donations. If you have books, movies, music, artwork or gently used toys you wish to contribute, please drop them off at the Library. Or contact us to arrange a pick-up at: FriendsWFBLibrary@gmail.com

All donations are tax deductible and forms are available.

You may also call either Jenni Garcia at 303-514-0848 or Joan Kuraitis at 563-343-0107 for more information.

Welcome New Members!

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

Paul and Beth Smith

Amy and Brett Stone

Thank you all for your support.

Members are the lifeblood of our organization!

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Board Meetings are held at the Library at 6:30 p.m. on the second 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.