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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY ANN LOWREY

Have you seen the new perennial garden on the south side of the library? The garden is the Eagle Scout project of Whitefish Bay student, Oscar Gregg and the Friends of the Library was a major contributor to the project. This is a perfect example of the Friends' mission – to provide financial and volunteer support to the library.

The perennials look good now – but wait! An old adage says that some perennials sleep in their first year, creep in their second year and leap in their third year. I look forward to seeing the garden grow into its full beauty in the next few years.

This is my first column as the Friends' President although I have been in this role since February of this year. Hats off to Pat Gosch, our past president for all her hard work. Pat is still an active Friends member especially in the role of researching books of value for our book sales.

In this issue we thought we'd tell you a bit about the Friends' Officers. First up will be me, as the Friends' President and Marta Magnuson, the Vice President. In our next issue (April 2018) we'll feature our Treasurer, Vicky Dargis and our Secretary, Maureen Hart-Donahue.

We've decided to publish two annual newsletters instead of three. The dates will be October and April. The newsletter is costly to produce considering typesetting and postage. We'd like to migrate from a physical mailing to electronic delivery to further save money. If you would be willing to receive your copy electronically, please email our Newsletter Editor, Steph Salvia at wfbfriendsnewsletter@gmail.com. By saving money on the newsletter we can devote more time and money to our mission of supporting the library.

We're busy preparing for the book sale: Friday, November 3rd (Preview for members only), Saturday November 4th, and Sunday, November 5th (bag sale). Mark your calendars! We are overflowing with books already so this sale will have top quality books to offer. We are so lucky to have most of the lower level of the library to devote to the book sale. It allows for careful sorting and shelving. When you think about it, it is actually a "library within a library". Newcomers to the book sale are very surprised to see the setup!

As always, you are welcome to attend the Friends' annual meeting on December 20, 2017. The meeting is held at 6:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room at the library.

If you have questions, comments or want to volunteer let us know at: Friendswfblibrary@gmail.com

Thanks!
Ann

From the Director

By Nyama Y. Reed

The Whitefish Bay Public Library (WFBPL) is celebrating Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library as part of the 12th annual National Friends of Libraries (October 15-21, 2017). We are fortunate to have the friends group that sets the platinum standard. They are well run and support the WFBPL with their volunteer and fundraising efforts.

Currently over 140 community members contribute annually to Friends via membership, and nearly 50 of these members actively volunteer their time to organize and run book sales, shelf read the library collection and help out at library programs. Hundreds of community members support the Library by shopping at Friends twice-yearly book sales, the book sale room which is accessible daily, and even on EBay. In the last 5 years, Friends has contributed over \$120,000 for enhancements at the library, which would not normally be covered by our operating budget.

On a yearly basis, Friends of The Whitefish Bay Library pays for our BookPage subscription, our movie license (for showing movies at the Library), plants and flowers for decorating the Library, and support for staff to attend conferences. Thanks to Friends, WFBPL is able to be a programming powerhouse in the Milwaukee area. They fund the majority of our programming for Children, Teens and Adults. Friends signature programs are the summer reading program (for all ages), WFB TALKS, and the photography contest.

Thankfully, Friends also provides support to help the Library refresh furniture and aesthetics of various areas of the Library. In the last few years, Friends funded updating the Teen Area, the Storytime Room, and the Program Room. WFBPL is also able to utilize new marketing and technology tools due to Friends support, such as a new website (currently in development), community newspaper ads, an early literacy station in the children's area and iPads (which are used for programming).

To make a long story short, the Whitefish Bay Public Library would not be the superb community library that it is, without Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library! They support us with all their efforts, and you can support them by joining their membership, by volunteering, and by buying their books.



Adult Services Update

By Scott Lenski

As fall is already in full swing we take a look at the year behind us and the year ahead. We've had a wonderful year of programming. This has been our second year of our monthly speaker series, Whitefish Bay TALKS. We've gotten to host some really stellar speakers, thanks to funding from Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library. I've really enjoyed planning this series of programs and the diversity of speakers we've had the opportunity to highlight. Past speakers for the TALKS include the official scorekeeper of the Milwaukee Brewers, Wisconsin's Poet Laureate, and the President and CEO of the YWCA Southeast Wisconsin, among others.

The fall lineup for Whitefish Bay TALKS is out now and includes Former Wisconsin Governor Martin J. Schreiber. He'll be talking about his experiences as caregiver for his wife who suffers from Alzheimer's. Governor Schreiber will be at the library on Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30pm. Then on Thursday, November 9 at 6:30pm, I'm excited to announce we'll have Ron Miscavige speaking at the library. Ron is the father of David Miscavige, the leader of the Church of Scientology. Ron wrote a book about raising David and David's path to the head seat of the Church. We are expecting a big turnout for this event and space will be limited. We are not doing registration for this event, but once the seats are full the doors will be closed. Doors open to the public at 6pm.

We also just held our 2nd Annual Photography Contest, with over \$800 in cash prizes thanks to Friends! We are having a photo contest reception, and will announce the winners, on Saturday, October 14 from 5-7pm. Snacks will be provided and

all winners will be on display. If you can't make the reception, winners will be displayed on the adult side of the library through the end of the year.

In 2018 Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library Annual Writing Contest returns. This is the 6th year Friends have put on the contest. There are three submission categories including short story (1,000 words or less), memoirs (1,000 words or less), and poetry (200 words or less). The contest is open to anyone 16 and up. Submissions will be accepted from January 15 through February 12 and are limited to one entry per person per category.

In early Spring there will be a reception where winners read their pieces. We'll also post winning submissions on our website. Did I mention there are cash prizes for first place in each category? To enter the contest, submit your piece with a cover page including the following: Name, address, email, phone number, entry date, word count, and category. Good luck to all who send in a submission!



Tim O'Driscoll, the official scorekeeper of the Milwaukee Brewers

Welcome New Members!

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

Tom Erickson	Jean Ravanelli-Meyer
Karole Koester	Michael Endress
Carl Hoffman	Whitney Bretl
Keith Pajot	Andrew McCabe Family
Marta Magnuson	Mike & Maggie Strande
Kathy Servais	Allen Van Scoyk Family

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.

Youth Services Update

By Katie Kiekhaefer

YA Programs in 2017

The biggest event in the Youth Services department is always the summer reading program, which is generously made possible by Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library. We had a wonderful turnout in 2017. More than 1300 children, teens, and adults attended programs during our summer reading program in June, July, and August, including storytimes, performances, STEM/STEAM-inspired projects, and more. We used our Friends programming funds to bring in entertaining, high-quality performers for our Terrific Tuesday programs, like Whitefish Bay resident Saehee Chang who gave our community a Korean drumming performance. We were also able to purchase promotional materials and decorating supplies to get people excited about the program and make sure we had the necessary materials for creating some terrific programs for elementary schoolers and teens such as a teen lock-in (complete with an escape room!), art projects with recyclable materials, and a Wii gaming tournament for tweens. Even more exciting: with the generous support of Friends, we were able to send a free

book home with more than 400 children and teenagers this past summer. Our goal each and every summer is to inspire the children and teens in our community to continue reading, learning, and enjoying their time at the library. As we approach fall, we'll be working to make sure we keep up that momentum, using Friends funds to create innovative programming like escape rooms, building challenges, and parachute playtimes, as well as make some exciting changes to the children's areas. Keep an eye out for these new programs and changes to the library. Thank you, Friends!



Magical fun at the library's Harry Potter event!

Friends' Book Sale Coming Up

By Jan Concannon

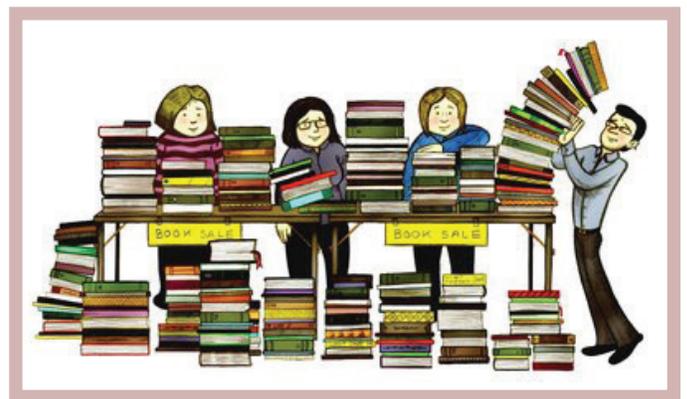
Mark your calendars! The Fall Book Sale is set for **November 3-5** at the Library.

A special preview party will be held Friday evening, **November 3, 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, November 4, and noon-3 p.m. on Sunday, November 5.**

If you can't make it to the 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.

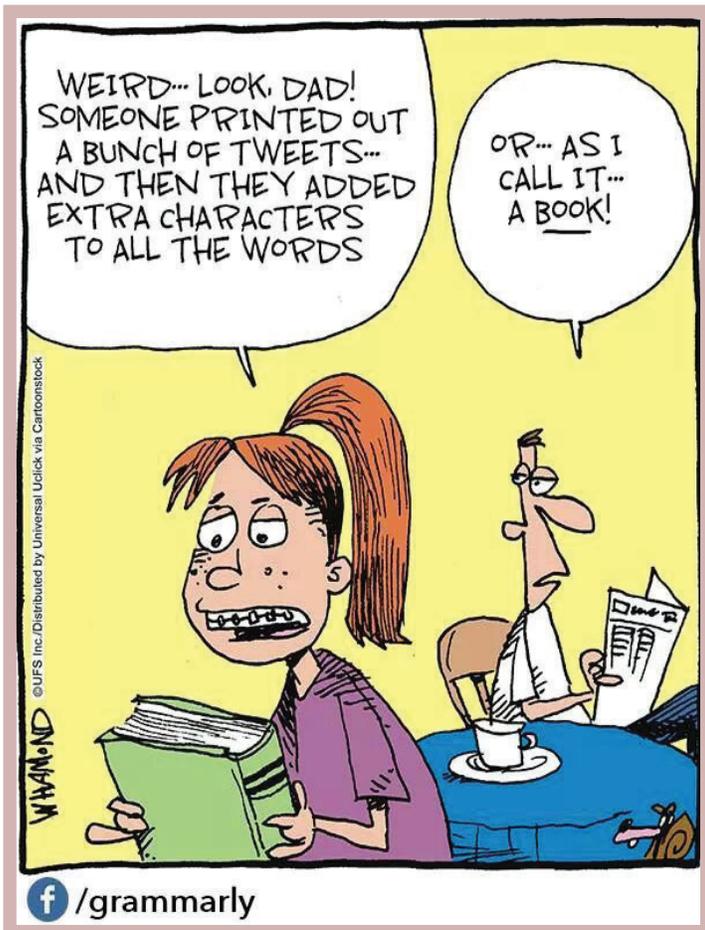
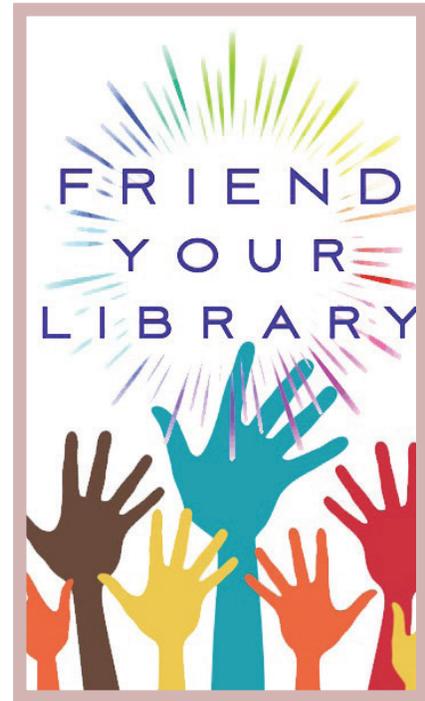


National Friends of Libraries Week

By Steph Salvia

Did you know that Friends of Libraries groups have their very own national week of celebration? United for Libraries will coordinate the 12th annual National Friends of Libraries Week Oct. 15-21, 2017. United for Libraries is a division of the American Library Association with approximately 4,000 personal and group members representing hundreds of thousands of library supporters. United for Libraries supports those who govern, promote, advocate, and fundraise for libraries, and brings together library trustees, advocates, friends, and foundations into a partnership that creates a powerful force for libraries in the 21st century.

Friends of Whitefish Bay Library is a not-for-profit organization. Our 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.



Volunteer's Needed!

We need volunteers for our Photography Contest Reception!

- Date:** Saturday, October 14th
- Time:** 4p.m. for set up, event ends at 6p.m. plus clean up time (shifts can be split)
- What:** Set up, greeter, serving coffee and water, running the prize pick up table, clean up
- Why:** Why not?! You help make our library wonderful resource in our community
- Contact:** Jim Gay, jasrgay@hotmail.com or 414-962-7403

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 Marta Magnuson



I've been Vice President of Friends since January 2017 and have enjoyed my time on the board. I moved to Whitefish Bay from Milwaukee last summer and was looking for a place where I could volunteer and become a more active member of my new community. My favorite Friends activity has been volunteering for the book sale. It is a fun and busy event and I love seeing all the great books

people are buying! I currently work at the UW-Milwaukee Child Welfare partnership where I oversee instructional technology and curriculum development. Before that, I worked at several different academic libraries in the Midwest. In my free time

I like to read (of course!), run, and go on long walks with my husband Jon, and 4-year-old daughter Amelia.

A few books I've read in the last few months:

Fiction

The Devil's Star by Jo Nesbø ★★★★★

The Paris Wife by Paula McLain ★★★★★

Prep: A Novel by Curtis Sittenfeld ★★★

Non-Fiction

A Box of Darkness: The Story of a Marriage by Sally Ryder Brady ★★★★★

Jackie After O: One Remarkable Year When Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

Defied Expectations and Rediscovered Her Dreams by Tina Cassidy ★★★★★

Meet Anne Lowrey



I'm enjoying retirement after 35 years working in the investment world. I worked for US Bank and BMO Capital Markets. I did trading, underwriting and sales of fixed income securities, mainly municipal bonds.

I'm a UP of Michigan native but after 35 years, Whitefish Bay feels like home. Besides volunteering

for the library, I spend my time at yoga classes, bike riding, bird watching and photographing birds. And reading, of course...

Here are a few books I've read in the past few months. This list looks a lot like the library's Tea Time Book Club, which I enjoy.

A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman ★★★

Today Will Be Different by Maria Semple NO STARS

Destiny of the Republic by Candice Millard ★★★★★

The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead ★★★★★

The River of Destiny by Candice Millard (★★★★★)*

*Just Started reading this one, but I'm sure it will be five stars!



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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.