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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY ANN LOWREY

Have you noticed the yellow bins in the lobby of the library? Our community has been so generous in donations of gently used books and media in these bins. For that we thank you!

Have you wondered what happens to these donations? We have a group of 20 or so volunteers who take these bins to the lower level, unload, and sort them.

First, books that may have value are sorted out and researched for sale on eBay. If deemed valuable, they are listed on our robust eBay site – take a look here: "[Baybooks53217FWFBL](#)". When sold, our volunteers package and mail them.

The remaining books are sorted and shelved for our next semi-annual book sale. Some of the books go into our Book Room on the first floor of the library. The Book Room is open whenever the library is open.

Other books that may not be in top notch condition may be put onto the free bookshelf in the lobby or into our two little free libraries (at Cahill and Klode Park). We also donate books to worthy causes such as prisons and Sojourner Truth House.

We do get a few books in very poor condition. Paperbacks are recycled and hardcovers are discarded.

These donations, along with your membership fees are the lifeblood of our organization. Thank you for your thoughtful donations. With these donations we were able to allocate an eye-popping \$78,450 to the library in 2022!

Hope to see you at the November book sale! Ann

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

BY NYAMA Y. REED

This year marks the 85th Anniversary of the Whitefish Bay Public Library. I'd like to extend a huge thank you to Friends for sponsoring the Library's Anniversary celebration on October 1 in School House Park.



Also, sincere thanks to over 20 volunteers who helped set-up, run the activities, and then clean the park.

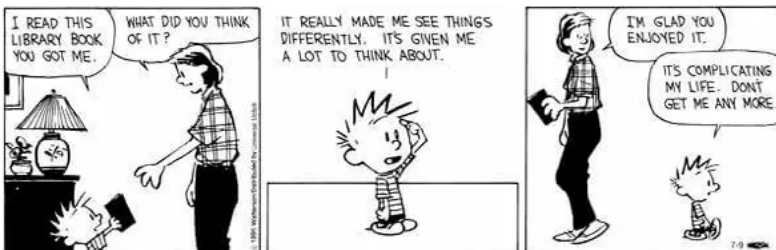
From noon-4pm, 350 people stopped by to enjoy the fun activities, such as face painting, chalk art, and yard games in the park. Plus a scavenger hunt in the Library!

For those who were hungry, we hosted a couple food trucks with delicious bbq food and tacos. Friends graciously provided free popcorn, cookies, and water.

Comedy juggler Truly Remarkable Loon included kids in his routine. We are very fortunate to host Loon before he retires this fall after 40+ years of entertaining audiences across WI.



Yid Vicious of Madison performed punk klezmer music which was enjoyed by all.



Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library hosted an information table and a pop-up book sale which was very popular!

Sincerely,
Nyama



Adult Services Updates

By Scott Lenski, Community and Adult Services Librarian

2022 was another very successful year for the Adult Summer reading Program. This year we had over 150 folks participate, which is our highest count in quite a few years. People love being rewarded for reading, and the all the prizes are possible thanks to Friends support. One of our most popular prizes is a gift card to the Whitefish Bay business of the winner's choice. Every year I hear from participants that they love our summer reading for adults, so thanks to Friends for continuing to make that happen year after year!

This summer we hosted some fun and educational programs, paid for by Friends. In July, actor Kevin Wood stopped by to play Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln told tales of the Civil War and his time in office. Mr. Wood is extremely talented and knowledgeable and the audience was thrilled with his performance. Then in August we hosted Jessica Michna for the second time. Ms. Michna previously had delighted the audience with her performance of Laura Ingalls Wilder. This time around she played Eleanor Roosevelt. Ms. Michna is an audience favorite and she plays at least a dozen different characters so I'm sure she'll be back soon.

Something new this year is our Two-Sentence Horror Story Contest for adults and teens. What is a 2-Sentence Horror Story? It is just like it sounds, it is a scary story told in only two sentences. We have a few prizes thanks to Friends. The contest runs through mid-October so check the next newsletter for the winners. And I know folks can't wait to see our winning photo in the 6th Annual Photography Contest, but they will have to wait a little bit longer. Judging happened mid-October so winners should be posted on the library's website shortly after.



Come to the Book Cellar!

By Ann Lowrey

The frost is on the pumpkin and that means it is almost time for our semiannual book sale!

Mark your calendars for November 4, 5 and 6.

Bring a friend, bring the family, bring the whole neighborhood!

Friday, November 4 is our Friends Night from 5 to 7 p.m. This affords our members a chance to shop the sale first and have the best choice of books and media. If you're not yet a member we will have a membership table and you can sign up at the book sale.

The sale will be open to the public on Saturday, November 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and on Sunday, November 6 from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday is our popular bag sale – we will have bags for you to fill at only \$5 a bag.

Our volunteers have been busy sorting and shelving the donations we receive. We have adult nonfiction, sorted by category, from Art to Zoology. We have fiction, sorted alphabetically, and separated soft cover and hard cover. We have many childrens' books from board books for the tots all the way to young adult. You'll find our media section has also been sorted by category, so your favorite CDs and DVDs will be easier to find.

This year we have a special section of puzzles and games, sure to please in the winter months to come!

As always, we take cash, checks or credit cards for your convenience.

I hope to see you there!

Youth Services Update

By Katie Kiekhaefer

As we begin wrapping up 2022 and start looking ahead to 2023, the Youth Services department is excited to build on the momentum from summer and fall, and we continue to be grateful for the support that Friends of Whitefish Bay Public Library gives to our department.

Summer 2022:

This summer was the first true return to pre-pandemic programming for summer. We brought back wonderful performers like Mike Schneider of Pint-Sized Polka and welcomed new performers like hula-hoop instructor Danielle Lee. It was so exciting to be able to host a big group of kids and enjoy these wonderful programs together.

Fall and Winter 2022:

In fall, we increased the number of storytimes to better serve our community: we now offer three all-ages storytimes per week. We have a dedicated group of toddlers and preschoolers and their caregivers. We've also brought back a monthly Take and Make craft. This was a pandemic mainstay for us, and we realize that it's a great way to serve a larger population who might be too busy for our in-person programs or who might still prefer not to attend programs in-person.

Looking forward to 2023:

In 2022, two new staff members joined the YS department: Liza Glowacki and Heidi Fallon. Valerie Morris and I are excited to work with them to continue expanding our programming offerings. We look forward to offering fun programs like math-inspired crafts, Minecraft IRL, parachute playtime, and more. It's an exciting time for Youth Services, and we look forward to creatively serving our community.

Thank you again for all of your support, Friends!

Welcome New Members!

It's a pleasure to welcome the following new members who have joined Friends since the last newsletter was published:

Brent Gregory	Nancy Pekarek
Amy Harbach	Katherine Servais
Michael Harris	Mary Sharon
Gretchen Holder	Kathleen Smith
Maria Johnston	Linda Steffens
Bob Liebman	Alamelu Vairavan
Patricia Linn	Linda Van Treek
Christel Maass	June Wallace
Katie Muellenbach	David Westrup
Julie Pekarek	Beth Yank

Thank you for your support.

Members are the lifeblood of our organization!



Friends Scholarship Winners

Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library are pleased to announce two \$500 educational scholarship winners. High school seniors who are residents of or attend school in Whitefish Bay and will be attending college during the 2022/2023 school year were eligible to apply! Our two winners are Kevin Ji and Elizabeth Ratajczyk. Kevin will be attending Northwestern University to study Chemistry. Elizabeth will be attending Indiana University for International Studies.



Winning Essay #1 - Emily Ratajczyk

The Whitefish Bay Library has been part of my academic and learning journey throughout my entire life, starting in pre-school, to elementary, middle, and now during high school. My adventures to the library taught me the value of literacy, research, and knowledge.

My first memory of the Whitefish Bay Library was when my mother would take my sister and me to storytime. Later, we would check out movies and books. Fridays were filled with anticipation and excitement for the new releases in the DVD section.

My love of reading peaked in elementary school as I regularly went to the library to check out chapter books, especially the Ivy and Bean series. My new interest was to the disapproval of my mother, who would catch me under the covers, past bedtime, with a newly checked-out book and my reading light.

Preparing for the National Geographic Bee, I scoured over the many atlases and maps in the children's and adult sections. Fifth Grade was definitely a highlight for me, after winning the GeoBee, I am proud to say my Battle of the Books team, The Spunky Funky Monkeys, won the Battle, after spending endless hours in the library!

In middle school, before vacation, my family and I would select books and DVDs for the places we were going to visit. The Rick Steve and National Geographic documentaries were all checked out before our trip. Learning about the Kings and Queens of France was thrilling. Delving into the customs and cultures of the various countries we were traveling to sparked my interest in global studies, which I plan to study in college.

With streaming devices and added responsibilities, I do not find myself checking out DVDs anymore; however, the library is still a treasured place to spend my time. Studying with my friends in a study room or quietly in the many other spots, has saved me from distractions at my house. In the Friends of the Library used book room and displays, I have graciously utilized the \$1 books for English classes, diverse international authors for my Global Scholars Program requirements, and also ACT prep books. This resource has been invaluable.

While the books and DVDs may transport me to faraway places, and my college journey may as well, I am comforted in knowing I have the Whitefish Bay Library just blocks away from my own backyard.



Winning Essay #2 - Kevin Ji

English has never been my best subject. As a child, I only had the patience to read through picture books. On a whim I signed up for the Whitefish Bay Public Library's summer reading program. As I was introduced to my first fantastical worlds of Percy Jackson and the Warriors series, my stance on reading changed for the rest of my life. I came back to the library over and over again, determined to find out what happened next in the latest story I was reading. My imagination ran wild with theories and what-if scenarios of the characters I had grown attached to. The joy of immersing myself in a futuristic world was unmatched. I came back as many times as I could, so much so that my parents forfeited their library card to me. I mainly read as a way to relax, but the upgrade from picture books to fantasy and science fiction novels improved my grasp on the English language as well. Essays at school were no longer a slog. Synonyms and different sentence structures became easier to come up with. The novels that libraries provided not only gave me a new hobby, but also helped improve my academic performance as well.

Through reading, I was even able to make new friends in groups like Battle of the Books and literature-focused summer camps. The public library even gave me my first community service experience. During middle school, I started to volunteer for the same program that got me into reading. I logged numerous hours at the desk handing out prizes and leveling up other kids.

My life has gotten busy throughout my junior and senior years of high school. I now use both the public library and the high school library as quiet study spaces where I can gather my thoughts and focus. The time spent in study rooms has gotten me through multiple tests and projects throughout my academic career. Now as I get closer to graduating high school, I will always be thankful for the magical space that libraries provided for the majority of my life. Libraries and their vast selection of books and stories offered me a place to relax, imagine, and study. I could not imagine what my life would be like if I hadn't signed up for that summer program all those years ago.



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Volunteer Opportunities

By Leah Dean

Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library manage a highly rated eBay Storefront. The money we raise through online sales has funded a variety of large equipment purchases and special community programs at our Library. We sell all sorts of books and media, usually numbering about 40 items per week. Please check out our eBay storefront at:

<https://www.ebay.com/str/friendsofwfblibrary>

Our eBay Team currently needs volunteers to:

1. List Books Online for eBay Sales

- Use our Chromebooks, or your own device to create listings of books for our eBay Store.
- Books have already been researched and assigned a price range.
- The time commitment is 2-4 hours a week and we provide all training and support.

2. Package sold items for mailing.

- All packaging materials are provided.

Our volunteers' efforts make a real difference in helping our library continue to thrive as a strong community partner. We'd love to have you join our growing team! Or, if you know of someone who might be interested, please pass this information along.

Interested? Email us at: FriendsWFBLibrary@gmail.com

Please include your name, email address and phone number.



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Board Meetings are held at the Library at 6:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month (except July and August). Friends members are welcome to attend to get an idea of our work in progress, ask questions, or contribute ideas.