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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY ANN LOWREY

Happy Spring! 2017 was a very successful year for the Friends. Our May and November book sales were highly profitable as were book sales on EBay and in the Book Room at the library. These efforts resulted in the Friends' contribution of \$35,250 to the library. You may notice new furniture appearing over the next several years in the library – this will be the main use of the Friends' contributions.

Our spring book sale is just around the corner! Our preview night for members of the Friends will be held on Friday, May 4th. Not a Friend yet? You can sign up on Friday night at the book sale. The sale continues on Saturday, May 5 and Sunday May 6. Sunday, May 6 is our bag sale – a chance to fill a large grocery bag for only \$5.

I'm delighted to introduce a new member of the team! Francine Curtis is now our Book Donation Coordinator. She is actively contacting consignment shops, estate sales, realtors and schools to find sources of high quality used books and media. We created this new position because our sources of "raw material" are critical for the book sales, Book Room in the library and EBay sales. I'm sure Francine's efforts will result in new sources of books.

The Friends are active in two other spring events. We sponsored the sixth annual writing contest. The entries have been submitted and the writing contest reception was held on Wednesday, April 4th. The winners read their entries and received their prizes.

Our other spring event is Whitefish Bay Recycle Day in the Bay on Saturday, May 5th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. We will have a table at Dominican High School and be collecting gently used books, videos, CDs/records and toys, games and puzzles. Please consider donations as you do a little spring-cleaning. If your donation is large or if you can't bring it to Dominican please contact Francine Curtis, our Book Donation Coordinator at fvcurtis@gmail.com or call her at 1-562-760-0475.

How can you help the Friends? We're currently seeking a Volunteer Publications Researcher. This person will work with a few others in researching books of value to sell on EBay or in the Book Room at the library. A laptop, training and support, camaraderie and chocolates are provided!

If interested please let us know at: Friendswfblibrary@gmail.com

See you at the book sale in May!

Thanks, Ann

Salamanders

Poetry Contest Winner

By Eileen Scharenbroch

A summer downpour
conjured
an explosion
of yellow spotted
matte-black
salamanders.

They wriggled
in surprise
at their position
on sidewalks,
stair steps,
and window wells.

We observed
with curiosity and contemplation
their amphibian elegance
and potential
as an uncomplicated
shoe-box pet.

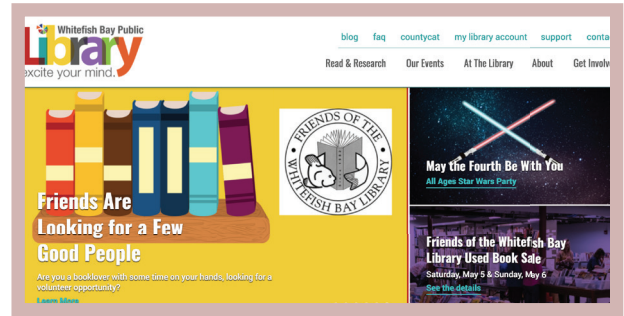
See a listing all of our winners on page 7



From the Director

By Nyama Y. Reed

I want to take this opportunity to thank Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library for helping fund our new website, which launched in January. Friends' support of the project, along with that of private donors, enabled us to afford a custom website with many enhanced features. We are most excited about the new "look" of the website which represents our updated brand as friendly, energetic, inspiring, and caring.



Whereas we could only promote one event at a time on the old website, we now can feature four programs in the large rotating box and another two on the right side.

From our Blog

4 Audiobooks Perfect for a Road Trip
March 29, 2018
Driving somewhere for spring break? Try one of these great audiobooks!
[keep reading](#)

Historical Fiction for 4th Grade and Up
March 16, 2018
We, as readers, have the wonderful opportunity to live the lives of others through books. As a lover of history, I feel we have so much to learn from our past; to know where we came from, to learn how far we have yet to go, and to understand other peoples' lives and perspectives. Listed here are some of my favorite historical fiction books for those in fourth grade and up (adults too).
[keep reading](#)

Our updated blog section highlights the recent blogs, which tend to be very popular.

Excite Your Mind with Upcoming Events

<p>Friends Writing Contest Reception 6:30 pm Wed, Apr 4th Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library Writing Contest Reception is open to the public. Winners of the contest will be on hand to reading their pieces. Winners are listed here. learn more</p>	<p>Paper Engineering: 3D Faces 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Wed, Apr 11th Be a paper engineer! Create your self portrait with paper and some creativity and science. Grades 3rd-5th. Registration begins April 1st. learn more</p>
<p>Discovery Time: Penguin Science 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Mon, Apr 16th We'll read stories about penguins and learn how they stay warm and dry at this exciting hands-on science storytime! Grades K4-K5. Registration begins April 1st. learn more</p>	<p>Whitefish Bay TALKS: Thousand-Miler: Adventures Hiking the Ice Age Trail With Melanie Radzicki McManus 6:30 pm Tue, Apr 17th Melanie Radzicki McManus, author of the memoir Thousand-Miler: Adventures Hiking the Ice Age Trail (Wisconsin Historical Society Press, 2017), will talk about her record-setting trek along the 1,100-mile Ice Age National Scenic Trail. She will also sneak about the trail and its development.</p>

Quick Links

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You can view upcoming events and register online so you receive reminders about programs in which you are interested. Under the Quick Links you can go right to the other pages for specific areas.

New on the Shelves

adult ▾ young-adult > child-youth > [all new materials >>](#)

A very exciting feature is the new book area. You can click on any cover shown and you will be automatically taken to CountyCat to place a hold! Thank you to Friends for all you do to help make the Whitefish Bay Public Library so wonderful!

Adult Services Update

By Scott Lenski

As the weather turns warmer and spring is in the air, I'm already looking ahead to summer and our Adult Summer Reading Program. 2018 will be the 10th year that we've offered summer reading for adults, and last year we made some changes to the program. In previous years we did weekly drawings, with all those entered into our end of summer grand prize drawing. In 2017 we just had one drawing at the end of summer, however readers got to choose which drawing they wanted to be entered in. We had a separate drawing for each prize, and our grand prize was a \$600 gift card to Erik's Bike Shop! That is the biggest grand prize we've ever offered at the library, and that's all thanks to you and the other Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library.

Because of your support we had the largest number of participants in the program last year, and we're hoping to continue to grow this year. With the very generous support of Friends again this year we'll have some fantastic items available in our summer reading drawings, including one prize that's worth over \$500. Would you like to know what the grand prize will

be? Stop by on June 9 to sign up for the program. We appreciate your participation if you've done it in the past. If you haven't this is the perfect year to give it a try. You can read as many (or as few) books as you'd like. Each read gets you an entry into a prize drawing. It's really that easy!

This year is also the return of Antique Appraisal with Mark Moran. This is the 6th time that we've hosted Mark, and this is always a very popular program that fills up fast. Mark will be available to price an antique or collectible on Saturday, June 2 starting at 12pm. Registration begins May 1, however this year we're allowing Friends to begin registration early on Tuesday, April 24. Just call the library to secure a spot for this program. Have a great summer and I hope to see you in the stacks!

Friends' Library Book Sale Coming Up May 5-6

By Jan Concannon

Mark your calendars! The Spring Book Sale is set for **May 5-6** at the Library.

A special preview party will be held Friday evening, **May 4, 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 5, and noon-3 p.m. on Sunday, May 6.** The Sunday sale includes our popular \$5 Bag of Books and deep discounts on much of our remaining merchandise.

If you can't make it to 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, go to WFBLibrary.org and click on the Friends tab on the left side of the page.

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. Also, if you or someone you know is downsizing or considering an estate sale, Friends can help take the previously-mentioned items. In certain situations, we'll even pick them up.

E-mail FriendsWFBLibrary@gmail.com for more information.



**Exciting news for the next book sale:
We will be taking credit cards!**

Youth Services Update

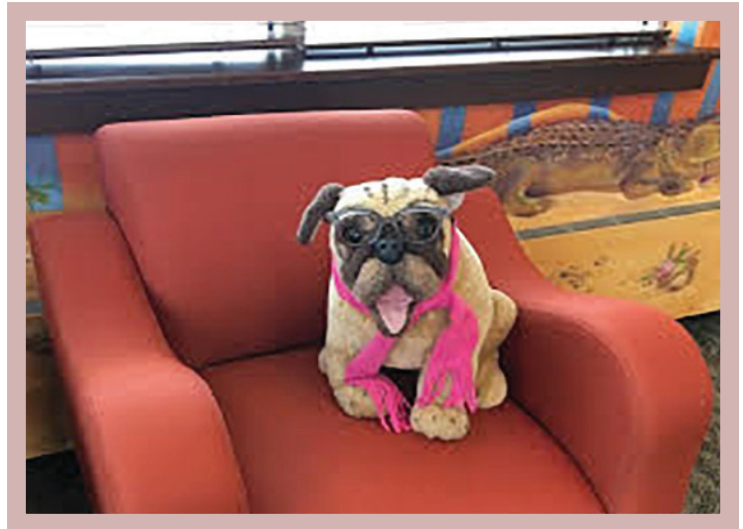
By Katie Kiekhaefer

YA Programs in 2017

In the past year, approximately 200,000 people came through the doors of the Whitefish Bay Public Library. While not all of those visitors were using the children's area, the children's area is definitely a popular spot to visit, play, and read books. We were still using the same furniture from our renovation 16 years ago, and by now, the furniture was showing its wear and tear.

Thanks to the generosity of the Friends, we were able to purchase three new loveseats and three new chairs for the children's area at the end of last year. The new furniture is bright and fun while also being comfortable, and it makes the space even more appealing and welcoming.

Even better? You can look forward to more new furniture and other updates to our wonderful space in the upcoming years, all thanks to the hard work and generosity of Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library. Thank you again, Friends!



Welcome New Members!

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

Ben Cross **Wendy Werner**
Jenna Dick **Mary Neveln**
Susan Power **Elissa Lenkin & Charles Weber**
Julie Rabinowitz **Junko Abbott**

Thank you for your support.

Members are the lifeblood of our organization!

Help Wanted

- Who:** You - if you're willing to 'adopt' a section of bookshelves at the Library
- What:** Patron volunteers keep sections of bookshelves organized so that it's easier for library staff and other patrons to find that certain book.
- Why:** In keeping with the 2nd law of thermodynamics, even our bookshelves manifest the tendency towards entropy. If left to their own devices, books will travel all over the stacks!
- When:** Every couple of weeks, whenever it suits your schedule during Library business hours
- How:** For more information and shelving assignments, contact Jim Gay (Friends' Volunteer Chair) at jasrgay@hotmail.com.

Friends Are Looking a Few Good People

By Jan Concannon

Are you a booklover with some time on your hands, looking for a volunteer opportunity?

Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library is looking for a Publications Researcher. The Researcher works with other researchers using online book resources to determine the market worth of books and media donations. A laptop computer is provided as well as training and support. We meet for two hours twice a week, but we're extremely flexible. If you or anyone you know might be interested, please drop us a line at FriendsWFBLibrary@gmail.com

As you know, Friends are responsible for the twice-yearly book sales at the library, the on-going Book Sale Room, the annual Writing Contest, participation in Green Day in the Bay and other projects.

In the past, Friends have enabled the purchase of furniture, computer equipment and the self-serve check-out station at the library, in addition to sponsoring the speakers program, adults and children's reading programs and a host of other activities that have helped our library be the gem that it is and a resource of which the entire village can be proud.

Meet the Friends

About Friends Board

The Friends Board is tasked with overseeing the mission of the Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library, which is to support the library by providing financial and volunteer resources. We do this through coordinating volunteer and program support and

distributing funds raised by Friends. The 14 board members meet monthly to discuss book sales and donations, upcoming sponsored events and programs, volunteer and membership status, long and short-term strategic plan goals, and our newsletter.

Meet Ellen Mei



My name is Ellen Mei (pronounced May) and I am the membership chair for Friends of the WFB Library. I am the person who "gently" invites you to renew your much appreciated member dues each year. I send you the grateful "thank you" cards as well.

When my two children left for college, I decided to leave Brookfield

and move to WFB; it was one of the best decisions I've ever made. I love this community.

After 30 some years of teaching, I happily retired to let my days take me where they will rather than living by a schedule. Having loved reading since I was young, I chose to invest some

of my time and energy to help ensure that our library remains a fantastic resource for the WFB community.

One of my favorite winter activities is grabbing a book from the library, taking it home and lounging on the couch in front of my fireplace to read. A large bowl of popcorn and a glass of Vino make perfect complements.

A few of my favorite books are:

Man's Search for Meaning, Viktor Frankl

Left to Tell, Immaculee Ilibagiza

Homo Deus, Yuval Harari

Doris Kearns Goodwin's presidential biographies

Evicted, Matthew Desmond

Teen & Technology Service

By Allison Fantetti

Slime-Making and Candy Olympics!

Hello! My name is Allison and I am the new Teen Services and Technology Librarian. I am very excited to be at Whitefish Bay Public Library. I have spent the last two and a half years working at both the New Berlin Public Library and Oak Creek Public Library and am thrilled to find a one library home. Since starting in December of 2017, I jumped right into programing for the teens and middle schoolers carrying the momentum from Krista's success. I have held Meet Up Mondays, providing snacks and simple crafts the first Monday of each month with crowds of over fifteen teens each time. I've also provided at least one

unique program a month for the teens, including a Candy Sushi program, slime making program, and a Pi Day gathering. I am eager get the summer reading program started and collaborating with other departments for a May the Fourth party for all ages. I want to thank all of our Friends who made a point to introduce themselves to me and made me feel so welcomed to be at Whitefish Bay. A big thank you for providing much of the finding that makes my teen programs possible! I look forward to meeting all of our Friends.



Did You Know?

The Friends group resells **books, videos, CDs/records and gently-used toys, games and puzzles** at our May and November book sales and in our Book Sale Room in the library. 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.

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

Contact Friends Board Member:

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6th Annual Writing Contest Results

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in the 6th Annual Friends of the WFB Public Library Writing Contest.

Congrats to our winners!

Memoirs:

Stephanie Beatty - *Hill Road*

Julia Gimbel - *Hot Popcorn - Warm Memories*

Margo Renner - *Sunday Squirrel*

Poetry:

Sally Hickey - *Months of the Year*

John Phillips - *Letting Go*

Eileen Scharenbroch - *Salamanders*

Short Story:

Steve Hugener - *Old Long Since*

Jon Kolb - *Second Chance*

Susan Rozanski - *A Generation Remembers Klode Park Ice Skating*



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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.