

What Happens to Books Donated to the Library?

After being sorted by the Friends of the Library for use in the Library, the book store, or sales by the Friends, books and non-print materials have been donated by the Friends of the Rochester Public Library to these schools, nonprofit agencies, businesses, and families. Some of these places are:

- Hobson City Public Library in Alabama: Note: Shirley Taylor, a former RPL librarian, is director of this library
- Pine Island Elementary School: 200 books for school library
- Longfellow Elementary School, Rochester: about 100 beginning reading books
- Pinewood Elementary School, Rochester: about 200 books for school library
- Friedell Middle School, Rochester: about 100 books for school library
- Ben Franklin Elementary School, Rochester: 50 books to Mr. Greseth's fifth grade room
- Rochester Central Lutheran School, Rochester: about 600 books for school library.
- Aldrich Nursery School, Rochester: picture books and tapes
- PAIR Rochester Public Schools: picture books and tape
- Hawthorne Education Center: books on adult literacy

- Read with me books program for every baby born in Olmsted County
- Imagination Library: In each Read with Me bag, the family receives an application to get a free book every month for five years from Dolly Parton's program
- Language Sprouts, St. Paul, MN: about 600 foreign language books and VHS tapes
- Korean Charter School, St. Paul/Mpls: 50 Korean children's picture books (opening 2012)
- Channel One Food Shelves, Rochester: approximately 250 books per week are given out
- Community Food Response, Rochester: approximately 350 books per month are given out
- Rochester Kiwanis Clubs 75 books for book drive and distribution
- Gift of Life Transplant House, Rochester: program just started
- Hope Lodge, Rochester: approximately 25 audiobooks

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From the Director

As we highlight the READ posters and celebrate local readers, I thought I would share some of my favorite

reads with you.

Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln by Doris Kearns Goodwin. I learned a great deal from this book: history, politics, and leadership. I found the presidential nomination process of the day fascinating. Lincoln's ability to work through incredibly difficult political situations was inspiring. Even though I knew how the book would turn out, I began to understand why he is the great man so beloved by so many. I listened to this one on CD, and after I was done, I missed Abraham Lincoln on my commute to work. The Hunger Games trilogy by Suzanne Collins (The Hunger Games, Catching Fire, and Mockingjay) This is the story of a futuristic North America where 12 districts are ruled by "The Capitol". The Capitol rules with an iron fist and maintains its power with an annual death match that pits two teens drawn by lottery from each of the districts in a fight to the death. All of the novels have strong characters and a compelling story.

The Spellman Files by Lisa Lutz (Also The Revenge of the Spellmans, Curse of the Spellmans, and The Spellmans Strike Again) This is a laugh out loud series about a dysfunctional, but loveable, family of private investigators who spend more time investigating each other than doing business.

The Harry Potter series by J. K. Rowling. I read this series to my daughter, and now I am reading it to my son. I can't tell you how much I've enjoyed the books because it has been fun for all of us (even the second time around). As I recently sat next to my daughter at the midnight premier of Deathly Hallows part 2, I was excited to share the experience with her. She reread Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows in the week before the premier. We have these wonderful conversations that compare the books to the movies. At 3:00 am we stood in the kitchen and reread the last the last chapter together and discussed it.

Anything that gets kids that excited about reading is fantastic in my eyes.

Whether you read for information, for fun, to create experiences with your children, it doesn't matter ... READ!

Audrey Betcher, Rochester Public Library Director

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- Intrajuice, Rochester: approximately 50 books
- Olmsted County Detention Center and Jail: books for inmates
- Dunn Brother's Coffee, Rochester: about 300 books for customers to take
- Operation Paperback: over 3000 books have been distributed to soldiers across the world and their families
- The Retreat, Wayzata, MN: books on addition treatment for programs
- Wabasha Motel and RV: books for lobby bookshelf
- Red Lake Indian Reservation, Red Lake, MN: about 150 books for early childhood education program
- Wit, Wisdom and Wine Gala: library books for silent auction at fundraiser.



The Unusual & Special Book Stewardship Team

WHY Is the U & S Book Stewardship Team?

Books that are donated to the library are generally sorted by:

- * Possible additions to the Library collection
- * Suitable for sale in the Friends Book Store
- * Of minimal value and set aside for forthcoming garage sales.

But some special books are referred by sorters to Friends members who list them on Web sites for sale to a vendor or online buyer. These books may be specialized by subject content, age, author, or binding, some are rare or collectible. If offered through an online book selling service that reaches an international viewership, these books can bring the Friends a much higher price than could be charged in the Book Store.

With a sense of stewardship, the friends also wish to preserve books and information by making it available to collectors, scholars, students, organizations and individuals who value their purchases and continue to make use of them.

WHO Are the U & S Book Stewardship Team?

Many of the Friends of the Library “players” may not realize that we (U&S) aren’t just about selling books online; our activities include:

- Research and evaluate U&S books and direct them to appropriate channel.
- Stock, display, and maintain Collectible shelves in the Book Store.
- Sell at occasional other Friends sales.
- Sell books online (mostly on Amazon).
- Select and donate books for other RPL-related events: Wit-Wisdom-Wine, Plummer House, Assisi Poets, etc.

- Maintain selling presence at FOL RochesterFest activities (see pictures below): Silent Auction (2001-2006) and sale tables in RPL Lobby.

- Display and sell books from the created-for-us glass cabinet in the RPL Lobby (see picture of the latest display below.)

U&S Team: Sylvie Nickel, Carol Smyrk, Barbara Eakins



Friends' bookstore blog:
<http://friendsbookstorerochmn.blogspot.com>
RPL blog: <http://rochpubliclibrary.wordpress.com/>
Friends' Facebook page:
<http://www.facebook.com/friendrochpublib>

President's Column



Summer is here with a vengeance and we have another excellent reason to visit our library – airconditioning!

Rochesterfest is such a community event, and the Friends Book Sale held on July 22 and 23 was very much part of it. As rain poured down and events were washed out, Rochesterfest goers streamed into the auditorium for shelter and to check out the Friend's Book Sale. They left carrying armloads of bargains. The Unusual and Special table grabbed the attention of book collectors, and many found a real treasure. The Book Store saw increased traffic as Rochesterfest button holders claimed their free book from a cart of selected books. It was a very busy and successful time. Many thanks go to Bruce Witts, as chair of this event, and his capable team in making over \$4,300.

Many of you have already discovered the Open Back Door entrance to the Book Store from the library lobby. Library patrons are steadily using this immediate access to the store and comments have been very positive. It is part of the changes made to improve and up-date the store with the goal of increasing visibility and sales which directly benefit the library.

Change is not always easy to handle, and over the past few months as volunteers have come for their shift at the Book Store they have discovered changes. However for the Book Store to sparkle as a great place to shop for gently used books, magazines and more - attention to detail is so important. Two entrances into the store allow easy access for shoppers to check out the shelves of alphabetized books which are constantly culled and re-stocked. Using a credit card gives them another option to make their purchase. These are some of the changes that have had a positive result on sales. It is a testament to the dedication of our Friends that they have adapted so willingly to these changes. Where would we be if we did not have these talented and dependable volunteers? Thank you all for your continued and valuable commitment.

There have been some Board changes since the beginning of the year. In June a coffee was held to thank Carol Stucki who has returned to Salt Lake City with her husband. Carol had been Manager of the Book Store and currently was Secretary of the

Board. Kay Aune has offered to step into the Secretary's position for the remainder of this year. Due to personal reasons Denny Anderson and Liz Ruffalo have resigned. We welcome Delip Cotter and Eugenia Dragomir-Daescu who have agreed to fulfill the two vacant positions for the remainder of the year.

Keep cool and enjoy the rest of our summer.

Elizabeth Ritman, Friends' President

The RochesterFest Book Sale

The RochesterFest sales total was \$4,305: almost \$600 of the total was from the Unusual & Special book sale. Five people bought new Friends memberships. More than 822 people walk through the doors to buy books.



Friends' Bookstore Hours

Monday: 10 am-7 pm

Tuesday: 10 am-4 pm

Wednesday: 10 am-7 pm

Thursday: 10 am-7 pm

Friday: 10 am-4 pm

Saturday:

Summer 10 am-1 pm

Winter 10 am-4 pm

Sunday:

Summer: Closed

Winter 1:30 pm-4:30 pm

Friends' Bookstore News



Kamala Nair The Girl in the Garden Visit

On July 28, Kamala Nair (pictured below) spoke in front of a standing-room only crowd in the Library auditorium. Her family provided samples of Indian foods as well as tea and a delicious mango punch. Kamala Nair's cousin made a wonderful cake, which was frosted to look exactly like the cover of the book.

The Bookstore sold copies of Kamala Nair's book, and we had note cards available for sale.



Katherine Stecher sold raffle tickets for two wonderful flower arrangements provided by Brianna Truax of Modern Design.

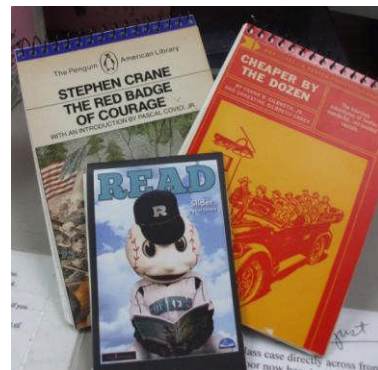
We had ordered 50 copies of the book and we sold all but two of them. The next author visit is on September 22 (see page 7). We hope you all will consider attending.

"He that revels in a well-chosen library
Has innumerable dishes and all of
Admirable flavors."

William Godwin

Crafters Needed

Several of the volunteers and library staff members have been working on note cards and blank cards to sell in the Bookstore. They would like a volunteer (or several volunteers) who like to work on craft projects to step forward and take over the construction of the note cards. The spiral notebooks pictured here were made with actual book covers from books that were too damaged for the store. If you are interested in taking on this project, contact Elizabeth Ritman.



The crafters met for the first time on September 6, but would welcome new members. The group would also be glad for any donations of ribbon, yarn, beads, and buttons.



Second Saturday Sales

The 2nd Saturday Sales have been a terrific way to increase awareness of the Bookstore's existence, and the total sales for the Saturdays have been high. Please consider volunteering to help at one of the sales. Generally, you would arrive at the Library at about 9:15 to set up tables and unpack books; you would be done by 1:30 at the latest. If you are interested, contact Pat Stephenson. Since there are only 12 of these sales a year, you could volunteer just one Saturday morning in the year, and that would help us a great deal.

Mary Barrett, Bookstore Manager

Artigras 2011

Artigras 2011 was held in the park behind the Mayo Civic Auditorium and features many local artists as well as fun activities for kids. For the past two years, the Friends' Bookstore has had a booth at this event. We sold books totaling \$354; in fact, we had to replenish the books at the sold at the sale. (see the picture of Friends president, Elizabeth Ritman, pushing books from the library.



Friends Member Elaine Schmidt working the booth.

Friends President Elizabeth Ritman pushing books from the library.



Morning workers: Elaine Schmidt, Joyce Wenz, and Elizabeth Ritman

Friends Publicity Committee

First, the good news: More people have discovered our great auditorium sales and our bookstore. Second, the bad news: There are still those who do not know about our fabulous book bargains.

President Elizabeth Ritman has called the Friends Publicity Committee to co-ordinate both print and electronic media. Those in attendance in at least one meeting were: Marry Barret, Barbara Eakins, Ginny Erbe, Nan Frie, Majel Hall, Hellen Mclver, Elizabeth Ritman, Pat Stephenson and Bruce Witts.

There has been a problem of different times posted for our auditorium sales. We decided that our sales chair, Bruce Witt, in collaboration with Ginny Erbe, library electronic communications, will decide on the official dates and times.

Electronic communications such as web sites, blogs, twitter, myspace and Facebook are increasingly valuable for our publicity. Helen Mclver and staff member, Ginny Erbe, are updating all library events and a growing number of people are checking these sites.

Bookstore manager, Mary Barrett, also has been expanding publicity through media and print announcements. Besides using our ever faithful, Paige Turner, Mary makes bookmarks with our sale dates and times to give out to our bookstore customers. The bookstore helps distribute sale posters. Mary has also handled the second Saturday sale promotion.



The publicity committee is mainly a brain-storming group. We all try to think of projects to bring money to the library. President Elizabeth Ritman tries to keep everything orderly, while our secretary, Barbara Eakins, is intent on capturing all the ideas flying around the table.

Majel Hall, Publicity Chair

Membership News

It's Membership Time for
Friends of the Rochester Public Library

Volunteers and contributors, you will soon receive a letter asking you to make a financial contribution. Your dues are important because they help the Friends in many ways: buying equipment, sponsoring programming, promoting early childhood literacy, etc.

What will we do for you in return? You get a 20% discount on used books at the Friends Book Store, early admission to the RochesterFest book sale and other sales, plus four newsletters throughout the year to keep you informed about Friends activities.

Please be generous. Your donation is tax-deductible.

Thank you, Nan Frie

"Those who declared librarians obsolete when the Internet rage first appeared are now red-faced. We need them more than ever. The Internet is full of 'stuff' but its value and readability is often questionable. 'Stuff' doesn't give you a competitive edge, high-quality related information does."

Patricia Schroeder
Association of American
Publisher President

Mystery Tea and Author Visit

Mystery Tea

Thursday, September 22
5:30 - 6:45 pm
Auditorium

Murder at the Earl of Grey's Hound Manor

Guests have arrived at Hound Manor for the reading of the will of the late Earl of Grey. The Earl's untimely death is shrouded in mystery. All the guests are under suspicion of murder!

Join us for tea as we solve this mystery.

Tickets are free but space is limited.

Tickets are available in the Friends' Bookstore on a first-come, first-served basis. If you can't stop in the store, you can call the store at 328-2308 to request a reservation.

Enjoy the mystery tea and then stay for author of the mystery *The Tale of Halcyon Crane*, Wendy Webb!

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Easier to Grow is Wisdom

Tickets are no longer available for the Mystery Tea, *Murder at the Earl of Grey's Hound Manor*. Please watch for upcoming Friends events on the Bulletin Board in the Library Lobby or on the Friends site on the Intranet.

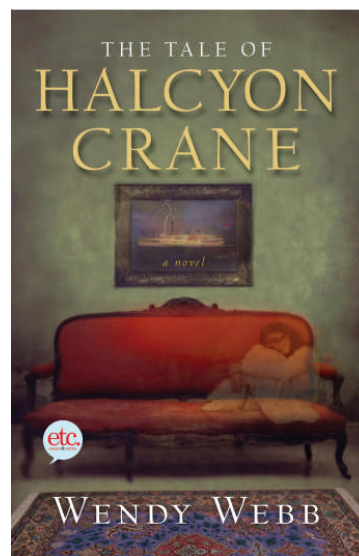
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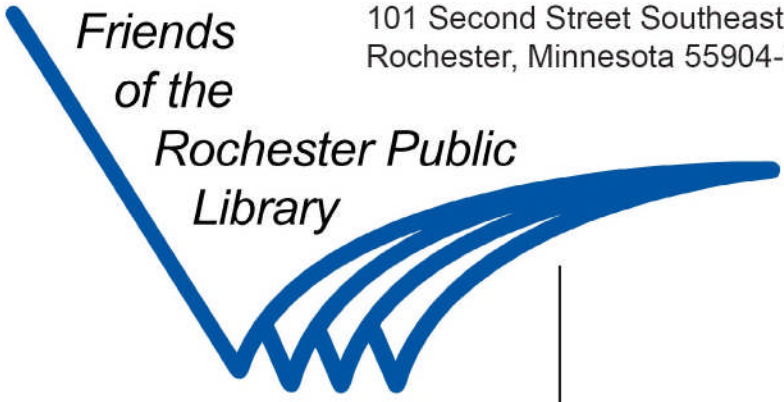
Although tickets are no longer available for the Mystery Tea, please join us on September 22, 7-8pm,

after the tea to meet Wendy Webb and hear her discussion about her new book *The Tale of Halcyon Crane*.

I just finished reading the book and thoroughly enjoyed it, and I'm sure you will too.

*Barbara Eakins,
Newsletter Editor*





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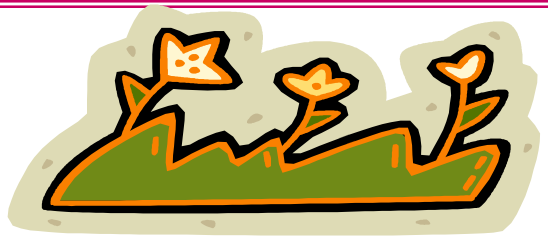
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October Auditorium Sale

**Saturday October 15
9:30am to 5:00pm**

**Sunday October 16
1:30pm to 4:00pm**

**Early Admission Pass for
Thursday, October 15
Friends may enter at 9:00am.**

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