

Silent Auction

The silent auction was a success again this year. The sale of rare and collectible books

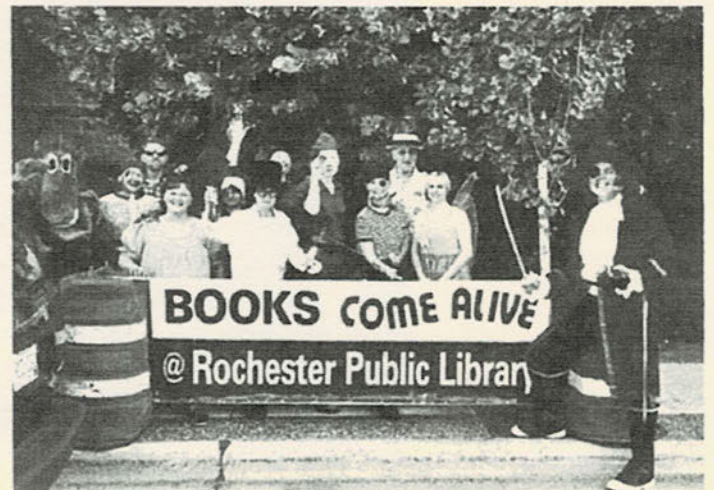
brought a profit of \$1,600 for the Friends of the Library. The auction was held the Wednesday during Rochesterfest from noon until 6 with 59 bidders placing bids for the books, records and pictures. Dealers from out of town responded to the free ads on the internet so once again there were no expenses since the items in the auction were donated by people in the community or were library discards.

The silent book auction has great potential as a fund raiser and we hope to continue it with the help of the community as they donate books and pictures for the project.

Carol Smyrk

Rochesterfest Parade!

Books at the library came to life as staff members impersonated various characters and a fun time was had by all!



Margaret Nelson before the sale

Garage Sale a Success!

Thanks to all the Friends who helped make the annual garage sale/book sale a great success. Thirty-three Friends contributed 229 hours of work June 23-24 to sell thousands of used books (and some art work and a few used computers) to earn \$5300 for Friends-supported library projects. Hard work and beautiful weather helped raise \$3700 the first day of the sale to match the total for both days last year. Whatever your contribution (donating, sorting, selling, set-up, clean-up, snacks, sweat, but we hope no tears) your effort is appreciated. We hope you will all help again next year. In the meantime, we can use your help as we gear up for our Christmas sale of gift-quality books in early December. Watch for details and opportunities to volunteer.

*Al Dollerschell, Theresa Friedhoff
Sale co-chairs*



From the Director

Tom Dyer has announced his retirement. After 30 years with the City of Rochester at both Rochester Public Utilities and the Public Library, he will be moving on to new adventures and environments. His last day will be February 2, 2005. He will be heading off for sunny California. I guess he just couldn't pass up one final Minnesota January 😊

We are committed to filling the position of Communications Manager. Although we will do some tweaking on the job description, I don't expect huge changes in job responsibility. Liaison to the Friends and the Foundation will remain an integral part of the job. If you have any comments or suggestions about the position, let me know.

We have already begun the process of finding a replacement. Our hope is that we do not have a gap of time between Tom and the new person. We have asked a representative from the Friends to be part of the team that selects the new Communications Manager.



We appreciate the time that will be given to select the best candidate for the job.

Best wishes,
Tom.

Audrey Betcher



Friends' Bookstore News

I am recently back from a camping trip. Honestly, camping is a dirty business. I guess that's part of its appeal. You can slosh over the cooking pot on the fire pit and never bother to clean it up. Sand finds its way from your shoes to your tent to your sleeping bag and, oh well!



Camping also generates hours of nothing to do and nowhere to go which, for me, is the real draw. For those blessed hours, I stock up on books. But, being that it is a dirty business, I don't bring my treasured favorites. Instead, I poke around at the Friends' Bookstore for a few bizarre and potentially interesting books about which I have heard nothing. This is truly an exercise in judging books by their covers! So armed with a bag of odd titles, I head out into the wild.

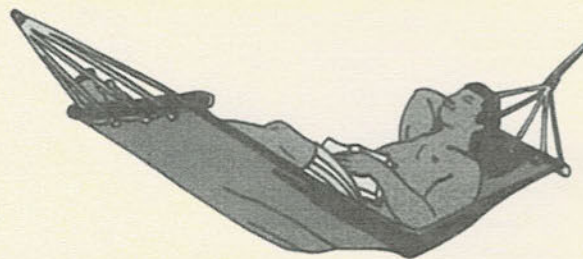
This summer I struck gold when I picked up *The Soloist* by Mark Salzman. I'm interested in music and chose it because, on the very tasteful dust jacket, was a picture of a lovely cello. It turned out to be a great adventure on finding one's self and one of the best books I've read in a long time.



So where am I going with this? It is just another excuse to point out the many joys of the Friends' Bookstore. You never know what you'll find. We're constantly restocking the shelves with adventure for you— excitement, education, inspiration, sustenance— and it'll cost you practically nothing.

Happy Reading!

Sue McMillan



Classes at the Library

Class sizes are limited. Call 285-8002 for more information and/or to pre-register. Classes are one hour unless otherwise noted and are held in Meeting Room B.

Wed Sep 22: On-line Catalog Class for Kids and Parents

Learn how to search the library's on-line catalog for a favorite author, title, or a subject for your homework assignment. Discover how to reserve library materials and how to check your library account with the library's on-line public access catalog! 4 pm Mtg Rm A Registration required, children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. To register, stop by the Children's desk or call 285-8012.

Mon Sep 27: Internet Basic class for the beginner. Practice time is included. Registration required. 11:30 am - 1 pm mtg rm B

Tue Oct 5: Online Catalog Have you used the library's online catalog lately? Learn to search for titles, authors, subjects, plus how to renew and reserve library items online. Registration required. 9:30 am in Mtg rm B

Thu Oct 7: Genealogy Resources at the Library Introducing print and online resources that are useful for genealogical researchers. HeritageQuest and AncestryPlus, two major subscription databases, will be examined in depth. The genealogy reference collection and circulating genealogy materials at the library will also be explored. Registration required. 6 pm to 8 pm Mtg Rm B

Mon Oct 11 Intermediate Internet A reference librarian will provide search tips and cover various internet search engines. Registration required. 3 pm to 4:30 pm Mtg Rm B

Tue Oct 19 Internet (see Sep 27) 3:30 - 5 pm

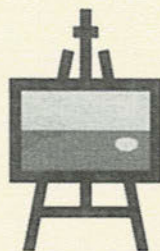
Thu Oct 28 Magazines & Newspapers

Save yourself a trip to the library! This class will cover how to find articles online. Registration required. 2 pm Mtg Rm B



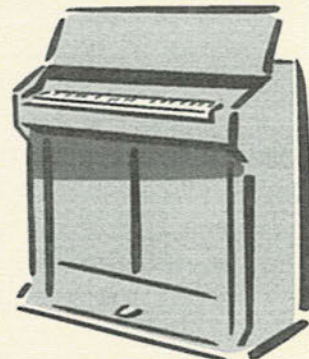
Friends Raising Money

And having fun doing it!



We are planning an art event some time in October, selling art prints from the library's rental collection and some other items.

Books and other donations in especially good condition are already being set aside for another "Christmas Book Sale", probably on Sunday, December 5th. We will also be selling coffee and home



made goodies with live piano music in the background.

Joyce Wenz is going to arrange for us to do gift wrapping at Barnes & Noble again this year, the week-end after Thanksgiving. That was a lot of fun last year. If you would like to help, call her at 288-2977. The shifts will be two or three hours, two people to a shift. The bookstore furnishes the materials, we furnish the labels and most people donate generously for our help.



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Fall Calendar - 2004



Sat Sep 4 Family Funfest 2 films about Miss Nelson, a teacher 10:30 am in Auditorium

Tue Sep 7 Registration begins for story time. You may call 285-8012 for registration and information.

Wed Sep 8 iFilm English comedy The Republic of Love

Sat Sep 11 Family Funfest 2 films about Morris at school 10:30 am in Auditorium

Sun Sep 12 Coffee House Michael Perry Author of Population 485 2 pm in Auditorium

Sat Sep 18 Family Funfest Old-time country music 10:30 am in Auditorium

Tue Sep 21 Bedtime Stories 7 pm in Auditorium

Sat Sep 25 Family Funfest films about Johnny Appleseed and Paul Bunyan 10:30 am in Auditorium

Sun Sep 26 Yaggy Colby History Lecture by Bonnie G. Wilson, author of Minnesota in the Mall 2:30 pm in the Auditorium

Tue Sep 28 Bedtime Stories 7 pm in Auditorium

Sat Oct 2 Family Funfest Film Doughnuts 10:30 am in Auditorium

Tue Oct 5 Bedtime Stories Big on Boats 7 pm in Auditorium

Sat Oct 9 Family Funfest Film Cricket in Times Square 10:30 am in Auditorium

Sun Oct 10 Coffee House Alison McGhee Author

of Rainlight and Shadow Baby 2 pm in Auditorium

Tue Oct 12 Bedtime Stories Harvest Hoedown 7 pm in Auditorium

Sat Oct 16 Family Funfest Pop Wagner: Singing Cowboy & Lariat Spinner 10:30 am in Auditorium

Sun Oct 17 Author Program Ron Gamer who wrote One Last Chance and Winter Chance 2 pm in Auditorium

Tue Oct 19 Bedtime Stories All About Autumn 7 pm in Auditorium

Sat Oct 23 Family Funfest film Rip Van Winkle 10:30 am in Auditorium

Sun Oct 24 That Writing Contest Awards Program: an afternoon of creative short story and poetry reading 2 pm in Auditorium

Tue Oct 26 Bedtime Stories Visit from Mother Goose 7 pm in Auditorium

Sat Oct 30 Family Funfest 3 Halloween films 10:30 am in Auditorium

Mon Nov 15 Articles for Holiday issue of the *Friends' Newsletter* due.

Tue Nov 23 Holiday issue of the *Friends' Newsletter* in the mail!



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