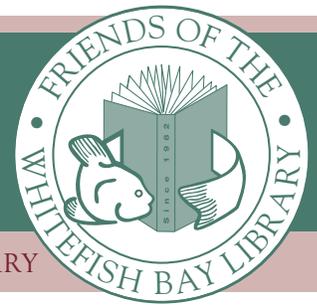


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY PAT GOSCH

Hello Friends – Welcome to Spring and our first 2015 edition of the Page Turner.

I'd like to welcome three new Friends Board members -- Susanna Carlson, Sue Hauck and Ann Lowery. These new members at large started their terms this January and help to expand our Board.

Your Friends Board members and volunteers have been busy this winter and we invite you to come to the library to see our work.

What's New?

Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library supported the renovation and updating of the Story Time Room. It is enjoyed by many children of all ages, as well their parents and caretakers. Stop in to see the newly painted walls, carpeting and artwork. It provides a fun and colorful setting for story time.

The Book Sale Room has also been updated with a fresh coat of paint, new shelving, and improved signage to help you find your favorite genre and also look at other books for sale. Thanks to the committee chairs, Sonya Ruff and Judy Guelig who gathered feedback from library patrons, staff and volunteers to create a new exciting place for you to shop for your favorite used books. A big thank you also to all the volunteers who provided assistance in creating the revised space. Please stop in on your next trip to the library and see what's been done!

The Book Sale Room in the basement is also being reorganized, with new shelving added to make the semi-annual book sale easier to navigate, so you can find your favorite authors, books or new additions to your own library.

All of these renovations would not be possible without the support of the members of the Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library. Without your membership, book-buying and donations we would not be able to support the library and their projects and programs to the extent that we do. We appreciate everything you do!

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From the Director

By Nyama Marsh

Cupcakes Galore!

Thanks to Friends of WFB Library for sponsoring the 2015 Edible Book Festival. With dozens of Sendik's cupcakes for patrons to enjoy and decorations made by staff, it was a festive and fun event. Despite the fresh snowfall we had 16 entrants and 90 attendees.



Also thanks to Friends support (and *excellent staff!*), WFB Public Library experienced significant program increases from 2013-2014.

- Children's programming had a 35% increase in number of programs and 61% increase in number of attendees.
- Adult programming had a 63% increase in number of programs.
- Young Adult/Teen programming saw a 20% increase in attendance.
- Further, we had Summer Reading Program participation increases of 9.1% Children's and 13.9% Young Adults/Teens.

Help Wanted

- Who:** You – if you're willing to 'adopt' a section of bookshelves at the Library
- What:** Patron volunteers keep sections of bookshelves organized so that it's easier for library staff and other patrons to find that certain book.
- Why:** In keeping with the 2nd law of thermodynamics, even our bookshelves manifest the tendency towards entropy. If left to their own devices books will travel all over the stacks!
- When:** Every couple of weeks, whenever it suits your schedule during Library business hours
- How:** For more information and shelving assignments, contact Chantal Knier (Friends' Volunteer Coordinator) at tiernansmom@sbcglobal.net.

Children's Services Update

By Katie Kiekhaefer

This January was an exciting time for the Youth Services department, and we're looking forward to an even more exciting spring. In January, with the support of Friends funds, we launched a new early literacy program for children age birth-5 and their caregivers: 1000 Books Before Kindergarten. The program is very simple: when a parent or caregiver signs up a child, they'll receive a promotional book bag and their first level sheet for 100 books. 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. Three months into our registration, we have almost 50 children registered for the program.



We also renovated our storytime room with the help of Friends funds. We transformed the room with new colorful paint and new

carpet and added a colorful vinyl mural from the company "Live in a Story." As part of the renovation, we also updated the storage system in the room; now our storytime "accessories" (egg shakers, blocks, jingle bells, scarves, etc) are all easily accessible and much more

organized. It's now a bright, welcoming space, and the feedback from parents, caregivers, and children has been enthusiastic.

Spring also brings some great programming. As part of National Library Week, we'll be hosting a huge party celebrating two of our favorite book characters, Elephant and Piggie, from the books by Mo Willems. With the help of Friends funds, the Youth Services department is also working to increase the program offerings available for our tween and teen patrons. In April and May, we're offering

fun programs like book making, engineering challenges, t-shirt necklace making, comic book drawing, and much more.

I hope we'll see you soon at the library! Thank you, Friends!

Adult Services Update

By Scott Lenski

As the days grow longer and the temperatures grow warmer, we are looking forward to spring at the library. We've got some exciting programs, for a wide variety of tastes and interests. All of these programs are made possible because of the support of you, our Friends. First up we've got the band Frogwater on March 19 at 6:30pm. Frogwater is the acoustic musical duo of John & Susan Nicholson. Renowned for their virtuosity and exuberant live performances, they like to think of themselves as musical ambassadors. Their repertoire spans from Celtic to Delta blues, from classical to pop, with a healthy dose of unique original material filling out the mix. This event is sure to get your toes tapping and fingers snapping.

In April, Milwaukee cheers on the Brewers in their home opener. And we've got the event to keep your baseball fever going. On April 19 from 1-2:30pm we've got experienced sports memorabilia collector Michael Osacky. Michael will speak about his passion for collecting, and he'll even give a free verbal appraisal of YOUR vintage sports collectibles; just bring it along to the program. Michael has written numerous articles for national publications such as *Parade Magazine*, *Huffington Post* and *Kiplinger's* on collecting and his program will be a real treat.

On Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30pm, I'm excited for the return of home cook and Korean Culture Consultant Saehee Chang. Saehee will

teach us about the unique history of Korean pickling traditions and *Kimchi* preparation. This class will also explore the healthy benefits of *Kimchi*, ranging from probiotics and other nutritional properties. The best part about this class is that each participant will receive a small sample of homemade *Kimchi* to take home and enjoy!

Our last program before summer is a biggie. Mark Moran returns to the library for the program "What's It Worth? Antique Appraisals" on May 23 at 12:30pm. Mark is the former editor and author of a number of antique and collectible books. Space is limited, but this time we are offering a small number of spots up for Friends members during an early registration period. On April 27, Friends can begin to register for this popular event. Regular registration for this event begins May 1. As always, we couldn't bring you this wide variety of programming without the support of Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library. Thank you Friends!

Before I sign off, there are two other things I'd like to highlight. First, Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library has purchased 5 iPads that can be checked out by you and used in the library. Want to try one out? Stop by the Adult Services Desk to get started! Also, on Saturday, April 18 the library is having a book fair fundraiser at the Barnes and Noble at Bayshore Mall. Make any purchase at the store and mention that you are shopping to support the Whitefish Bay Public Library. We will receive a percentage of your sale; it's that easy! Hope to see your support on the 18th!

Meet Our New Staff

We have some new staff members to introduce you to! But before we do, we would also like to thank our long-term staff members for staying with the Library over the years and for consistent high-quality service to the community.

Jennifer Williams, the Library's Circulation Supervisor, will celebrate her 19th anniversary with us in April.

Ina Margulis, Reference Librarian, and Jeanne Christiansen, Circulation Clerk, have both been with the Library 15 years.

Nancy Bayer and Kerry Hainze, Circulation Clerks, have worked at the library 11 and 10 years respectively.

Now for the newbies! If you haven't met them yet, please stop and say hi the next time you're in!



Renee Gent began working at the Library as a Circulation Clerk in December 2014. She and her family live in Whitefish Bay, and her daughter Rachel was formerly a Shelves at the Library.



Karl Suechting began work at the Library as a part-time Reference Librarian in Adult Services in February 2015. Karl graduated with a Master's in Library and Information Science from UW-Milwaukee in 2010. He currently teaches information literacy skills courses weekly at Bryant & Stratton College and he recently worked as a reference

librarian intern at Shorewood Public Library. He lives in Shorewood with his wife and two-year-old son and is a frequent library user. We asked Karl to answer a few questions to help everyone get to know him better:

What is your favorite book, and why?

One of my favorites would be "In Our Time," the earliest collection of Hemingway short stories, because I love the economy of language he uses and I love the Nick Adams stories

What do you like most about libraries?

I love that they act as a community meeting place, in this day and age where it is hard to find a similar public common place.

What literary character do you most easily relate to and why?

I've been reading a few books by Ron Rash, which take place in North Carolina and the rural south, and I probably shouldn't relate to the characters but I do.



Elizabeth Giles started as a Library Intern in September 2014. She is currently pursuing her Master's in Library and Information Science at the School of Information Studies at UW-Milwaukee. Last summer she worked in Zambia as the lead researcher at the Lubuto Library Project, where she evaluated the collections of three children's libraries in Zambia.

Want to know a little more about Elizabeth?

Read on!

What is your favorite book and why?

My favorite children's book (and one of my all-time favorite books!) is "A Wrinkle in Time" by Madeline L'Engle. It's funny to say that, because when I first read this book (as a child) I found it weird and scary. However, I really love books that I can come back to again and again... books whose characters or stories keep providing me with new things to think about.

What do you most like about libraries?

I love libraries because they promote freedom of learning. I like that nobody can tell you what types of things you have to read, learn, know, or care about in the library: you get to explore and make your own choices.

What literary character do you most easily relate to and why?

This question is hard because I tend to prefer books about things that I can't really relate to. Of things I've read recently, though, I'd have to go with Quentin Coldwater (from the Magicians trilogy). He's actually kind of an awful, whiny character, but I can relate to his desire to escape to the worlds he explored in children's fantasy book series. Unfortunately I was never invited to attend a college of magic like he was, so that's about where the relatability ends...

We are fortunate to have such wonderful staff at the Whitefish Bay Public Library and we are excited to have them join our team.

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Speaking of programs, Friends recently supported the successful Edible Book Festival (see separate article) held February 25, 2015.

Next on the agenda is the Friends third Annual Short Story and Poetry writing contest. Entries are being accepted through March 31, 2015. Winners will be announced at the end of April culminating with a reception in May. Details can be found on the WFB Library website.

The Friends semi-annual book sale is also fast approaching – starting with the Friends Preview night on Friday May 1st, and running through Sunday May 3rd. Two ways you can help with the success

of your sale is to donate gently used books, DVDs and CDs to the library. We have a corps of dedicated volunteers year round who sort, research and sell books during the year in the Book Sale Room and on e-Bay. The second way to support our book sales is to visit and buy books from the Book Sale Room, look at the e-Bay offerings (they are wide and diverse) and of course attend the Book Sale May 1 through May 3.

Thanks for being loyal Friends members. We appreciate your support! With that support we continue to make the Whitefish Bay Library a great community asset



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Best Pun/Play on Words

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Most Creative Use of Ingredients

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by Dillon & Owen



Best Engineering

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