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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY PAT GOSCH

Hello Friends – Happy Spring (sort of). Although it may not feel like spring, we know it will be coming...

Welcome to our first 2016 Edition of the Page Turner. The New Year brings two changes to our Board membership. Chantal Knier, who served as the Volunteer Chair for the past three years has stepped down. On behalf of Friends, I would like to thank Chantal for her service. She has improved our volunteer sign up process for our book sales, bringing us into the 21st century! She has also kept the Adopt A Shelf program moving along.

Jim Gay joined the Board as the new Volunteer Chair. Chantal and Jim have worked together to ensure a smooth transition. Welcome, Jim!

It continues to be a busy winter with Board members and volunteers working weekly to sort books and media in anticipation for the May book sale, and to ensure current selections and other books of interest are available in the Book Sale Room. Make sure to stop by the Sale Room the next time you are at the library and check it out!

The Friends have underwritten the Whitefish Bay TALKS series currently taking place monthly at the library. Check the library website for details.

We are also sponsoring the 4th Annual Writing Contest. Entries were accepted through February 12th. Join us on Tuesday March 22, when we host a reception for the winners, and hear them read their submissions.

The Friends semi-annual book sale is coming soon – starting with Friends Preview Night on Friday May 6th and running through Sunday May 8th. A successful sale starts with your donations of gently used books, DVDs and CDs and continues with your participation at the sale by visiting and buying books. Thank you for your membership. If you are interested in becoming involved in our various activities please email the Friends at friendswfblibrary@gmail.com



From the Director

By Nyama Y. Marsh

Whitefish Bay's Love of Lifelong Learning

Why did you move to Whitefish Bay? Was it because we are a walkable community? Because it is so safe? How about the excellent schools and sense of community? In my short two years as the Whitefish Bay Public Library Director, I have learned all of these aspects are important to our citizens. In keeping with the community, we work very hard at the Library to provide a comfortable, welcoming space where you can come to engage your love of life-long learning.

Young Children and Families

If you are a family with young children, they can participate in weekly storytimes and our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program. Programming options that allow children to explore and discover their passions are regularly offered. Check out our current offerings at: <http://bit.ly/1RXgy82>. Current flyers are always available at the Youth Department Service Desk.

Tweens and Teens

Whitefish Bay teens are very busy with school, sports and extracurricular activities, so we are happy to welcome them into the building to study, find materials, play Minecraft on the Youth Department computers and chat with their friends whenever they have the time. Join us for **Meet-Up Mondays** from 3:30 - 4:30 pm, in the Teen Area for drop-in craft projects geared towards teens, 6th grade-and-up. <http://bit.ly/1IPxbfy>

Adults of All Ages

In addition to our usual book clubs and adult programs (<http://bit.ly/23eTAh8>), in January we started **Whitefish Bay TALKS: Come Join the Conversation**, a monthly speaker series with conversations about art, history, food, culture, people, books and more!

Brand New - Gale Courses!

<http://education.gale.com/l-whitefishbay/>

Adults in Whitefish Bay are often busy with work, family, and hobbies. We realize it can be difficult to come to the library at the specific time a program is offered – even if it is something about which you want to learn. To help satisfy your love of life-long learning, at YOUR convenience, the Library subscribed to Gale Courses. You can take wide range of highly interactive instructor led courses online, in keeping with your schedule. As a Whitefish Bay library card holder in good standing (i.e. you don't have fines over \$5.00), you can take these courses **FOR FREE!**

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Adult Services Update

By Scott Lenski

This year the library is hosting a monthly speaker series that we've named Whitefish Bay TALKS. Each month the library is having a different speaker, and we've got a lot of different topics that we'd like to explore including history, art, food, personalities, and of course books! We started off with a bang and hosted Milwaukee author and historian John Gurda in January. John spoke to a packed house about the different neighborhoods that make up Milwaukee. He included some interesting tidbits about the East side, Shorewood and Whitefish Bay. We followed up John Gurda with another big name, Kyle Cherek. Kyle is host of the Emmy-nominated television show Wisconsin Foodie, beginning its eighth season on PBS and broadcast primetime to over 8.2 million households. Kyle spoke about food sustainability. He chronicled the tale of how food has formed us across the millennia and what our choices today mean for the future.

I'm really excited about the upcoming schedule for Whitefish Bay TALKS for the first half of the year. On March 15 at 6:30pm we'll have Dr. Jennifer Hockenbery Dragseth talking about "What Does It Mean to Be a Woman?" based on her book *Thinking Woman: A Philosophical Approach to the Quandry of Gender*. Jennifer is a Professor of Philosophy at Mount University. This is sure to be an interesting presentation as she discusses biographies and views of historical and contemporary women thinkers. On April 19 at 6pm we'll have Genevieve Davis, an author and artist with local

roots, who shares stories about her grandmother Fanni who sailed to America from Vienna in 1921. In addition she'll share some recipes, and even assemble a strawberry cake for tasting during the presentation based on her book *Fanni's Viennese Kitchen*.

On May 18 at 6:30pm we'll have Dr. David Wagner presenting his talk "Before, During and After James Audobon." Dr. Wagner is author of widely acclaimed book, *American Wildlife Art*, and curator of the exhibition, John James Audubon, scheduled for display at the Paine Art Center and Gardens in Oshkosh from May 7 through October 16, 2016. *American Wildlife Art* serves as a catalogue for the exhibition. On June 21 at 6:30pm the library will host Dr. Gregory Sadler who will talk about the subject of taste. He will trace the history of how Aristotle's "eight taste" differentiation made its way through ancient and medieval literature in European and Islamic culture, influencing culinary arts and even medicine. The talk will include a hands-on component for participants - a tasting of foods exemplifying these eight basic tastes.

Whitefish Bay Public Library continues to bring our community new and interesting programs thanks to Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library. Your continued support has allowed our programs to blossom and grow. Thank you Friends! If you are interested in attending one our Whitefish Bay TALKS, please register on our website.

Children's Services Update

By Katie Kiekhaefer

In January 2015, with the financial support of Friends, we launched 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, an early literacy program for children aged birth-5-years-old. Since the start of that program, we've signed up more than 130 children, and six children have finished the program. To celebrate the first year of this exciting program, we threw a one-year anniversary party at the end of January. We read stories, had a dance party, and created play stations for parents, caregivers, and children to enjoy. It was a wonderful celebration of a program that we're proud to offer at the library.

The program is very simple: when a parent or caregiver signs up a child, they receive a promotional book bag and their first level sheet for recording 100 books. As they finish each level, they check in with the youth services staff. This gives our staff the opportunity to connect with the child and caregivers, while also making library use a regular part of their routine. We also encourage participants

to read whatever books are most appealing to their child. By the end of the program, the child will have read 1000 books, which gives both parents and caregivers and their child a huge sense of accomplishment. To continue encouraging the love of books and reading, the prize for finishing the program is a book.

The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten is just one of the many programs that Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library support, and we are grateful for their generous support. Thank you, Friends!

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Courses run for six weeks and new sessions begin every month. There are over 100 courses to choose from including:

- Accounting and Finance
- Business
 - **Six Sigma** preparation
- Computer Applications
 - Microsoft Office products including **Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access**, and more
- Design and Composition
 - Graphic design, web design, and digital photography
- Healthcare and Medical
- Language and Arts
- Law and Legal
- Personal Development
 - Photography, genealogy, child development
- Teaching and Education
 - Test preparation for ACT, SAT, Praxis, LSAT and GRE
 - Tools for teachers
- Technology
 - Certification preparation
- Writing and Publishing
 - **Grant writing**, creative writing, business writing, and technical writing

If you have questions about any of our program offerings please stop in or call us at 414-964-4380.

Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library Book Sale Coordinator Needed

We're looking for a volunteer to coordinate our semi-annual book sales that take place in May and November. Responsibilities include updating signage, mail postcards for preview event, working with the volunteer chair to secure and schedule sufficient volunteers to staff the event each day, be present at the sales in May and November and other miscellaneous tasks associated with the sales. If you enjoy coordinating activities and working with other members of the Friends Board, please contact Sonya or Judy via email at Friendswfblibrary@gmail.com

Little Free Libraries

One of the recent endeavors Friends has been proud to support is Boy Scout Will Korbitz's Eagle Scout Service project; the building and installation of two Little Free Libraries. One will be installed at Cahill Park, the other at Klode. Look for them this spring! Well done, Will!





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Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library is an all-volunteer group which provides financial and volunteer resources to the Whitefish Bay Public Library.

Friends raise funds in a variety of ways: Mainly from semi-annual book sales and the Friends Used Book Sale Room, online bookselling efforts and membership dues. The Library uses the funds to provide the majority of the adult and children's programming to the community as well as other efforts to enhance the library and to engage its patrons.

Friends' recent contributions have purchased a self-checkout station, created a teen/tween area, updated the children's area story room and the front lobby and added a bench and pet water dish by the front doors. Other projects funded by Friends are located throughout the Library.

All of these projects are made possible by donations. If you have books, movies, music, artwork or gently used toys you wish to contribute, please drop them off at the Library. Or contact us to arrange a pick-up at: FriendsWFBLibrary@gmail.com

All donations are tax deductible and forms are available.

You may also call either Jenni Garcia at 303-514-0848 or Joan Kuraitis at 563-343-0107 for more information.

Welcome New Members!

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

Dave Sullivan

Mary Ann Lillich

Sharon Clappier

Anne Golden

Thank you all for your support.
Members are the lifeblood of our organization!

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Board Meetings are held at the Library at 6:30 p.m. on the second 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.