

Strengthening Libraries Together

On September 18, 2014, the MN Association of Library Friends (MALF) conducted a workshop on Strengthening Libraries together. We had about 30 Friends of Libraries from across southeastern Minnesota attending; some were from new Friends' groups just starting up and others were from established groups.

Our keynote speaker was Melissa Brechon, who has been active in the Minnesota library community for over 25 years. She is currently a lead consultant with Library Strategies, where she works closely with the public libraries across the country.



MALF was founded in 1979 to connect Friends of the Library organizations in Minnesota to one another and to resources supporting their advocacy and fundraising efforts.

A panel discussion made up of Library Friends (from Rochester: Pat Stephenson and Mary Barrett) discussed and answered questions about Friends' activities. Also on the panel were Stacey Vanden Heuvel from Olmsted Medical Center Foundation and Pat Tieskoetter from the Red Wing Public Library Friends.

After a tour of the Friends' areas of the library, we had a delicious dinner provided by Dunn Brothers.

The afternoon concluded with an exchange of ideas from the various friends groups.

2015 Memberships

The Friends' annual membership letter was distributed this September. Please consider joining or renewing your membership for 2015. Remember you can apply by returning the renewal form or by applying online at the library website. Thanks for helping out the library in this way!



Kay Aune, Membership Chair

Upcoming Events

The following events are upcoming at the library. Please put these on your calendar.

- October 1, 2014: at the University Center Rochester, room CF206: The Nazi and the Psychiatrist by Jack El-Hai, sponsored by Southeastern Libraries Cooperating (SELCO).
- October 2 through October 5, 2014: Friends of the Rochester Public Library Autumn Book Sale.
- October 9, 2014: Visiting Author: Thomas Maltman
- October 11, 2014: Second Saturday Sale Library Lobby.
- October 16, 2014: Visiting Author: Mark Allister
- October 18, 2014: Science at the Cinema with Dr. Lawrence Steinkraus
- November 17, 2014: Visiting Author: Carrie Mesrobian

From The Director

As summer is winding down and the days are getting shorter, I want to update you on what is happening with the library and DMC. I met with someone from Mayo and a person that is part of the planning team recently as they wanted to give me a heads up on what I would be hearing at the latest Community Form Update.



**Audrey Betcher,
Library Director**

One of the proposals discussed during their meeting would have the library relocating to a different downtown location.

At this point I am not overly alarmed for a number of reasons:

- It is only one proposal that is on the table.
- It is a long way from becoming reality.
- Depending upon the alternate location and funding, it may be an attractive option.
- We are communicating. When the planners come back in October, we will schedule a meeting with them.

I wanted you to be aware of this. It is important that we stay engaged in the process. If a relocation of the library becomes a serious discussion, from my point of view, there are several things we need to keep in mind:

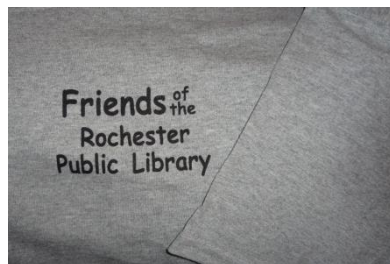
- Location, location, location in the heart of downtown
 - Ease of access at street level
 - Skyway connection
 - Close to transit
 - Close to the Mayo Clinic for ease of use by both employees and patients
 - Parking
- Funding

- The funding provided needs to build a building that will meet the needs of our citizens and visitors now and into the future.

If these conditions can be met, starting from scratch at a new location may save costs. We live in interesting times!

Friends' Bookstore News

All of the volunteers have had a busy summer at the Friends' Bookstore, meeting new customers and keeping the shelves fully stocked. The Bookstore just received a new design in t-shirts; once again Superior Screening has done an awesome job on the design and printing. This time our order included more of the larger sizes (L, XL, and XXL) as was requested by many customers. Here is what the tees look like, both front and back: The "Friends of the Rochester Public Library" is on the front, and the "I Love My Friends' Bookstore" is on the back. All of the tees are gray and are made of 90% cotton and 10%

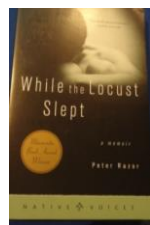


polyester. Priced at \$10, the tees would make great gifts – for yourself or others. Since we are selling the new tees, we have put the old "Got Books" tees on sale for only \$4.00. We have limited

sizes and colors, so stop in soon to see what is available. We still have royal blue, deep red, and dark green long-sleeved tees available and you may want to consider a long-sleeved tee as the weather cools down.

Author Visits

At the end of August, the Friends sponsored Peter Razor as a visiting author, and he spoke of his memories of living at the Owatonna State School



during the 1930s and 1940s. The Library Auditorium was filled with a large, appreciative crowd. After his presentation, Mr. Razor autographed copies of his memoir, While the Locust Slept. Mr. Razor's memoir won the Minnesota book award in 1992.

Our next author visit is on October 9 at 7:00 PM in the Library Auditorium and will feature Thomas Maltman who has written the novels Little Wolves and Night Birds.

Do Holiday Shopping at the Bookstore

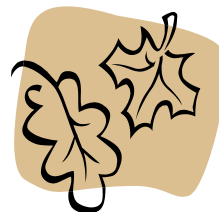
As we enter the season of holidays and gift giving, keep in mind that the Friends' Bookstore sells gift certificates in amounts from \$2.00 up to \$20.00. When you give a gift certificate, the recipient does not have to spend the money all at once. Cashiers will write the date and amount spent on the back of the gift certificate so it is easy to keep track of the remaining balance. Given the awesome prices, it can be hard to spend \$20 at once! However, if you or a gift certificate recipient does spend \$25 in one visit, you will qualify for a premium of a free Bookstore tote bag, a free short-sleeved t-shirt, or the ability to purchase a long-sleeved t-shirt for half price (\$7.00). We try to make your visits to the Friends' Bookstore as pleasant as possible.

White-Out Wednesday

This will be the fourth year that the Friends' Bookstore will participate in the Rochester Downtown's White-Out Wednesday. On the day before Thanksgiving (Wednesday, November 26),

the store will be open from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM. The deals are always awesome! Do stop in and get a start on your holiday shopping and avoid the crowds on Black Friday.

Autumn Book Sale



As Minnesota heads into cooler fall days, it is time to think about the Autumn Book Sale, held in the Library's auditorium. This year the preview sale (for Friends' members only) will be on Thursday, October 2 from 5 to 7:00 pm. The sale will be open to the public on October 3 and October 4 from 9:30 AM until 5:00 PM. The final day of the sale is Sunday, October 5; the hours will be from 1:30 to 4:00 PM. Did you know that each time you shop in the Friends' Bookstore you will receive a book mark that includes not only the store hours, but also the dates and times for all the upcoming Auditorium Sales? Currently the bookmark includes the Autumn Book Sale, the White-Out Wednesday sale, the Holiday Gift, Book and Bake Sale, and WinterFest of 2015. Be sure to get these events on your calendar.

From the President (Barbara Eakins)

Summer is over; Fall has started; can it be long before the snow flies? Make sure you have plenty of reading materials! Come to the books sales and stock up.

The Friends gave tours of the Friends' areas in the library, the Book Store, and served dinner during the MALF workshop. Thanks to those who helped.

Currently, the Friends' Board is working on nominations for the 2015 positions. If you are interested in serving on committees, for example decorating the Friends' bulletin board, contact me at eakinsbf@aol.com. The name of the new board of directors will be presented and voted upon at the Annual Meeting on January 26th 2015.



SAVE THE DATE!

THIRD ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF ROCHESTER-AREA AUTHORS

November 22, 2014
2pm - 4pm
Rochester Public Library Auditorium

Bring the family out to meet local authors representing nearly every genre of reading interest!

More details coming soon!



Celebration of Rochester Area Authors

Look forward to our third annual celebration of area authors on November 22nd. The genres include magazine writing, young adult novels, non-fiction, and electronic books. The following is a list of the current confirmed authors:

- C.S.(Christopher) Larsen
- Mitch Anthony
- Amanda Hocking
- P.S. (Penny) Duffy
- Abbie Williams
- Rich Noll
- Ann Noser
- Jorrie Johnson
- Jeff Lozano
- Tom Eberhard
- Rachel Schieffelbein
- John Betcher
- MaryJanice Davidson

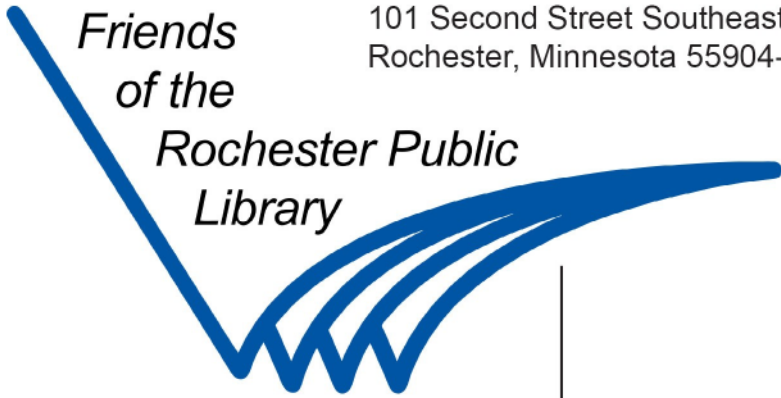
Yes, we can accept the following *(even if they don't work)*

<p>Cell Phones <i>Be sure the Find my Iphone is disabled before donating Must be able to Power Up and not show visible damage</i></p>	<p>Inkjet cartridges <i>(print circuit on the cartridge)</i></p>	<p>Laser Printer Cartridges</p>	<p>Tablets, Laptops & Mp3 players <i>Laptops and tablets MUST power up and not show visual damage to receive payment</i></p>
			

No, we can NOT accept the following

<p>Toner bottles</p> 	<p>Ink Tanks</p> 	<p>Phone Chargers</p> 
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