

PAGE TURNER



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY PAT GOSCH

Hello Friends. Welcome to our first 2017 edition of *Page Turner*. It's usual to reflect on the past year and to look at the year ahead. Listed below are some highlights:

2016 was a very good year. The Friends had two successful book sales and continue with ongoing success with our book room sales and electronic sales too. We have continued to support library programming for children, young adults and adults with diverse activities and programs. This is all made possible because of your Friends membership and participation in the book sales, donations and volunteering in our activities.

We have three current changes to our Board membership. Nancy Drewek who served on the Board for many years and was responsible for all the beautiful flower arrangements at the front desk left the Board in December. Melissa Berg, our Newsletter Editor will be leaving the board this winter. The Board and I want to express our gratitude to both Nancy and Melissa for their years of service.

This is my last official duty as President of the Friends having resigned from the Board effective January 2017.

Ann Lowrey, Vice President, has assumed the President role. The Board welcomes Marta Magnuson as our new Vice President and Steph Salvia as our new Newsletter Editor. There is one position we're still looking to fill, and that is a member at large. If you are interested in the position, please contact the Friends at Friendswfblibrary@gmail.com

Winter continues to be a busy time for the volunteers who sort books and media, stock the book salesroom and conduct research and electronic sales. Speaking of sales, our semi-annual book sale will be Friday May 5th for Friends Preview night, Saturday May 6th and Sunday May 7th. Please place the dates on your calendar.

We also sponsored the 5th Annual Writing Contest. A reception will be held Tuesday March 21, when the winners will read their submissions. Please join us.

Again thank you for your membership, donations and participation in the Friends activities. We couldn't do it without you. Our hope is to exceed our 2016 successes.



From the Director

By Nyama Y. Marsh

February. That dreaded month of winter when we reach our breaking point with the darkness and are ready to escape the cold. When I need a boost of light and energy, I go stand in the Library's Youth Services department, where the lighting is brighter and children's laughter lifts my spirits. We strive to offer plenty of programming for Children, Teens and Adults to give everyone something to do during the dark months. You can check out our current offerings on our website: www.wfblibrary.org

As always, we carry the latest books and movies. Here is my list of favorite books from 2016, in case you are looking for a new-to-you title.

***Born A Crime: Stories From A South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah** ~I loved Trevor Noah's eloquence and humor as he talks about his childhood in South Africa. Very poignant.

***Born To Run* by Bruce Springsteen** ~I fell asleep at Bruce's Born To Run concert in 1985 (hey, I was 13 and it was a schoolnight!), but I never fell asleep reading this book. Bruce's self-written memoir is well-written and an excellent read.

***The Drifter* by Nicholas Petrie** ~Nicolas Petrie is a WFB resident and his first novel was a first-rate white-knuckle who-done-it. If you are looking for a good, fun read, this is it.

***Evicted: Poverty and Profit In the American City* by Matthew Desmond** ~WFBPL's Tea Time Book Club discussed *Evicted* at its October meeting. While heavy, and not very happy a tale, it is worth reading to better understand how poverty affects citizens in Milwaukee's poorest neighborhoods.

***Hero Of The Empire: The Boer War, A Daring Escape And The Making Of Winston Churchill* by Candice Millard** ~Oddly, this was my "fun" book for a couple months. It's a little long, so I had to check it back out more than once to finish it. I took away that Churchill LOVED himself, but he was a brilliant man who shaped history for the better so I can overlook his hubris.

***The Widow: A Novel* by Fiona Barton** ~I read this book while in Chicago for a family wedding. I almost skipped the wedding dinner so I could finish it and find out the ending! It's that good. (I DID go to the dinner and finished the book the next day.)

Adult Services Update

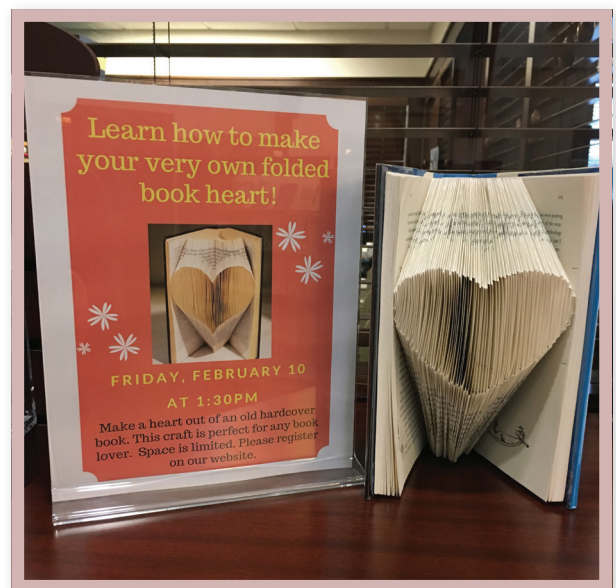
By Scott Lenski

2016 was the inaugural year of our monthly speaker series the Whitefish Bay Talks. We were able to host so many amazing speakers with a wide array of interests and expertise. These talks are possible because of the support of Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library, so thank you Friends! Whitefish Bay Talks are continuing in 2017 and I'm really excited about the speakers we've got lined up for the first half of the year. In January we welcomed the return of speaker Rochelle Pennington. Some of you may remember the Edmund Fitzgerald talk Rochelle gave back in 2015. This time around she told us the tale of the Endurance, history's greatest shipwreck. We had nearly 75 people in attendance and it was a lovely evening.

On Thursday, February 16 at 6:30pm we hosted Paula Pennebaker, the President and CEO of the YWCA of Southeast Wisconsin. She answered the question of why we celebrate black history month. On Tuesday, March 14 at 6:30pm we'll have Tim O'Driscoll, the Official Score Keeper of the Milwaukee Brewers for the past 30 years. He'll be sharing stories about the Brew Crew and you won't want to miss it! In April get ready for Paul Roebber, Professor of Atmospheric Sciences in the UWM Department of Mathematical Sciences. Dr. Roebber is one of the leading forecasting experts in the United States. He founded Innovative Weather at UW-Milwaukee, which can be heard on WUWM. Don't miss this informative event on Thursday, April 6 at 6:30pm.

In addition to the Whitefish Bay Talks, Friends is also funding a new monthly craft program for adults called Crafternoons. Every second Friday of the month at 1:30pm join us as we try our hand

at a craft. Each month will be something completely different and to kick off the program we've got two bookish crafts. In January our adult crafters made cute paperback hedgehogs. It was so much fun to see all the creative ways folks made and decorated their little hedgehogs. In February we made some folded book art. In March we'll be making Silhouettes of family members, ourselves or even a pet! We've got a lot of other ideas planned for Crafternoons. All of our craft supplies are being supplied because of Friends. Thank you Friends for allowing us to bring to you programs that are educational, informative, creative, and also really fun!



Welcome New Members!

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

Shawn Duffy

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.

Children's Services Update

By Katie Kiekhaefer

YA Programs in 2016

In 2016, one of the main goals for the youth services department was to offer more successful programs to our middle schoolers and high schoolers. It can be difficult to create programs for young adults: they often have a lot of after-school activities and commitments and they're more independent (i.e. their mom isn't going to sign them up for programs anymore!) We knew it would be difficult, but we also had a few things going for us: we have a large population of middle schoolers who come to the library after-school, and we also have Krista Hutley, who is the library's Administrative and Adult Services Librarian, but more importantly has a background in working with young adults. We also have the benefit of receiving support from Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library. Through the generous funding from Friends, we were able to offer a variety of exciting programs to our library's young adults in 2016.

Whitefish Bay Public Library is right down the street from the middle school, and as mentioned, we have a large group of students who use the library after school. Krista created Meet-Up Mondays to offer a monthly program to this group. There's always a simple craft and plenty of snacks, but sometimes the

teens just like to work on homework and hang out. We also offered Half-Day Craft Days to the teens. These events take place at noon on days when the middle schoolers have a half-day. We serve lunch (usually pizza) and offer a more complicated project. To celebrate a half-day in October, the teens feasted on pizza and made Franken Toys, which involves taking apart various toys and combining various parts to make a new toy. We also experimented with after-hours lock-in programs. We kicked off our Summer Reading Program with an after-hours lock-in event. Teens competed in a Wii gaming tournament, thanks to Friends funds, and we had craft stations and other activities. Since that program went so well, Krista created an after-hours glow-in-the-dark black-light party. The upstairs program room was transformed with black lights, neon balloons, glow-in-the-dark accessories, and neon craft supplies.

It's been a busy, successful year, and we hope we can continue the momentum in 2017. Teen programs are always more expensive to plan than programs for younger kids, and we are able to create really exciting programs because of our Friends funding. (We can also buy lots and lots of pizza!)

Friends Board Welcomes New Members

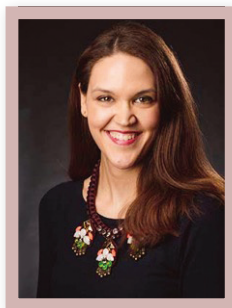
By Melissa Berg

The Board has seen a bit of change since the last edition of the Page Turner came out! Our former President Pat Gosch stepped down at the end of her term, and we welcomed Ann Lowry as our new president. Ann formerly served as the board's Vice President.

We are also excited to be bringing two new members to the board!

Vice President

We welcome Marta Magnuson as our new Vice President. Marta recently moved to Whitefish Bay with her family, and works as a Senior Instructional Development Specialist at the Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership.

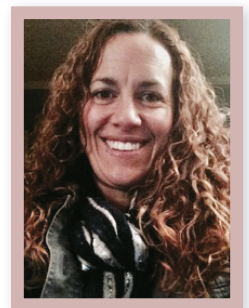


It has been a pleasure to serve as the Newsletter Editor these last three years. Thanks for reading, and keep up the involvement, Friends!

~ Melissa

Newsletter Editor

Steph Salvia joins the board as our new Newsletter Editor. Steph is the Executive Director at the Brady Street Business Improvement District and the Historic Downer Avenue Business District.





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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.