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Volunteer Recognition Celebration 2004



Each Volunteer received a mini-screw driver kit to keep in a pocket or hange on a belt loop. It will be handy for all sorts of things, beginning with loose screws in our glasses! Thank you.



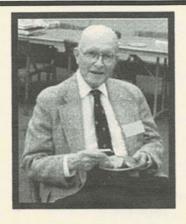
After fellowship and food (suppled by Dunn Brothers and Daube's Bakery) we enjoyed piano selections played by Mitchell Hemann.

Instead of a bunch of speeches by all the department heads, they (with the

help of Gail Harris and Marilyn Campbell) put together a PowerPoint Presentation which was fun and humorous as well as informational.

Audrey Betcher spoke in appreciation for all the volunteers. Tom Dyer helped with door prize distribution.





We will miss Bill
McConahey who died on
Thursday, April 22, 2004. He
served on the Friends of the
Rochester Public Library
Board for many years. He was
instrumental in getting the
Friends' Bookstore off to a
good start and was active until
his death.

As usual, a donation was given to the Rochester Public

Library Foundation by the Friends of the Library.

Memorials are given to the Foundation in memory of *Friends* who have died. Other recent gifts include those in memory of: Amy Waugh, Ed Stauber (he was a homework assistance volunteer), Rhoda Logan. Dorothy Hedin, Sieberta Lovestedt, Geraldine Pagelkopf, Thelma Merritt and Norman Betcher (Audrey's father).



COLD STONE

Mother Goose and Lyle Crocodile were just two of the story book characters that various Friends portrayed during the Grand Opening of the Cold Stone Creamery (near the new Target in north west Rochester) on April 16th.

Friends helped keep the customers waiting in line entertained, wiped tables, and

distributed literature about Friends of the Rochester Public Library. In appreciation for our help, the owners donated half the day's proceeds to the Friends. The check was over \$2,000.00. We've never had so much fun at a fund raising event!



From the Director

We can never say "THANK YOU" enough. Everyone at the library wants you to know how appreciated you are.



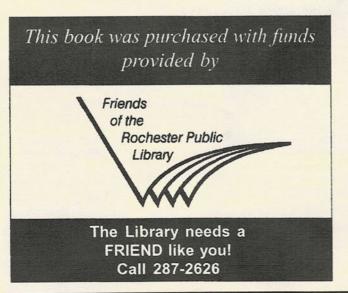
You touch lives of people in the community in so many ways:

- providing more books and materials to the community
- helping us get the materials to the shelves faster
- making sure the library is a welcoming place for all
- keeping the materials maintained
- reading to children
- getting materials into the hands of those who cannot get to the library.

I can't put a price tag on how meaningful it is to put the right information into a person's hands just when he or she needs it. We could not do this well without you. You are building up the lives of children, youth, adults, and seniors in all walks of life in this community. We are a better community because of your efforts.

As another way to say "Thank you" and to help get the word out about the *Friends* organization, we will be putting *Friends* bookplates in about 1,600 new books this year. The bookplate design was approved by the *Friends* board at their last meeting. Thanks to Sylvie Nickel for the idea and for being flexible on how we implement the plan!

Audrey Betcher



Friends' Bookstore News

It is so difficult to lose a volunteer, especially one as dedicated to the *Friends' Bookstore* as Bill McConahey was. Bill was such a presence in the store, spending many Monday mornings at the pricers' desk with his keen eye and great sense of humor. We will all miss him.

There is also good news—in the past few weeks we have welcomed four new volunteers to the store. It is always reassuring to find so many people who are willing to be generous with their time, which really is the most important thing that any of us have.

We are participating in Rochesterfest and, once again, buttons are available for purchase in store. Each person wearing a button between June 20 - 26 can choose a free book from our special Rochesterfest selection in the store. We have plenty of great titles waiting, so be sure to come see us—and wear that button!

Sue McMillan

Rochesterfest Events

Tell your friends, tell your neighbors, mark your calendar! Friends of the Rochester Public Library will once again sponsor some Rochesterfest activities. The Garage Sale will be Wednesday June 23 9 am to 5 pm and Thursday June 24 9 am to 3 pm. As a Friend of the Rochester Public Library, take advantage of our "early bird" special. Bring in the coupon on the next page and be admitted early – 8:30 am on Wednesday. Additional books will be added to the sale items on Thursday. All books are sold on a "donation" basis, making the shopping an extreme bargain. If you have brown grocery sacks, bring them along to tote home books.

A rare and collectable Silent Book Acution will be held Wednesday June 23 in the children's section of the library – main floor from noon to 6 pm. Many unusual offerings will be available.

Lots of help is needed for these events, so please sign up in the bookstore, call Al Dollerschell at 282-5025, or email him at aldoller@aol.com if you can help. This is a fun way to meet people, find books, and raise some cash!

Michaeline Mangan

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.

Tue Jun 1: Internet This is a basic Internet class for the beginner. Reference librarians use the

internet every day in their jobs and will pass along skills to get you surfing! Practice time is included. 9:30 to 11 am

Wed Jul 14: Internet 1 to 2:30 pm

Mon Aug 8: Internet 3 to 4:30 pm



Friends in the News Celebrate Literacy Award Winners

The Southeastern
Minnesota Reading Council
is proud to announce the
winners of the 2003
Celebrate Literacy Awards.
This year three nominees
were chosen for this
exemplary recognition: Mary
Barrett, Mayo High School
teacher and Secondary
Reading Specialist; Pat



Stephenson, Bamber Valley Elementary media center paraprofessional; and Heather Willman, Friedell Middle School teacher. These individuals were honored at the Celebrate Literacy Awards Banquet at the Willow Creek Golf Course on Thursday, April 22. We congratulate these winners for all their efforts to improve literacy within our community. Mary Barrett and Pat Stephenson are Friends of the Rochester Public Library.

Garage Sale

Good for one

8:30 am admission

to the Garage Sale
to be held in the
Bookmobile Garage
at the
Rochester Public Library
on Wednesday
June 23rd

➢ Please clip the coupon at left and use it at the Garage Sale on Wednesday, June 23rd ➢

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Summer Calendar - 2004

Tue Jun 8 Elaine Muray; Stories in Motion combines storytelling & pantomime. 7 pm in the Auditorium

Wed Jun 9 iFilms presents Vicente Amorim Middle of the World (Brazil) 6 pm in the Auditorium

Tue Jun 15 Movie @ Your Library Goonies 1 pm; 6 pm in the Auditorium

Wed Jun 16 Summer Fun @ the Library: Jim Jayes, magician and puppeteer, presents Out of the Enchanted Forest. 10 am; 1 pm in the Auditorium

Tue Jun 22 Bedtime Stories Rhythm and Rhyme 7 pm in the Auditorium

Wed Jun 23 Garage Sale – donated books and library discards. 9 am to 5 pm in the Bookmobile Garage

Wed Jun 23 Summer Fun @ the Library. Film: <u>Cannonball</u> 10 am; 1 pm in the Auditorium

Wed Jun 23 Rare and Collectible Book Silent Auction 12 noon to 6 pm - Children's area

Thu Jun 24 Garage Sale – more donated books and library discards. 9 am to 3 pm in the Bookmobile Garage

Thu Jun 24 Classic Novels Book Group Of Human Bondage by Somerset Maugham 7 pm Meeting Room A (1st floor)

Tue Jun 29 Bedtime Stories, Old Favorites 7 pm in the

Wed Jun 30 Summer Fun @the Library. Musical Fun with Justin Roberts featuring music from Yellow Bus. 10 am; 1 pm in the Auditorium

Tue Jul 6 Bedtime Stories Pretty as a Picture 7 pm in the Auditorium

Wed Jul 7 Summer Fun @ the Library. Baseball Fun Meet

some Rochester Honkers & see a movie. 10 am, 1 pm in the Auditorium

Tue Jul 13 Bedtime Stories Home Sweet
Home 7 pm in the Auditorium

Wed Jul 14 Summer Fun @ the Library.

<u>Track down some Magic</u> with Alan

Skogerbo 10 am, 1 pm in the Auditorium

Tue Jul 20 Bedtime Stories Summer Stories 7 pm in the Auditorium

Wed Jul 21 Feeling Silly Musical fun with Hans Mayer 10 am, 1 pm in the Auditorium

Tue Jul 27 Bedtime Stories Boomer's Buddies 7 pm in the Auditorium

Wed Jul 28 Summer Fun @ the Library Ventriloquist Gary Wick and Clarence the Duck 10 am, 1 pm in the Auditorium

Wed Aug 4 Summer Fun @ the Library film: Winnie the
Pooh and Honey Tree 10 am; 1 pm in the Auditorium

Wed Aug 11 Magical Mia 10 am; 1 pm in the Auditorium

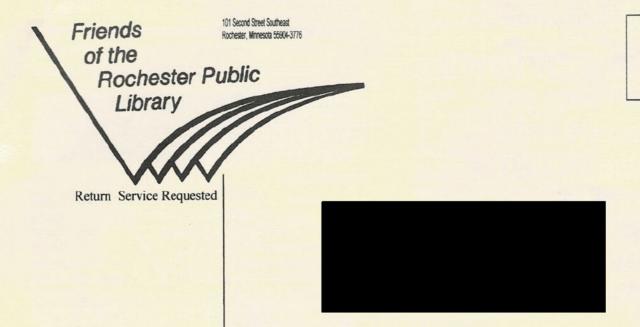
Mon Aug 16 Articles for Fall issue of the Friends' Newsletter due.

Wed Aug 18 Half-Pint and Oscar! 10 am; 1 pm in the Auditorium

Wed Aug 25 Connie & Gordy Jelatis-Hoke sing-along 10 am; 1 pm in the Auditorium

Tue Aug 31 Fall issue of the Friends' Newsletter in the mail!





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