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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY PAT GOSCH

Hello Friends and Happy Friends Week! October 18-24th is National Friends of Libraries week! This is the 10th anniversary of celebrating Friends of Libraries. The Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library has a long legacy (over 60 years) of leading and supporting our library. We are so grateful to current and past members who support our mission through their membership. This is a great week and season to renew your membership or promote joining our organization to other family members or friends.

As Friends members we invite you to our semi-annual book sale on Preview night Friday November 6th from 5 PM to 7PM. Through generous donations we have a great selection of books, CDs and DVDs. Look for your admission postcard in the mail in the upcoming weeks.

As we talk about the book sale, the Friends Board members would like to thank Martha Berg, our Book Sale Chair for her years of volunteering to ensure the sale runs smoothly. Marti has decided to move on to other family and volunteering opportunities.

Please read the information about our new Acquisitions Coordinators in this newsletter. The Friends are excited to have Joan and Jenni join us in our efforts. As before please bring your donations to the library and the circulation staff will take your donations and provide you with a receipt. If you have a large donation, you can contact Jenni or Joan using the contact information provided in the article.

If you have questions or comments you can contact the Friends at Friendswfblibrary@gmail.com

Thanks again for your support and Happy Friends week.

From the Director

By Nyama Y. Marsh

As we move into the 2015 Holiday season, you may be considering purchasing an e-reader or tablet during the sales, either for yourself or as a gift. It is common to feel overwhelmed and confused looking at all the options available and trying to decide what is best for your needs. As a library, we cannot make recommendations for specific brands, but we can provide you with the information you need to make a decision – we're a library, that's what we do.

First, you may be a bibliophile and wonder, "Why do I need a gadget when I can read a printed book?!" I hear you, and no worries about digital replacing print any time soon. The publishing world is transitioning to digital, but these materials are still a small fraction of our total collection. Most people prefer print and it will take years to fully transition to digital. You don't have to switch 100% any time soon. However, you may find having a digital option to be a benefit at times.

One positive is that ALL e-books can be large-print books!

If you prefer large-print, then you have likely encountered the frustration of the book you want not being in large-print. While large-print is more common today than in previous years, not all books are created in that format. Publishers are in business to make money and they only create large-print for titles they think will be popular enough to be profitable in that format. Most titles are not THAT popular. However, you can purchase or check-out an e-book and adjust the print on your device to turn it into large-print. In my experience, I have helped many, many seniors who use an e-reader specifically for this reason. Also, if you travel a lot, it is much easier to carry one e-reader with you than 10 print books or magazines.

Things to consider:

There's no point in me recreating the wheel... PCMag has a very nice quiz you can use to help you decide if you should purchase an e-reader or tablet. <http://ebookfriendly.com/tablet-or-e-reader-questionnaire/>.

Ok, I'll recreate the wheel a little, because I need to write more of a column than just direct you to PCMag.

Do you only want to read books, and have no desire to check your Facebook or play games on the same device? Then you should look at **dedicated e-book readers**. PCMag provides reviews of several devices here: <http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2400310,00.asp>.



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Youth Services Update

By Katie Kiekhaefer

Here are just some of the programs we have for kids of all ages. Check out the library's website for more information.

- Candy Corn Yarn Pom Poms, October 15, 7-8pm (grades 3-5)—Learn the basic pom-pom technique so you can create an adorably sweet pom-pom!
- Retro Horror Movie Double Feature, October 29, 12pm – 4pm (grades 6-12)—Get into the Halloween spirit with our retro horror double feature. The first movie will be a kitschy, somewhat scary option, while the second will be straight up scary.
- Engineering and Design Workshop, November 18, 3:45pm-5:15pm (grades 3-5)—Learn more about what it takes to make cool, innovative products, and work on your own problem-solving, brainstorming skills. A team from Design Concepts will be here to make it happen!

Whitefish Bay Public Library Teen Art Show

By Krista Hutley

The next time you visit the Whitefish Bay Public Library, swing through the teen area to see amazing artwork done by local high school students. Every year, library staff and Whitefish Bay High School art teachers encourage students to create art based on the Summer Reading Program theme. This summer, the theme was “Every Hero Has a Story”, which highlighted the different ways to be a hero, from superheroes with powers to volunteers making a difference in their own communities. Participating students are asked to choose a book that represents the theme to them (the library provides a helpful booklist, of course!) and create artwork based on that book. This year, ten students from the high school's AP Art and Intensive Art classes participated.

After an opening reception, attended by the students and their families and teachers, patrons are able to vote on their favorite piece of art. Thanks to Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library, the student winning the popular vote receives a generous cash prize. The winner this year was senior Elise for her beautiful painting titled “Spirit Animal” – based on the book *The Golden Compass*.

All of the artwork remains on display until next summer, when it's time to look for new paintings, photographs, and sculptures to be displayed. Next year, the theme will be “On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!”, focusing on wellness, fitness, and sports. What will the new art students create?



Adult Services Update

By Scott Lenski

Here are some of our upcoming programs this fall. Check the library's website for more details.

- Paranormal Investigators of Milwaukee, October 13, 6:30pm – Learn about local hauntings and hear some gathered evidence captured during some of their investigations.
- Great Whitefish Bay Scavenger Hunt, October 17, 10am-4pm – Solve the clues that will send you to different locations through the village, then snap a picture according to the directions found during the hunt.
- Author visit with Ron Legro & Avi Lank, October 22, 6:30pm – Whitefish Bay residents and authors Legro and Lank will discuss their book “The Man Who Painted the Universe: the Story of a Planetarium in the Heart of the North Woods.”
- Come Write In, November 3, 10, & 24, 5pm- Find your writing fellowship at our write-ins, where we set aside space for groups of writers to gather, write together, and brainstorm.
- Writing Workshop with Liza Wiemer, November 17, 6:30pm – YA Author Wiemer will hold a workshop on character development, as well as share writing and publishing tips.
- Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War, November 18, 6:30pm – Dave Ehlert portrays Lincoln in this Live Theatrical Production.

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One benefit of e-book readers over full-color tablets is that they tend to be lighter, which is nice if you are holding one for a couple hours at a time while reading. You'd be surprised how heavy an iPad is on your wrists when holding it up at length. Also, e-book readers have longer battery life than full color tablets because they use less energy.

Keep in mind, there are non-brand e-readers under \$50 which can be a basic entry into the e-reader world. Those readers do not have the fancier lighting that is available in the name brand e-readers, which can cost over \$100. As with any purchase it is important to balance your budget with your needs and desires.

I recommend “test-driving” e-readers to find out what works best for you. You can try out Nooks at Barnes and Noble and Kindles at various stores (<http://www.amazon.com/gp/help/customer/display.html?nodeId=201265630>). Also, some libraries have Nooks and Kindles available for checkout. The closet library with these devices is North Shore Library. Further, ask your friends if they have a device you can borrow for a couple days.

Do you want a full-featured tablet that allows you to watch videos, check Facebook, and read books & full-color magazines? Then you should consider purchasing a tablet. Tablets are basically small computers and can do as much as your laptop. Reading e-books on the tablet is just one feature. As a result, tablets tend to be more expensive, heavier and have shorter battery life than e-readers. Again, you can turn to PCMag for tablet reviews: <http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2413145,00.asp>.

If you just followed that link, you likely have sticker shock because the tablets listed range from \$258-\$799. Keep in mind, the expensive ones are for people who truly will use their tablets as computers to do everything. If you are only looking to use

your device for FUN, then check out Nook's Samsung tablet for \$149 <http://nook.barnesandnoble.com/u/samsung-galaxy-tab-4-nook-tablet/379004262>, or the variety of Kindle Fire tablets which range from \$49 to \$229 <http://www.amazon.com/dp/B00TSUGXKE#firetablet-compare>.

What to do once you have a device? Come to the library!!!

The library offers FREE downloadable books, audiobooks, and magazines via Overdrive as part of the Wisconsin Public Library Consortium. WPLC just added downloadable magazines this week! Did you see the part about it being FREE???

<http://dbooks.wplc.info/1BE6420E-5A30-41A6-B9A2-EEF1EF39015E/10/50/en/Default.htm>

Zinio is another option for downloadable magazines. Between the two magazines services you have access to over 150 titles! <http://countycat.mcfls.org/screens/zinio.html>

Call the library (414-964-4380) or stop in to make a “Book A Librarian” appointment. During this appointment you will work 1-to-1 with a librarian for 30 minutes, to help you set up your device with the Overdrive and Zinio apps. They will teach you how to search, download and start reading your titles.

What to do if you ONLY want print books? Come to the library!!!

Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library book sale takes place November 7-8, with the Preview Night for Friends members November 6. Buy all the books your heart desires. Proceeds support Library services and programs.



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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:

The Rolfs Family

Kelly Jazinski-Chambers

The Manke Family

Ellen Goot

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.