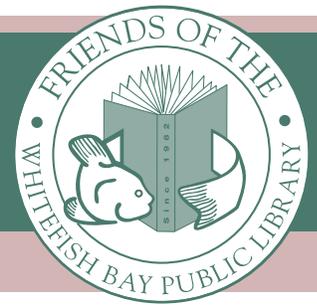


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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY ANN LOWREY

Welcome to our new Board Members!

We've recently added three new members to the Friends' Board of Directors. The three will be At Large Members and will help with special projects and one-time needs. The new members are:

Alice Rozek, who has been a book sorter and shelver for several years.

Linda Timm, who has been helping with our eBay research and listing efforts.

Jennifer West, who has also been working with our eBay site and will be coordinating the effort to acquire donations of books and media.

After seven years as President, my term will end at the end of this year. Leah Dean (currently serving as our Volunteer Coordinator) has stepped into the role of Vice President. I will work with her until the end of the year and then she will step into the role of President.

We will be filling the position of Volunteer Coordinator as Leah moves on. If you have interest or want to learn more about this position please contact us at [Friendswfblibrary@gmail.com](mailto:Friendswfblibrary@gmail.com).

[See the Volunteer Coordinator job description on page 6.](#)

Welcome to Alice, Linda, Jennifer, and Leah! We thank you for all you do for the Friends Board.

## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

BY NYAMA Y. REED

I frequently say that WFBPL's current program and service levels wouldn't be possible without the invaluable support of Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library. Their dedicated volunteers work tirelessly year-round, diligently organizing books for sale on eBay, maintaining the small book sale room on the first floor, and managing the two major book sales events.

Friends mission is to support our community's most family-friendly resource, the Whitefish Bay Public Library, by providing financial and volunteer resources that will have a positive impact on the library and its patrons.

Their exceptional efforts in fulfilling their mission are so effective that they substantially fund the majority of our library's programs. Moreover, in recent years, the library has been able to acquire various enhancements, such as the meeting room "booth," a new self-checkout machine, the take-and-tinker collection, museum passes, and the renovation of the teen area, all made possible by the dedication and passion of the Friends for the library and our community.

If you are looking for a way to support Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library, you can do so by donating books, volunteering your time with the sorting crew, and/or purchasing books from Friends. Every hour of volunteer time and every book sold makes a difference.

Sincerely,  
Nyama  
Your Whitefish Bay Public Library Director



"I like scary books. Do you have any by ghostwriters?"

### Adult Services Updates

*By Scott Lenski, Community and Adult Services Librarian*

Happy fall Friends! As we look forward to the chilly nights I wanted to reflect on the amazing summer we had at the library. This summer's programming schedule for adults was packed full of some amazing presenters and performers thanks to Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library!

We hosted two fantastic speakers as part of our monthly Whitefish Bay TALKS. In June, Andi Cloud presented *Ho-Chunk: People of the Sacred Language*. Andi is a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and she gave us an overview of the Ho-Chunk tribe, looking at their past, describing their present as well as what the future holds. She also sprinkled in some lessons for life. I had read about Andi in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* back in 2021 as she was the first Native American storyteller-in-residence at the Madison Public Library. It was such a treat to hear Andi's stories, and her visit would not have been possible without the support of Friends!

Then in July, we welcomed Dr. Jean Creighton, astronomer and Director of the UWM's Manfred Olson Planetarium. Dr. Creighton took us to the stars to discuss the James Webb Telescope and the search for planets outside of our solar system. Dr. Creighton was very knowledgeable about her topic and really wowed the audience of adults and young people with her out of this world presentation.

One of my favorite things to book is music and I'm so happy we got to finish the summer with a live band. We danced and jammed out to a performance by the group CNJ Latin Jazz. Founded in 2012, this all-star lineup of musicians brought to life their unique approach to many traditional Latin jazz classics, American jazz standards and contemporary music. It was a lively performance and again would not have been possible without support of Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library. I hope to see you soon at the library!



### Treasure from an Abandoned Storage Locker.

Our community is very generous in donating books and media to the Friends. This is a unique story!

A storage locker manager asked us if we could take boxes of CDs from a locker that had been abandoned. There are hundreds of CDs and not just the plain vanilla variety:

They are in several languages (English, Spanish, French, etc.).

They are an eclectic collection including for example, Indonesian Funk and Australian Garage Bands.

There are many reissues/remasters of 1960s originals and many obscure European and US bands, including bands that contain one band member who went on to make it big in a subsequent band.

There are many CD sets.

We've had fun researching these CDs and listing them on eBay. They've been a valuable source of income for the Friends - all to go to the projects and programs we sponsor at your library.

See our eBay store here "[Baybooks53217FWFBI](#)" and click on CDs on the drop-down menu on the left side.

## Youth Services Update

By Katie Kiekhaefer

1095 kids and teens registered for our summer reading program, which brought us back up to pre-pandemic levels of registration. We brought back our paper logs, and I think that really helped our turn-out. After participants finished their first level, they receive a free book, which are generously provided by Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library. We were able to give out more than 600 books to kids and teens participating in the program this summer. It's a cornerstone of our program, and I'm so proud it's something we're able to do. Thank you, Friends, for making that possible.

We also used our Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library funding to offer some creative and exciting programming for all ages. I wanted to highlight one particular program, because it was such a success and we also used our Friends funding in a very unique way.

At the beginning of August, we had approximately 75 toddlers and preschoolers and their caregivers attend our sensory car wash program. We had toy cars, oobleck "mud" for dunking (made out of cocoa, cornstarch and water), and plenty of water, soap, and scrubbing tools to clean up the toys. I saw this idea on a blog, but it was only meant for one or two children. The challenge was how to scale it up to a program that could work for 50+ kids.

Part of our Friends funding goes to those weird little youth services items that might not make sense on first glance, but add up to a wonderful program. Things like plastic kiddie pools, cocoa and cornstarch for oobleck, and a shopping spree at Dollar Tree for sponges, scrub brushes, toothbrushes and more. With these items and lots of staff creativity, we were able to make this program a success!

Friends, thank you for all of your support!



## Welcome New Members!

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

Maria Spice	Nell Nash
Sara Alter	Heather Paul
Tracy Lisiecki	Yuanuar Qian
Megan Crump	Chris Roth
Linda Timm	Amanda Seppanen
Joan Voissem	Christopher Tomes
Lawrence Abbott	Christina Wang
Marty Foral	Paul and Beth Smith
Josie Gould	Kelly Quadracci
Peter Madden	George R. Jacobsen
Daniel & Susan Ellsworth	

Thank you for your support.

Members are the lifeblood of our organization!

## November Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library Book Sale

- Friday, November 3 from 5 to 7 p.m. (Friends night)
- Saturday, November 4 from 9:30 to 3:30 p.m.
- Sunday, November 5 from noon to 3 p.m.

The Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library book sale returns in November at the Whitefish Bay Public Library!

On Friday, November 3, our Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library night will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. If you're not a Friend, you can join Friday night and attend the sale for as little as \$15 annually. On Saturday, November 4 our hours are 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.. And on Sunday, November 5, join us from noon to 3 p.m. for our popular bag sale. Fill a bag for \$7. We supply the bags!

Our semi-annual sales help raise money to supplement the wide range of activities at the Library including reading programs, computer equipment purchases, guest speakers, furniture and much more.

Thanks to the generosity of the community, we have a tremendous selection of gently-used books, DVDs and CDs. Books are sorted fiction versus non-fiction. Most fiction offerings are alphabetized by author. Non-fiction books are for sale by category. So if you have a favorite author, or are looking for just the right book, you'll find it all at the Book Sale.

Reminder: We accept all major credit cards, checks and cash.



## Fall 2023 Volunteer Report

Did you know? October 15-21, 2023 is National Friends of Libraries Week!

As part of this celebration, we want to recognize all the hard work our volunteers do to keep our operation running.

Our Volunteers:

- serve on our Board of Directors,
- process, sort, shelve and prepare book/media donations for our booksales,
- research and list higher value books/media to sell on our eBay store,
- prepare and wrap eBay sale orders for shipping,
- staff our May and November Book Sales,
- keep two Little Free Library locations stocked,
- donate unsold books to various community service organizations and prisons,
- collect books/media donations at Day in the Bay,
- pick-up bulk book/media donations from donor's homes,
- publish our Pageturner Newsletter, and
- help with special projects

Extra special appreciation goes out to:

- the teams that spend 1-3 mornings/week, year-round, to run our Bookstore, Book Sales, and eBay Sales, and
- the amazing middle and high school students who help us out during the summer and over school breaks.

### Volunteer Opportunities:

We are always looking for new volunteers! Our current needs include:

- eBay Listers on Tuesday and/or Thursday mornings. Training and chromebooks provided.
- eBay Wrappers on Tuesday and/or Thursday mornings. Training and packaging materials provided.
- 'On-call' helpers to drive and pick up bulk book donations from donor's homes. Must be comfortable lifting bags or boxes of books.
- Shift workers for our November 2023 Book Sale. Sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/CTMhPni>



Volunteers, Mark Concannon and Jim Gay collecting books donated during Dominican High School for Bay Day

## Friends of Whitefish Bay Public Library Board Position Description

### Position:

Volunteer Chair

### General Description:

Recruit, and when necessary, train volunteers to help with the various Friends' activities.

### Responsibilities:

- Recruit a sufficient number of volunteers, from an already well-developed list, to assist in the following activities:
- Twice yearly book sales
- Annual Green Day in the Bay community program
- Other activities as needed (i.e. special programs, receptions, etc.)
- Together with Membership Chair, monitor new member and renewal applications forms and follow-up with members who have expressed an interest in potential volunteer assignments
- Purchase and distribute yearly tokens of appreciation to volunteers in recognition of National Volunteer Week in October, in consultation with the Board
- Pleasant manner, patience, problem-solving ability, dependability and creativity.

### Qualifications:

- Organizational, writing and speaking skills
- Interest in and knowledge of the WFB Public Library and Friends of the WFB Public Library
- Willingness to learn how to use our online sign-up program. We currently use Sign-up.com (Training provided)
- Comfort with email and basic computer functions.

### Time Commitment:

Attendance and participation in all monthly Board meetings during the year. Board meetings last approximately one hour. Participation in various projects and activities as your talents and interests are appropriate. Time commitment will vary.



DO YOU ENJOY BROWSING THE [FRIENDS' BOOK SHOP](#) NEAR THE LIBRARY'S FRONT DESK? PLEASE HELP US ATTRACT NEW PATRONS BY RATING AND REVIEWING US ON [GOOGLE MAPS](#)



JUST A REMINDER, FRIENDS OF THE WFB PUBLIC LIBRARY IS ALWAYS ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF BOOKS, CDs AND OTHER MEDIA FOR OUR BOOK SALES AND eBay STORE. PROCEEDS FUND SPECIAL PROGRAMS AT THE WFB LIBRARY! JUST PUT YOUR ITEMS IN THESE YELLOW TUBS IN THE LIBRARY'S VESTIBULE. THANKS!



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## FRIENDS' BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Jennifer West  
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Helen Dooley

### Library Representative

Nyama Reed

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.