

Rochesterfest Garage Sale a Super Success!

A huge thank you goes out to all of the Friends and Library Staff who helped make the 2007 Rochesterfest Garage Book Sale a success. Total sales were \$4,275, which was \$800 more than last year! We had about 35 volunteers working over 200 hours. Most of the set-up was done on Tuesday, June 19. On Wednesday and Thursday we had full 9 hour days of book selling. On Friday, we offered books at a buck a bag and sold quite a few.

We were very pleased that several non-profit organizations were able to come to the sale and obtain books for their patrons.

The Book Sale Committee is always open to new ideas. Just email me at patstephenson@charter.net and let us know!

Pat Stephenson



Operation Paperback

Members of our Armed Forces who have received recycled paperbacks through the *Friends'* Operation Paperback program have been very appreciative, according to Pat Stephenson.

One soldier wrote, "Thank you for the books. I've been sharing them with everyone in my unit. The books you sent lighten up our days, not to mention it sure is nice to get a package from back home in the mail." Another serviceperson wrote, "We recently opened up a new library, and your books were the largest part of our free giveaway for the troops at our Grand Opening. Reading is Knowledge! Please pass on my thanks to the Friends of the Library in Rochester!"



Thank you Jenni!

Jenni Hulsizer has retired as Editor of the Friends' Newsletter where she has been a driving force forever ... or so it seems to us who are involved in Friends' activities. Before assuming the editorship in 1998, she did the computer typesetting for many years, working with a number of editors, volunteers, and staff members. The newsletter has always looked great and she has done a tremendous job as both editor and typesetter for the last nine years. Jenni told me that she was asked to help get library documents set up in WordPerfect at the old library and one of things to set up was the Friends Newsletter -- and the rest is history. She added pictures (which she often took herself) and has improved the format over the years. She also has contributed greatly by her membership on the Friends' Board.

In addition to the newsletter, she and her husband, John, worked every Friday (with a couple of vacation exceptions) for over 11 years as clerks in the bookstore (and they continue to work every other Friday); they were involved with the early days of the Books for Babies program; have participated in numerous sales and special programs with the Friends -- in other words, have been the kind of friends everyone needs.

Our heartfelt thanks to Jenni for all her contributions.

Karen Krueger, Friends Board



From the Director



Merchandising continues at the library. One of our most anticipated and fun changes is the addition of *Big, Cozy Books* to the Children's Area. The book themed pieces of furniture were made possible through a generous donation by the Friends. The Children's Division has ordered two loveseats. On the spine of the open book (seat of the love seat), one will say "Curious George" and the other will say "Madeline". We thank you for making this possible. I'm including a photo so you have an idea what the loveseats will look like.

I also invite you to attend the Minnesota Library Association Conference in Mankato in October. Friends Day is Thursday, October 25th, with many programs for Friends of the Library. Here are some examples:

Library Friends Idea Exchange Share your Friends group's experiences. Hear about the successes of other Friends groups and help yourself to a few free ideas. Minnesota Association of Library Friends (MALF) will publish ideas that worked – and didn't – in their newsletter.

Best Project by Friends Award MALF spotlights successful projects that have been implemented by Friends since January 2006 and presents the Evy Nordley Award for Best Project by Friends of the Library.

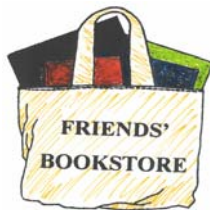


Lobbying for Your Library Prepare for meeting with your legislators and other elected officials, compiling information packets, and making effective phone calls. Learn great tips for Library Legislative day. For more information and the full conference program, go to www.mnlibraryassociation.org.

Audrey Betcher, Rochester Public Library Director

Friends' Bookstore News

The consensus is that summer disappeared way too fast and none of us got to read all the books that we wanted. I am an airplane reader, so fortunately there were many opportunities to read. As always there was a backlog from amazing books that came into the bookstore that I couldn't resist. Several books were straight off our new book shelf titled 'Please Read' – the classics or best sellers you always meant to read but put off for some unknown/unremembered reason. Just a sample of the varied collection includes:



The Thirteenth Tale by Diane Setterfield (soon to be in paperback—a must read); *The Alchemist's Apprentice* by Dave Duncan; *The Unquiet* by John Connolly; *Death in the Garden* by Elizabeth Ironside; *Sherlock Holmes and the Red Demon* by Larry Millett (who knew Holmes would be in Minnesota?!); *Snow* by Orhan Pamuk (absolutely riveting!); *A Spot of Bother* by Mark Haddon (so very English); *The Meaning of Everything* by Simon Winchester (the making of the Oxford English Dictionary); *The Omnivore's Dilemma* by Michael Pollan (anything he has written is fascinating); *Team of Rivals* by Doris Kearns Goodwin.And oh, yes, I did read Harry Potter. Given the speed of time lately, I have also started a book journal to record some of the best: mine is appropriately titled "Book Lust" from Nancy Pearl. There were so many more books to write about – just come in and ask me about them!

We have had a surge of donations so that there are incredible books both in the bookstore and waiting for the Fall Cleanup Sale on September 27th. Don't miss it!

Helen McIver, Bookstore Co-Manager

New Bookstore Hours:

Monday 10 am to 8:30 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
10 am to 4:00 pm

Thursday 10 am to 7 pm

Saturday 10 am to 1 pm

Sunday 1:30 pm to 4:20 pm

Book Sale Reminder

The Friends have discontinued their summer book auction. In coming sales, including the September 27 Fall Sale in the auditorium, Special and Unusual books will be offered at fixed prices—this is a good time to add to your collection.

News from the Friends' Board



I always think of fall as a time of change, and this year is certainly no exception. This is our first newsletter with a new editor. Welcome to Ruth Stroebel! Of course, this means Jenni Hulsizer is beginning her well-earned retirement—from the Friends' Board and newsletter, not the Bookstore. Please read more about that in the article.

I want to acknowledge what has thankfully been a temporary respite for Russ Gangestad. He is a volunteer who has toiled in anonymity in the sorting area almost every Monday - all day - for years. I don't know how many of us it took to try to fill his shoes while he was out with an injury, but I don't think we ever did catch up. Welcome back!

We unfortunately had to pay our respects to two very active members of the Friends, Gerry Balm and Karen Moxness. They were volunteers in the Store and gave generously to the Library in multiple ways. Gerry had been a previous Library Board President. Karen had preceded me as Secretary of the Friends' Board.

The Garage Sale was, again, successful, hectic and fun. Thanks to heroic efforts from Pat Stephenson, Mary Leppala and their team of volunteers, we made \$4,275. Carol Smyrk and Sylvie Nickels' Unusual Books brought in another \$547. Thank you to everyone—volunteers, customers, and library staff. Look for some changes in next year's sale!

News from Friends

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This newsletter is published for members of the Friends of the Rochester Public Library. Your comments are appreciated.

We also made a new "friend" to help us close up the Garage Sale. Books for the Future, a non-profit group in Minneapolis, packed up our left-overs and took them away.

In their thank you note, they told us that the profits from the bulk sale of our donation will go toward planting trees in Senegal. Their motto is "Saving books. Planting trees."

On the subject of sales, the next one will be Thursday, September 27 in the Auditorium. We will try admitting Friends' members at 9:00 am through the Friends' Bookstore. Use your membership card or the coupon in this newsletter for early admittance.

Membership letters are being sent shortly. Look for them in the mail and please help support your Public Library by renewing your Friends' membership!

Theresa Friedhoff, President, Friends of the RPL

Amazon.com Reminder



Don't forget that your Amazon.com purchases can assist the Friends. As an Amazon "associate" we receive about five percent of the sale made through our web site. Just go to the Rochester Public Library web site (www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org), click on the yellow banner that says Amazon.com on the home page or the Friends' page, and proceed with your purchase. The benefit applies to any Amazon.com purchase, not just books.

Coupon

**Good for 9:00 am
Admission to Friends'
Garage Sales**

Fall Sale—Thursday, Sept. 27

**Holiday Book &
Bake Sale—Sunday, Dec. 9**

Winterfest Sale—Thursday, Feb. 7

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Fall Calendar – 2007

(All events will take place in the *Judith Taylor Auditorium* unless otherwise noted)

(* indicates advance registration needed at www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org or 285-8506)

*Wed Oct 3, 10 am Senior Techies—Digital Camera Meeting Room B

Sat Oct 6, 10:30 am Hooray for Saturday! Family Film: *Cricket in Times Square*

*Mon Oct 8, 15, 22, 29; 6:30, 6:50, 7:10 pm Sit-Stay-Read. Read aloud to a friendly dog for 20 minutes.

Tues Oct 9 & 24; 6:30 pm Writing Group. Meeting Room A

Tues Oct 9, 7 pm Documentary and Discussion: *Secrets, Lies and Apologies...America's Domestic Violence*

*Wed Oct 10, 10 am & 1 pm 3-5 Year Old Story Time Six-Week Session runs October 10—November 14

*Wed Oct 10, 12 pm Senior Techies—Scan and Email Photos. Meeting Room B

Wed Oct 10, 6 pm IFilms: International and Independent Films: *Fraulein* (Germany-Switzerland)

Thurs Oct 11 & 25; 10 am Stories for Toddlers and Twos

Thurs Oct 11, 6 pm NAMI Video Documentary: *Women and Mental Illness* with discussion following

Sat Oct 13, 10:30 am Hooray for Saturday! Family Program: *Pop Wagner, Singing Cowboy and Lariat Spinner*

Mon Oct 15, 4 pm Goat Meeting—Group of Advising Teens. Meeting Room A

*Wed Oct 17, 7 pm Downloadable Audio Books Meeting Room B

Wed Oct 17, 6 pm Movie @ Your Auditorium. Please see Library Events Calendar for more details.

Thurs Oct 18 & 25, 10 am Stories for Toddlers and Twos

*Thurs Oct 18, 3 pm Online Resources. Meeting Room B

Sat Oct 20, 10:30 am Hooray for Saturday! Family Film: *Rip Van Winkle*

Sat Oct 20, 10:30 am That Writing Contest Awards Ceremony

Sun Oct 21, 2 pm Coffeehouse Author Series: Vincent Wyckoff. Author of *Beware of Cat and Other Encounters of a Letter Carrier*

*Wed Oct 24, 2 pm Ancestry Plus and Heritagequest Online. Meeting Room B

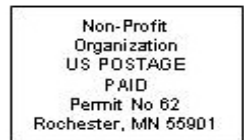
*Wed Oct 24, 7 pm Ebay. Buying, selling and bidding

Fri Oct 26, 9:30 am Senior Techies—Computer Practice. Meeting Room B

Sat Oct 27, 10:30 am Hooray for Saturday! Spanglish Storytime with storyteller Laura Randolph

Sun Oct 28, 2:30 pm Yaggy Colby History Lecture: Katherine and Linda Koutsky authors of *Minnesota State Fair: An Illustrated History*

*Tues Oct 30, 10 pm Internet. Meeting Room A



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