

2015 Friends of the Rochester Public Library Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars for the Friends of the Rochester Public Library annual meeting in the Auditorium on Monday, January 26, 2015, at 11:30 a.m.

Following a delicious lunch a short business meeting will be held to elect new officers and board members. We will celebrate a successful 2014, review our achievements and give a preview and dates for 2015 activities.



Leann Lepa from the Rochester Post Bulletin is the speaker for the annual meeting. She works as a media consultant and will be talking about how to best get the word out about our bookstore and the book sales.

In order to plan for food please RSVP by January 22 to Barbara Eakins 269-2294 or Marilyn Campbell 328-2341.

Friends of the Library Board Nominations for 2015.

The Nominating Committee for the Friends is pleased to announce the slate of Officers and Board Members to be elected at the Annual Meeting on Monday, January 26, 2015.

At that time the following current board members will leave the Friends' Board: Delip Cotter, Eugenia Dragomir-Daescu, Shirley Edmonson, Iris Fried, Harriet Hodgson, Carol Mikesh, Elizabeth Ritman, and Twila Winter.

We thank them for their many years of dedication and service as they encouraged volunteer involvement and helped build community and financial support for the Rochester Public Library. Those leaving the Friends' Board represent many years of volunteering.

Thank You!

We are excited about the following nominations: David Anderson (one-year term as past treasurer, Barbara Eakins (one-year term as past president), Bessie Copple (three-year term) and Karen Nath (three-year term).

Nominations for new officers (all two-year terms): Co-presidents: Phyllis Hambright and Lathika Nair, Treasurer: Phillip Nordquist, Secretary: Cathie Armstrong, Bookstore Managers: Mary Barrett and Pat Stephenson.

Library Scan Day

Saturday, March 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the library is having a Scan Day. Rescarta Foundation is bringing people, scanning equipment, and expertise and we invite the public to bring in documents, photos, artifacts of their family, and/or Rochester. We will scan them for free and give people a free CD with high resolution so they can print them. If their items are of local history, they can donate items to the History Center. We may be doing oral histories as well.



We Need Help for This

Please contact Susan Hansen at the Library (Susan@Rochester.Lib.MN.US) to let her know if you can help with this project. Volunteers need to report to the Library by 8:30 a.m. for training. This project needs help with greeting people, registration, photography, scanning, and creating CDs. This is a time commitment, but please consider helping.

From the Director

As we near the end of the year, I want to thank every single Friend of the Library. Your work has made a difference for our community. You volunteer thousands of hours that impact every division of the library and every person in our community. Not only have you raised money in order that we could purchase more materials, but you have paid for other items that have helped us serve the public. All the items below have been purchased by the Friends this year. This list is not the full list of everything you purchased, but it gives you a good idea of how you are helping and how important these items are for the public.



- Summer reading support
- Programming for youth and adults
- Makerspace programming
- Online databases (Heritage Quest Online, Grolier Online & Ancestry Plus, Consumer Reports)
- Library guides software (used for creating the research pages on the public website)
- Mobile printing that allows the public to print documents to the Library public printers
- Book-group bags
- Art supplies
- Aquarium maintenance – the aquarium is one of the best loved items in the youth area
- Skype cameras for the computers in the new Skype area
- Mobile tablet and scanner used at outreach events
- Ebook devices for the homebound

I want you to know how grateful we are. Best wishes to you for the New Year.

Audrey Betcher, Director of the Rochester Public Library

From the President

I have enjoyed very much my two years as president of the Friends of the Rochester Public Library. The board was a great group with which to work. Several people had to resign from the board because of family health issues. I wish them well. I was also sorry to lose Gail Harris as Volunteer Coordinator, but was very excited when Marilyn Campbell took her place.

Activities Completed in 2014

The Friends Board was represented at the Library Trustees meetings.

The Friends put out three newsletters.

The Friends helped at auditorium sales and sales in the Bookstore.

The Library staff hosted the Friends at a volunteer party.

January: Assisted at History Hullabaloo, Held Annual Meeting

February: WinterFest Book Sale

March: Board Meeting

April: Board Meeting

May: Board Meeting, Staff Breakfast of RPL employees

June: Board Meeting, Rochesterfest Book Sale

July: No Board Meeting

August: Board Meeting

September: Board Meeting, MALF workshop

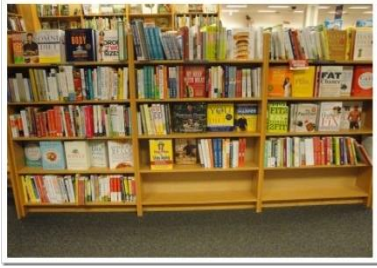
October: Board Meeting, Fall Book Sale

November: Board Meeting, History Hullabaloo, Celebration of Rochester Authors

December: Board Meeting, Holiday Book and Bake Sale



Bookstore News



Pricing Changes

In January, book store pricing will be changing. Watch for those changes.

Bookstore Committee Meeting

Bookstore Committee meetings are held quarterly. The meetings for 2015 are January 12 (just held), April 13, July 13, and October 12.

White-Out Wednesday

Our White-Out Wednesday sale, when we put everything in the store on sale for half price, did well this year. The store was open from 9 AM until 2 PM and we made a few cents under \$800. Thanks to all the people who came to work as cashiers, to restock shelves, to help customers, and to help out in the foyer. You are awesome! And some of you were willing to wear our "Santa's Helpers" aprons!



Holiday Gift Book and Bake Sale

On December 5 and 6, the annual Friends' holiday sale went well, too. The total made is over



\$3,000 on books and home-baked treats. People also seemed to enjoy the free gift wrap.

Book Donations

Despite the fact that the garage sale season is past, book donations continue to pour in. Many thanks to all those sorters who have kept up with the donated books and other materials.

Winterfest 2015 Book Sale

Rochester Public Library Auditorium
101 Second St. SE



Payment by Cash, Check or Credit Card

Friends Preview Sale
February 5, Thursday
5:00 - 7:00 pm

Public
February 7, Saturday
9:30 am - 5:00 pm

Public
February 6, Friday
9:30 am - 5:00 pm

Public
February 8, Sunday
1:30 - 4:00 pm

First 3 days low set prices

Hardcovers (non fiction and fiction) \$2.00 + tax

Mass Paperbacks and trade size paperbacks \$1.00 + tax

Childrens and non print \$.50 + tax

Last day

\$7.00 per grocery bag provided by Friends

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