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LIFECYCLE OF A DONATED BOOK BY LEAH DEAN

Have you ever wondered what happens to the books in the yellow donation bins in the lobby? Well, once they make it downstairs to the Friends workroom, they go through a fairly complicated process. Our hope is that they will all find new homes eventually and we have many ways of distributing them even if they do not sell at our sales. I hope this following graphic makes the process a bit clearer.

Fall is a busy season for the Friends of Whitefish Bay Public Library!

October 20-26th is "National Friends of Libraries" week, when we recognize and thank our active volunteers with a small gift of appreciation for all the hard work they have done during the past year.

In addition, Friends' volunteers are gearing up for our Fall Booksale, scheduled for November 1-3, 2024. We hope to see you all there!

Leah Dean
President, Friends of the WFB Public Library



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Letter from the Director

By Nyama Reed

I often say that the Friends of Whitefish Bay Public Library set the gold standard for Friends groups—and I truly mean it!

Our Friends operate like a well-oiled machine, with volunteers meeting twice a week to sort through donated books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, and more. They meticulously research each item to decide whether to post it online, place it in the library's book sale room, save it for our large biannual sales, or donate it to a local nonprofit. Thanks to thousands of volunteer hours each year, the Friends are able to support the library's programs and fund special projects and events.

In my decade here, the Friends have funded:

- Over 4,600 library programs, reaching more than 160,000 attendees
 - They cover 95% of library programs and supplies, including:
 - Summer Reading Program (SRP) performers
 - Free books and rewards for SRP participants
 - The Annual Photo Contest
 - The Edible Book Festival
 - Crafts for children and adults
- The Take & Tinker collection
- The new Museum Pass program
- Updates to the storytime room, program room, and teen area
- New furniture throughout the library
- An upgraded projector and A/V system in the program room, along with nice meeting tables and comfy chairs
- The self-check machine
- The seed library
- New toys in the Children's Tower
- And much more

Since I joined the library in 2014, the Friends have contributed over \$350,000! Yes, you read that right. We wouldn't be the library we are today without the Friends' dedication and support.

Please continue donating your used books and consider purchasing some at our book sales or on eBay (<https://www.ebay.com/str/friendsofwfblibrary>). If you're looking for a volunteer opportunity, I highly recommend joining the team by reaching out to the Friends' volunteer coordinator at FriendsWFBLibrary@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Nyama

Your Whitefish Bay Public Library Director



Pre-sale Media Dept. Manager.

Do you love music and movies? Do you love to organize CD's and DVDs? If so, we need your help to prepare our Media department for the November sale. Work hours are Tuesday and/or Thursday, 9:30am to Noon, or by other arrangements.

Pre-sale Sorting & Shelving of books.

We need a few more hands to set up for our November book sale. Standing and light lifting required. Work hours are Tuesday and/or Thursday, 9:30am to Noon.

Help to wrap eBay orders for shipping.

Standing required. Work hours are Tuesday and/or Thursday, 9:30am to 11:30am.

Please email friendswfblibrary@gmail.com if you can help!

Welcome New Members!

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

Cynthia Jenson
John Chandler
Rosemarie Lasky
Kerry Nuesen
Jenna Dick
Nancy Carter
Mark Buccowich
Louise Ptaczyk
Ryan Lucas
Julia Rose
Rachael Dillman
Margaret Cook
Sandy Lewis

Janet Doellman
Lori VanderVelde
Laj Waghray
Linda Hotz
Brinn Hill
Jared Robertson
Kristina Nelson
Kelly Wahlen
Jessica Taagen
Christopher Leadley
and Ellen Hing
Victoria Keenan
Sol Aldrete

Thank you for your support.

Members are the lifeblood of our organization!

Youth Services Update

When I think about the impact Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library has had on our youth services department, I always think about the really big ticket items: their yearly sponsorship of Summer Reading Program, the new material collections they've funded, and most recently, the Teen area renovation. But while planning a program recently, I realized that I've been overlooking one thing that has made a huge, long term impact on our youth: our block collection.

Since starting as Head of Youth Services in 2013, I've been using my budget to purchase different sets of blocks, slowly but surely buying one or two sets a year. It has really added up over the past 10+ years. We now have an amazing collection of cardboard blocks, wooden blocks, squishy blocks for babies and toddlers, LEGO, Brain Flakes, PlusPlus, stick blocks, and more.

Over the years, we've used different types of blocks to enhance our programs and outreach visits, and recently we've started doing all-ages Block Parties, where we put out our varied collection of blocks and invite kids of all ages to come in and build. The Block Parties have been very popular, and it's an easy way to offer Saturday morning programs. We're also adding our blocks to our Take and Tinker collection and letting our patrons take advantage of these great building materials.

Thank you, Friends, for all of your support and generosity over the years. Your impact is far-reaching!

Katie Kiekhaefer, Head of Youth Services



Recycle Day in the Bay- Reuse, Recycle, Reread

Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library are proud to participate each May in the village's Recycle Day in Bay. Volunteers Mark Concannon and Jim Gay were on hand to accept book and media donations from Bay residents. Those donations are used in the Friends' twice-yearly book sales, the Book Sale Room (next to the Library's front desk) and online in the Friends' eBay store. Proceeds fund Library programs, furniture purchases and much, much more.

Adult Services Update

Another summer gone by means another summer reading program in the books. As you may know, Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library support programs for all ages year round. Our most popular and reoccurring program is summer reading. Anyone can participate in summer reading, whether you are 2 or 102. We've had our program for many, many years, thanks to the amazing support of our Friends.

This year we had nearly 1,200 participants which included kids, teens and adult! That is a lot of readers keeping track of their time spent reading. Although these participation numbers don't break any records, we are seeing higher engagement and participation across all age levels. For kids and teens, finishing their first level (meaning 6 hours of reading for kids and 8 hours for teens) earns them a free book bought by Friends. This year we handed out nearly 700 books to our kid and teen readers. This is an incredible gift and it's so fun to watch children pick out their very own book to bring home and add to their collection. We would not be able to get these books in the hands of these kids without the support of Friends, so thank you.

For adults, Friends support allows us to purchase gift cards for some local area businesses. Adults earn tickets for every 2 hours read. For each ticket, readers can choose to enter into a drawing for a gift card. Drawings happen throughout the summer and encourage adults to keep on reading. Thanks to Friends, our summer reading program is a wonderfully engaging, fun, and rewarding program for our community. Thanks for your continued support year after year after year.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank Friends for purchasing our Lucky Day book collection in 2024. Lucky Day books are titles that are extremely popular with long holds lists. Lucky Day copies are specific copies that cannot be placed on hold, so if you happen to find it on the shelf it's your Lucky Day! This summer our most popular books in Lucky Day have been *The Women* by Kristin Hannah, *God of the Woods* by Liz Moore, *Wedding People* by Alison Espach, and *All the Colors of the Dark* by Chris Whitaker. Lucky Day books have a bright spine sticker and can be found on the front end of our new fiction book display. Be sure to stop by and check it out, and maybe next time it'll be your Lucky Day when you find that much coveted title on the shelf.

Scott Lenski, Head of Adult Services



Psst! It's not a secret - we take donated books!

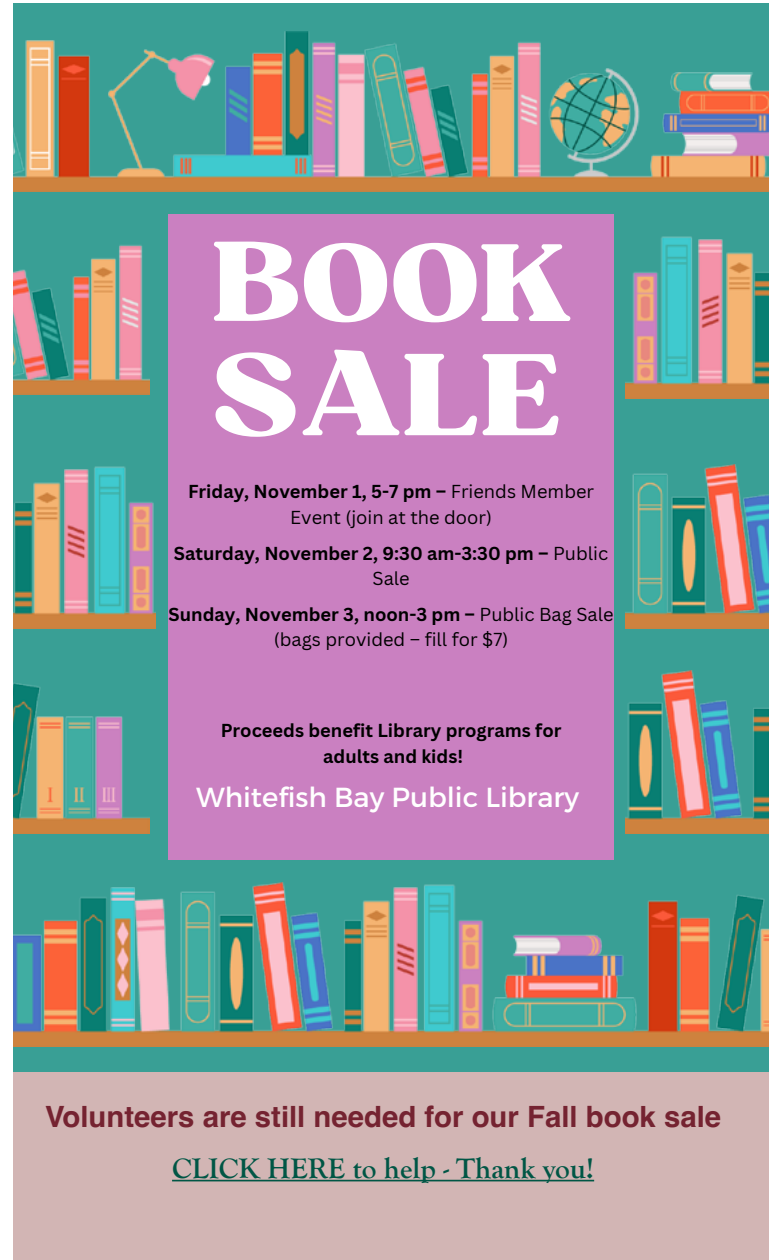
As members of Friends, you already know this. Maybe you've already donated! But we could really use your help in passing the word so that others know they can donate.

We will take books of any type, in good condition – no mold, dirt, or animal contamination. We will consider magazines if they are topic-specific, perhaps to crafting or gardening.

If there is a large quantity of books, say 100 or more, we can arrange a pick-up. If you'd like to volunteer to help with pick-ups, please let Reesa Gottschalk, our Volunteer Coordinator, know of your interest.

Every book we get is either sold on Ebay, in our Book Room, or at our Book Sale. If we can't sell it, we put it on the Free Books shelf in the library lobby, we make it available for Little Free Libraries, or we donate it to various community organizations. We do our best to find a home for every book and the money we make supports the library programs you all know and love – Summer Reading, Take and Tinker, annual passes to parks and museums, etc.

So . . . please help us spread the word! We take books! We pick-up books! We LOVE books – especially DONATED books!



BOOK SALE

Friday, November 1, 5-7 pm – Friends Member Event (join at the door)

Saturday, November 2, 9:30 am-3:30 pm – Public Sale

Sunday, November 3, noon-3 pm – Public Bag Sale (bags provided – fill for \$7)

Proceeds benefit Library programs for adults and kids!

Whitefish Bay Public Library

Volunteers are still needed for our Fall book sale

[CLICK HERE to help - Thank you!](#)



Are you interested in joining the Friends' Board of Directors?

The Friends of Whitefish Bay Public Library anticipates having 1-2 openings on our Board of Directors starting in 2025. While our mission is tied to that of the WFB Public Library, we are a distinct 501(c)3 non-profit organization with an independent Board of Directors and complex fundraising operations.

We are a working board with opportunities for at-large members to take on special projects, and directors who supervise our operations and administrative teams. These all-volunteer teams manage our main floor Book Room, lower-level Sales Floor, eBay Storefront, Book Acquisition efforts, Newsletter and Publicity efforts, Membership matters, and Volunteer recruitment.

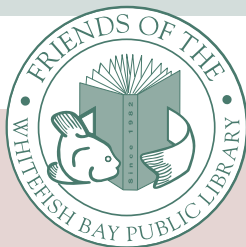
If you are interested in applying for a Board position in 2025 or would like to be considered in the future, please send us a letter of interest including your:

1. Name and address
2. Contact Information
3. Professional skills you feel will benefit our organization
4. Technical skills including office software, social media, graphic design, or website management
5. Other non-profit board experience
6. A short statement on why you are interested in joining our Board

Letters of Interest may be sent by email to: friendswfblibrary@gmail.com or mailed/dropped off to:

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Good News! You can now follow us on Instagram [@WhitefishBayLibrary_Friends](https://www.instagram.com/WhitefishBayLibrary_Friends)



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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.