

## President's Report

The summer has been busy for the Friends. In **June**, we had a successful Rochesterfest sale with \$3942.42 in profit. We also participated on the 26<sup>th</sup> at the Paula Poundstone event (see page 4 for more information and pictures taken at the event).

In **August**, we participated in the ARTigras event - ARTists Village - sponsored by the Arts Council. Pat Stevenson manned the booth all day with assistance from committee members Shirley Edmonson, Sylvie Nickel and Elizabeth Ritman. The day was a success as well as great publicity for the Friends. Hope you stopped by to visit.



**September** is membership renewal time. The Friends of the Rochester Library will celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 pm in the Library Auditorium. Theresa Friedhoff chairs the committee of past presidents: Al Dollerschell, Karen Krueger, Elaine Schmidt, and Joyce Wenz. Come join us for memories, familiar friends, refreshments and a short program.

The Fall Book Sale will be Sunday, **October 4<sup>th</sup>** in the Library Auditorium from 1:30 pm -4:00 pm. Friends are admitted at 1:00 pm through the bookstore.

Our Online Sales team sells books on the Internet all year long: Al Dollerschell—Amazon worldwide, Pat Stephenson—text books with various vendors, Sylvie Nickel and Carol Smyrk- Unusual & Special books on Amazon as well as onsite sales. So far this year, online sales are just over \$7,000! Online sales contribute significantly to our \$22,000 pledge to the Library for programming and items not included in the budget. Remember we get 5% of sales on Amazon when you go to the Library Web site, click on Friends and then click on Amazon to do your shopping.

The Friends pay for one parking space for volunteers in the ramp. R.S.V.P. pays for one space and the Library two spaces. When you volunteer at the Library, sign your parking ticket with your name, and Library Volunteer, and R.S.V.P., if you are a member of RSVP.

Our Holiday Gift Book and Bake Sale is Sunday, **December 6<sup>th</sup>** in the Library Auditorium from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Friends are admitted at 1:00 pm. Shop for presents and good food to eat and give.

**Thanks** to the Volunteers who work in all areas of the Library.  
*Shirley Edmonson*

## Membership

Membership renewal letters are going out mid September. We hope you will continue your financial support of the Friends. Please give us your e-mail address for the Newsletter online delivery and updates. This private information is not shared with anyone. The printed newsletter will continue to be mailed to those who do not choose the online option. Nan Frie, who does our data entry is waiting for your renewals.

Thanks you again for your support in the past and in the future.



## From the Director

Early in August, I got a phone call from my niece, Megan Herman, saying she and her brother, Mitchell, were in Rochester, and she asked if they could stop by

my office. A little while later they stopped by and gushed about how much they enjoyed the Friends of the Library bookstore. They talked about how excited they were to find the classics for which they were looking, and the person at the store even went in the back to pull out more classics for them to browse. I saw a Facebook post later that afternoon from Megan:

*“10 books for 6 dollars. Gotta love friends of the library.”*

Great job to everyone who is connected to the Bookstore! I know it takes time and effort to sort, price, stock, and sell for the bookstore. You put that together with great customer service. You’ll be happy to know that Megan and Mitchell were so impressed that they’ve already been back to the store.

*Audrey Betcher, Rochester Public Library Director*

## Friends’ Bookstore Bits and Pieces

### Fiction Sale

During the month of September, the Bookstore will hold a special sale of Fiction only. Buy any two fiction books (hardcover or paperback, including trade size books) and receive one \$1.00 fiction book for free.

### Volunteers Needed

We are looking for at least three more volunteers to extend the Bookstore hours on Saturday (from 1 to 4 pm) and on Tuesday evenings (4 to 7 pm). Please contact Gail Harris or Carol Stucki (or any Bookstore Committee member) if you are able to help. Thanks in advance. More hours open will increase our sales, which will contribute more programs and books to the Library.

## Then and Now

Rochester Public Library’s first book drop from the early 1950s and purchased by the Friends of the Library. Also shown is the current book drop at the Library.





## Read the Fine Print

"Fine" is just the right word for the array of *Unusual & Special* donated books that the Friends offer at the auditorium sales, on Amazon.com, and in the Bookstore. The U&S team researches the books online to determine whether they are truly "collectible" and valuable, and what prices are appropriate.

At the October sale, we'll have a selection of very, very old books – published pre-1900. It's awesome just to hold them in your hands and imagine who once read them.

We always have many whimsical, colorful, exquisitely illustrated "children's" books – irresistible to "grownup kids." Remember the Thornton Wilder/Harrison Cady animal stories?

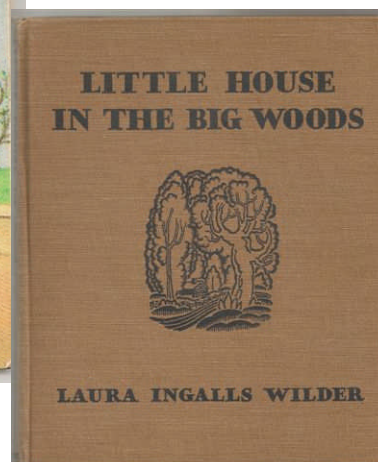
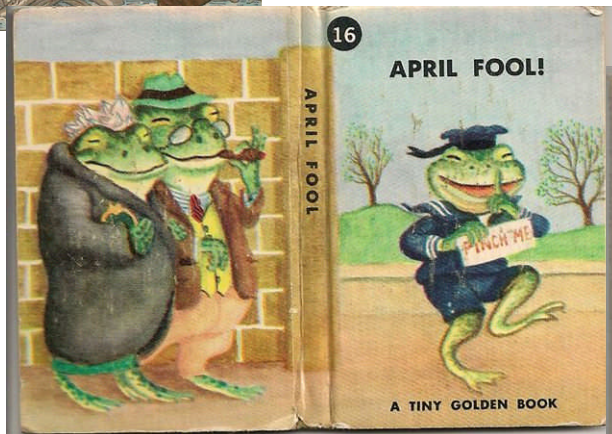
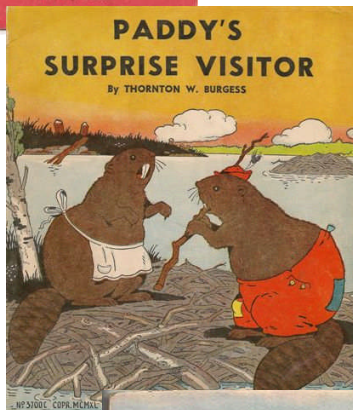
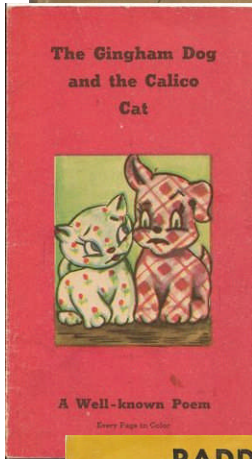
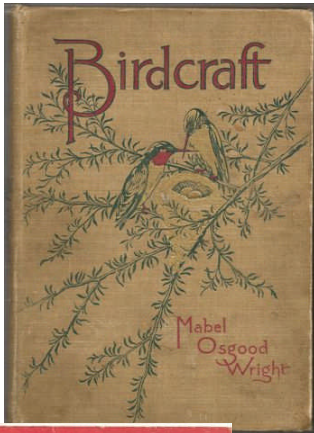
We still have several titles in Laura Ingalls Wilder's "Little House" Prairie" series -- the 1930s editions featuring the illustrations of Helen Sewell.

And we have serious books, too:

- Lost Moon, signed by author Jim Lovell – a memoir of the historic Apollo 13 mission
- Itinerary of a Breakfast (1926) by J H Kellogg (yes, one of the Battle Creek, MI Kelloggs)
- Destiny Ours "If They Tell You I'm Missing," signed by author William F Duffy, Jr., who recreates his father's WWII experiences.

Next issue we'll feature more of the wonderful Unusual & Special donations that arrive almost daily. And watch for our displays, whenever we can "rent" the glass case on the Library main floor. See you at the U&S table in October.

*Sylvie Nickel & Carol Smyrk*



## Fall Book Sale—October 4

The Friends of the Rochester Public Library will be having a book sale on Sunday, October 4th in the Library Auditorium from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Friends will be admitted at 1:00 pm through the bookstore (see the voucher printed below). We will need volunteers to help from Noon until 2:00 pm on Saturday, October 3rd to set up for the sale. Volunteers are also needed on the 4th for the sale—hours 12:45 pm to 4:15 pm. A sign-up sheet will be in the bookstore backroom or you can call Shirley Edmonson at 288-7553 to volunteer. The book sale area in the back sorting room is filling up fast with donations. People have been very generous to the Library.

### ***COUPON***

***Good for 1:00 pm Admission***

***Sunday, October 4***

***Fall Book Sale***

**Rochester Public Library Auditorium**

## Friends Involvement with United Through Reading

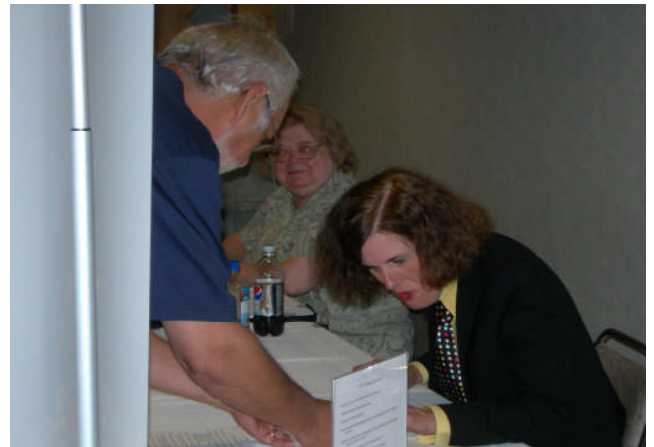
The Friends of the Rochester Public Library have recently become involved with the organization, United Through Reading. This nonprofit public business organization's mission is to unite families facing physical separation by facilitating the bonding experience of reading aloud together. The organization's Military Program helps ease the stress of separation for military families by having deployed parents read children's books aloud and recorded on a DVD for their children to watch at home.

This program is available to all deploying military units and at select USA locations. It provides parents a chance to make powerful and lasting connections with their children from afar.

More information about this program will be included in our next Newsletter, including volunteers working on this project and titles of some of the books selected.

## Paula Poundstone Program Aids the Friends of the Library

During the program on June 25th, the Friends promoted and sold her CDs and book. We received \$229.00 in profit over the publisher's cost. After the program, Paula met with her audience and signed copies of her book. Thanks to Sylvie Nickel and Barbara Eakins, who handled the materials.



## The Annual Fall Coffee for Bookstore Volunteers

The Coffee will be held from 9:30 to 11:00 am on Friday, October 23rd in the Library Auditorium. Please plan to attend to attend and see if you can spot Friends who will be in costume of authors, poets, or literary characters.



# Friends' Bookstore News



For some of us, browsing is a lost art. It recently occurred to me that I don't actually *use* the library like I used to. Not that I don't go to the library—between volunteering in the Friends' Bookstore, meetings, and other activi-

ties, I'm there at least twice a week. But it's been ages since I actually just wandered around in the stacks looking at materials.

We all seem to be in a hurry, so convenience wins the day. Our wonderful library staff make it very easy to reserve materials. You can just get on the RPL website from the comfort of home, place a hold on a book, then run downtown and pick it up. It is so convenient, in fact, that the held books are filed right by the main entrance where you don't even have to walk past any other books to get the one you reserved. You just check it out and leave. In a way, this is a lot like wearing blinders.

I didn't realize how I was limiting myself until I was early for a meeting a few weeks ago. Up on second floor, with time to kill, I discovered an interesting display of Minnesota travel books. I picked up one and then another, learning as I went, until at last I found a book about the Boundary Waters. I was completely taken in, and it planted a seed of longing in me and later, when I told my husband about it, we decided to squeeze in another canoe trip up there yet this fall. (Is this is how libraries change lives?)

Take some advice. Pause to remember how fun it is to go to the library and look at, for example, gardening books. You go looking for a particular title and, the next thing you know, you've got an armload of interesting things you can't wait to sit down with. Browsing expands your horizons!

As I write this, the library has a display on "Books of the Unknown." That's got to tempt anyone. Just looking around, I also saw books on grilling with cover photos to make anyone drool. I wandered over to the oversized book collection and-- oh, my! There is this huge Tuscany cookbook with photos that make you think you're right there, and this incredible book of watercolors by Winslow Homer. You could lose yourself in these pages for hours.

So okay, maybe you don't have hours. If you really

are too busy to hang around at the library, at least be savvy about online browsing. Take a few extra minutes to acquaint yourself with the great tools your library has for you. Check out the RPL website. Under the Fiction, Movies & Music tab, you'll find all sorts of juicy picks under New Materials as well as amazing suggestions when you use Novelist Plus. Give them a try. You'll be amazed at what you find yourself reading next!

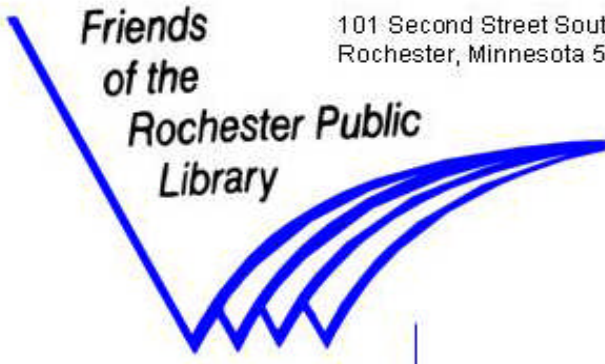
*Sue McMillan*



## RochesterFest Book Sale

We had a very successful two-day sale on June 24th and 25th. The Rare and Unusual Books and the Auditorium sales were \$3942.42. In addition, the Bookstore took in over \$1,000 in sales during the two-day sale. Thanks to the 215 hours of 46 volunteers who worked the 23rd setting up for the sale, the 24th and 25th selling, restocking and packing up for the non profits who take our left over books.





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**Fall/Winter Bookstore Hours**

- Monday.....10 a.m.— 8:30 p.m.
- Tuesday.....10 a.m.— 4 p.m.
- Wednesday.....10 a.m.— 4 p.m.
- Thursday.....10 a.m.— 7 p.m.
- Friday.....10 a.m.— 4 p.m.
- Saturday (winter) .....10 a.m.— 1 p.m.
- Sunday (winter) .....1:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.



**60th Anniversary Tea**

**Please join us for a 60th Anniversary Tea on Sunday, September 20th.**

**2 to 4 pm in the Library Auditorium.**

**Refreshments will be served.**

**Memories will be shared.**

**Please RSVP to 328-2341 by September 15th.**