

## Jivnit

The Rochester Reads junior title this year was Frindle by Andrew Clements. In the book, Nick creates a new word for a writing instrument that we traditionally call a pen. Thanks to Nick's persistence in using this word, it ultimately ends up being added to the dictionary.



The Rochester Reads committee invited Rochester area 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders to create definitions for an invented word, "jivnit.." Winners in the three different categories each received a \$25 gift certificate to Barnes & Noble Booksellers. This contest was sponsored by the *Friends of the Rochester Public Library*.

And the winners are:



3rd Grade: Joshua Augustin JIV·NIT (jiv-nit) n. 1. A quick period of time like the blink of an eye. 2. The speed of fifteen milliseconds. The Italian racecar zoomed through the racetrack in a jivnit. The hungry kid ate his hamburger in a jivnit.

4th Grade: Olivia Cook jiv-nit (jiv nit') n. [? L jivnet, to tear open] 1. a dip or gouge in something [My car got a jivnit from running into a lamppost.] 2. a cut in an animal [My dog has a jivnit in its side.]



5th Grade: Ian McMeeking jivnit- (jivnit) v. jivnited jivniting jivnits 1. To distract one, esp. by pointless chatter or talk. The thief's accomplice would jivnit to distract victims of the thief. ~n. 2. Pointless chatter, esp. that is distracting or annoying. The neighbor's jivnit became increasingly annoying as she went on. Originally from jive, an American word meaning nonsense or deceptive talk.



## The Friends Collect more than just books!

### Printer Ink Cartridges

You'll find a bin for them just as you enter the library—see Theresa's column on page 3.



### Plastic Bags & Paper Bags

The Bookstore always needs more plastic bags, and we use paper bags for our sales, so bring along both kinds.



### Yourself

You are a library patron and/or a volunteer - we will be happy to see you. We especially want a new editor for the Friends' Newsletter!



### Readers' Digest Condensed Books

The Friends have found an outlet for Reader's Digest Condensed books! Please donate any Reader's Digest Condensed Books that are from 1970 or newer. They don't need to have a dust jacket but they do need to have a good spine, not cracked or split. The Friends will receive 50 cents for each book found to be in good condition. The books must be sent in minimum orders of 250 books or more. So far, we have about 90 usable books. Just drop off your Reader's Digest Condensed books at the Friends Used Book Store or at the book box located to the left of the Bookmobile Garage door. Thank you for your support.

Pat Stephenson



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## From the Director — Merchandising update



The *Friends* got the library started on the road to merchandising. The *Friends* purchased an octagon display unit that has been sitting in the main lobby. With that success, the library has continued down the merchandising path.

I hope you've had a chance to see the changes that have occurred in the library since mid-February on the merchandising project. We are including one before and after picture so you can see the dramatic difference.



- The reading area on the second floor has been changed to take advantage of the beautiful view of the river. The magazines have been put in spinners to better utilize space.
- The octagon display purchased by the Friends has moved upstairs to display materials in the non-fiction collection. An identical unit was purchased to have additional areas to display.



- All new fiction and non-fiction has moved to the slat wall and is displayed face out.
- Gondolas are in the main lobby area to attract the attention of those waiting in line to check out.
- The bank of computers has moved out of the center of children's. Someone commented to me this morning how much more light seems to be coming into the children's area. Octagons and gondolas are moving into the area to display new children's materials.
- The young adult area has new tables for the internet computers. They are bright and modern. Not only are they fun, but they improve line of sight for staff and they leave more room for displaying the collection.

We are already seeing a response to the changes. Kim Edson has been tracking new fiction circulation and in the first month we've seen a 13% increase in circulation.

I would love your feedback on the changes. Drop by or drop me a note or email.

*Audrey Betcher, Rochester Public Library Director*

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### **Friends' Bookstore News**

The snow is melting, but don't be too quick to get into the garden. Instead come to the bookstore and library and browse through some of the great gardening books for ideas on flower or herb gardens, vegetable patches or container plantings. Or simply pick up a great mystery to stay occupied and off the soft ground while we await the spring flowers. Many of our store volunteers can make recommendations for your next good read. I often can't wait to share the last good book I read! The book displays in April will feature many classics and prize winning books that are worth re-reading or exploring for the first time.

Don't miss our National Library Week Book Sale on April 20th in the auditorium! There will be a great selection of books so be sure to come early! Check the Bulletin Board for times. The *Friends'*

Bulletin Board has many details of our coming events and is a good place to exchange information on books, book clubs, and other volunteers.



We are looking for new volunteers to expand our hours for Saturday morning. If you would like to join our group of volunteers, please contact Carol Stucki, Gail Harris or pick up a brochure in the bookstore. We are also looking for several people who would like to price books. If you need flexible hours, please consider joining us.

Finally, please save grocery bags, especially paper bags, for the June Rochesterfest garage sale! And remember, ignore the recently sighted T-shirt advice of "lead me not into temptation...especially bookstores" and come shop the Friends' Bookstore!

*Helen McIver, Bookstore Co-Manager*

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## News from the Friends' Board

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Many of you probably know me from a variety of functions at our Library. My name is Theresa Friedhoff and I've been involved with the *Friends* for almost 10 years.

I started by being a Bookstore customer, moved on to working in the store and eventually joined the

Board, and served in a variety of jobs. Before last year, I ran some of the Garage Sales during Rochesterfest, assorted Auditorium sales, and the Holiday Sales. I often have my 14 year old daughter working with me. During the Annual Meetings, I'm usually managing the refreshments.

We have a busy year ahead of us, beginning with the National Library Week Book Sale on April 20. We are joining a Boy Scout fundraiser to recycle printer ink cartridges - please save your empties and bring them to the Library. The Bookstore is making record profits, as did our Winterfest Sale and continuing Amazon/E-Bay Sales.

The Library has asked us to support their new marketing campaign, which we have been able to do with all of your generous help. Last month they were able to purchase a new microfilm printer with funds from the *Friends*. Thank you all for your time and financial support. I'm looking forward to a helpful and profitable year for the *Friends of the Library*.


Just a reminder about the April 20 Booksale in the Auditorium. We are holding it during National Library Week to support our Library and reading in our community.

Bring your *Friends'* membership card or the *Newsletter* for an early admission at 9:30 - when the Library opens. General admission will be 10 am- 5 pm. Books will be sold by donation. If you are interested in volunteering, there is a sign-up sheet in the back of the Bookstore. Tell your friends and see you there!

*Theresa Friedhoff, President, Friends' Board*

## Classes at the Library

® indicates that you must register for a class. To register call 285-8002 or stop at the Reference Services Desk on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the library or register online at the library's website under events-events calendar. Classes are held in Meeting Room B.

- ® **Tue Apr 2** Internet for Beginners 1:30-2:30 pm
- ® **Wed Apr 18** Senior Techies - Taking Digital Photos 9:30-11:30 am
- ® **Wed Apr 25** Email/Scan Photos 9:30-11:30 am
- ® **Wed Apr 25** Online Business Resources at the Public Library 2-3 pm
- ® **Wed May 2** Senior Techies Advanced eBay 7-8:30 pm
- ® **Wed May 9** Senior Techies Email for beginners 1-3 pm 

## Winterfest Sale

On Thursday, February 8, despite double digit below zero temperatures, the Winterfest Sale was a huge success.

Volunteers started setting up in the library auditorium at 10:30 am and had a steady flow of customers until take down time at 7 pm. With a crew of about 20, the tables were constantly being filled and straightened. The Winterfest Sale took in over \$1140. Thank you to all the volunteers and library staff members for the success of this event.

*Pat Stephenson*



## News from Friends

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# Spring Calendar – 2007

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

(All Bookgroups meet in Meeting Room A unless otherwise noted)



(® indicates **advance registration needed** at <http://www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/> or 285-8006)

**Mon Apr 2** Family Film The Cat in the Hat 10:30 am

® **Mon Apr 2** Sit, Stay, Read. Read to a friendly dog for about 20 minutes. 6:30 to 7:30

**Tue Apr 3** Family Film Program Remarkable Riderless Runaway Tricycle and Curious George Rides a Bike 10:30 am

**Tue Apr 3** Armchair Traveler Bookgroup 11 am - noon

**Tue Apr 3** Bedtime Stories 6:30 pm

**Wed Apr 4** Hooray for Saturday! Family Program Stories about Growing Up 10:30 am

**Thu Apr 5** Family Film The Lorax 10:30 am

**Fri Apr 6** Family Film The Velveteen Rabbit 10:30 am

**Sat Apr 7** Family Film – Rain stories 10:30 am

® **Mon Apr 9** Sit, Stay, Read. Read to a friendly dog for about 20 minutes. 6:30 to 7:30

**Tue Apr 10** Bedtime Stories 6:30-7 pm

**Tue Apr 10** Writing Group 6:30-8:30 pm

® **Wed Apr 11** 3-5 yr old Story Time 10 am & 1 pm

® **Wed Apr 11** Library Tour with Audrey Betcher 3-4 pm Meeting Room A

**Wed Apr 11** iFilms The Great Match Comedy 6-8 pm

**Thu Apr 12** Stories for Toddlers & Twos 10 am

**Thu Apr 12** Prom Hair & Makeup Program 7-8:30 pm

**Sat Apr 14** Schifelly Puppets Down on the Farm 10:30-11 am

**Sat Apr 14** Honk, Squeak, Scratch, and Boom! For Young Adults and Children by Rochester Symphony Orch. 2-3:30 pm

**Sun Apr 15** Mn Author Nicole Lea Helget will discuss her memoir The Summer of Ordinary Ways 2-3 pm

**Mon Apr 16** GOAT meeting 4-5 pm in meeting rm A

® **Mon Apr 16** Sit, Stay, Read 6:30 to 7:30 pm

**Tue Apr 17** Plain Reader Bookgroup 12-1 pm mt rm A

**Tue Apr 17** Bedtime Stories 6:30-7 pm

® **Wed Apr 18** 3-5 yr old Story Time 10 am and 1 pm

**Wed Apr 18** documentary film An Inconvenient Truth 6-8:30 pm

**Thu Apr 19** Stories for Toddlers & Twos 10 am

® **Thu Apr 19** Library Tour with Audrey Betcher 2-3 pm Meeting Room A

**Fri Apr 20** *Friends' Library Week Book Sale* 9:30 am to 5:30 pm

**Sat Apr 21** Family Film Program Wild about Books & Other Library Tales 10:30 am

**Sun Apr 22** Yaggy Colby History Lecture: Dr. Paul Zollman Mayo's Institute Hills Farm 2:30-3:30 pm

**Mon Apr 23** Mystery Reader Bookgroup noon-1 pm

® **Mon Apr 23** Sit, Stay, Read 6:30 to 7:30 pm

**Tue Apr 24** Literature into Film Bookgroup 1:30-3 pm

**Tue Apr 24** Bedtime Stories 6:30-7 pm

® **Wed Apr 25** 3-5 yr old story time 10 am and 1 pm

**Mon May 21** Articles for Summer issue of the *Friends' Newsletter* due.

**Tue May 29** Summer issue in the mail

**Tue .Sep 4** Fall issue in the mail.

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