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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY PAT GOSCH

Hello Friends. Happy National Friends of Libraries Week! We have our own national week of celebration October 16 through October 22. United for Libraries, a Division of the American Library Association helps Friends groups throughout the country. While this is the 11th annual celebration, the Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library has a long history (over 60 years) of supporting the Whitefish Bay Public Library. That is quite an accomplishment! We are so grateful to our past members and current members that support our mission. This is a great season to renew your membership and encourage other family members or friends to join the Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library. It's easy, there are forms available online or brochures in the library entryway.

I also want to publically thank all the hard-working volunteers who work year-round sorting book and media donations to stock our Book Sale Room, to prepare for our semi-annual book sales and research and sell books and media on e-bay. Thanks also go to the volunteers who work at our book sales, we couldn't do it without your help. Then we have adopt-a-shelf volunteers who regularly keep their book shelves neat and in alphabetical or numeric order. Through all your efforts we continue to support our library.

Get your calendars out, our next book sale is Friday November 4; preview night for Friends members. Regular book sale is held Saturday November 5 and Sunday November 6. Please plan on joining us on preview night and/or other dates as your calendar allows.

Have you attended one of the Whitefish Bay Talks? Scott Lenski, Adult Services Librarian has assembled a variety of topics and speakers to pique our interests. These talks have been supported by the Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library.

We invite you to attend the Friends annual meeting on Wednesday December 14 @ 6:30 PM; 2nd floor conference room in the library.

If you have questions, comments or want to volunteer you can contact the Friends at Friendswfblibrary@gmail.com

Thanks again for your support and Happy Friends week!

From the Director

By Nyama Y. Marsh

Thanks to Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library support, the Whitefish Bay Public Library held its inaugural photography contest this summer. The contest was open to amateur photographers of any age, with the categories of travel, portrait, architecture, nature, still life, black & white, children (i.e. entries by people 12 years or younger, not OF them), and staff (i.e. entries by staff members or their family members). Of the 400+ entries received, the quality and variety were remarkable. We look forward to repeating the photo contest yearly as a showcase for local talent.

Photos were judged by a panel of three professional, highly acclaimed photographers who blind-judged each submission for impact, composition and quality of lighting. Dave Gilo is a heavily awarded commercial photographer and filmmaker and has photographed athletes, celebrities and Presidents. Cindy Lesky is an innovative fine arts photographer, Wisconsin born-and-raised. She has produced some of the most visually arresting and award-winning images around. Jay Filter is an advertising creative director turned internationally awarded photographer. Filter's work has appeared in USA Today, Frommers, Smithsonian Magazine, Yahoo News, Outdoor Photographer Magazine, TravelWisconsin.com and much more. Read more about the judges on our website.

A list of all the winners and honorable mentions can be found on our website: <http://bit.ly/2cwkPx8>. The photography contest was made possible by Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library's generosity.

Please join us for a reception on Saturday, October 22 from 4-6pm. All the winning photos will be on display. Light refreshments will be served. Register at: <http://bit.ly/2e000tr>

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 Jim Gay (Friends' Volunteer Chair) at jasrgay@hotmail.com.



Adult Services Update

By Scott Lenski

We are nearly done with our inaugural year of presenting our monthly lecture series, Whitefish Bay TALKS. If you haven't heard the library hosts speakers to talk about art, history, food, culture, people, books and more! It's been a lot of fun and we've had a very diverse group of lecturers. I'm really excited to share with you the upcoming guests in this series.

In November we'll be doing something a little different for this series. On Thursday, November 17 at 6:30pm we're hosting Theater Gigante. Whitefish Bay residents Isabelle Kralj and Mark Anderson founded Theatre Gigante, an innovative, cutting edge theater company now in its 29th season. Theatre Gigante will present a talk and excerpts from *Spalding Gray: Stories Left To Tell*, a theater piece celebrating the life of internationally known monologist Spalding Gray. Three actors will perform stories representing different facets of Gray's life: LOVE, FAMILY, JOURNAL, ADVENTURE, and CAREER. This should be a really fun evening that you won't want to miss.

In December, we've got the perfect evening planned as the weather turns cold. On Monday, December 5 at 6:30pm Mark Kuehn will be here. Mark is the Curator and Board Director of the North Point Lighthouse Museum located in Lake Park. Mark will share with us the story of Milwaukee's first lighthouse built in

1837 at the end of what is now Wisconsin Ave and the relocation of the lighthouse to North Point in 1855. He will describe life at North Point as a keeper including Georgia Stebbins, North Point's longest serving keeper from 1881 until 1907.

For January we've invited back a speaker that we hosted in December of 2014. If you were here for our talk on Edmund Fitzgerald you'll remember speaker Rochelle Pennington. This time around Rochelle will enthrall us with the jaw-dropping true story of Sir Ernest Shackleton's "Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition" on the ship *Endurance*. This was a very perilous journey for 28 sailors and scientists who managed to survive 2 years in Antarctica thanks to the leadership of Shackleton. Rochelle is a fantastic speaker and I'm thrilled to have her visiting the library on Wednesday, January 18 at 6:30pm.

We're expecting a good turnout for these programs so be sure to register by giving the library a call or visiting our website. Just look for our Adult Programs tab. The Whitefish Bay TALKS have been funded by Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library. We wouldn't be able to bring you the variety and high caliber of speakers without your support. Thank you for your continued sponsorship of library programming!

Whitefish Bay Public Library Inaugural Photography Contest Winners



BEST IN SHOW
by Turner McKinney



JUDGES SPECIAL "BIG WOW"
AWARD by Kate Moodycliffe

Children's Services Update

By Katie Kiekhaefer

Expanding Early Childhood Offerings Beyond Storytime

The Youth Services Department offers 6-7 storytimes per week during our regular sessions throughout the year, and they are by far our most popular programs. Our storytimes usually follow a traditional storytime format, consisting of sharing books, songs, rhymes, and movement activities with children, parents, and caregivers.

This fall, we wanted to expand our early childhood offerings beyond storytime, including small scale walk-in craft programs, special concept storytimes, and larger Saturday morning programs. We hoped this would allow us to make our programs available to more members of our community, while also keeping our programming line-up full of fresh, exciting ideas.

These programs would not be possible without the generosity of Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library. With Friends funds, we are able to purchase supplies that help us bring the following early childhood focused programs to families in our community:

–**Picture Book Walk-In Crafts:** a craft session inspired by illustrations from a picture book. Parents and caregivers are given early literacy prompts to enhance their child's experience, and children get to develop fine motor skills and creativity in simple, open-ended craft projects.

–**Loose Parts Storytimes:** a take on a traditional storytime with a loose parts playtime at the end. What are loose parts? They're open ended materials with endless possibilities for play and exploration. At these playtimes, children sort, scoop, rearrange, dig, rearrange and more.

–**Toddler & Preschool Dance Party:** a regular favorite among the families in our community. We create a playlist filled with movement songs, sing-a-long songs, and well-loved favorites. Best of all, we can create a program that encourages gross motor-skill development.

–**Totally Untidy Tots:** this new program centers on creating sensory experiences for young children. We will create messy stations for children to explore, using paint, shredded paper, playdough and other messy materials.

Thank you, Friends!



Funding from Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library made it possible to install a self-checkout machine, putting even the youngest Library visitors in charge of their accounts!

Here 2-year-old Evelyn Berg checks out some new books. Try it out next time you're here!



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Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library Book Sale

Friday, November 4, 5-7 p.m. – **Friends Members Only**
 Saturday, November 5, 9:30am-3:30pm
 Sunday, November 6, 12-3pm

The Fall Book Sale sponsored by Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library will be open to the public from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 5, and 12-3 p.m. Sunday, November 6. This sale we're featuring a great selection of vinyl albums, cookbooks and foreign language books. A special sale preview, open only to Friends members like you, is from 5-7 p.m, Friday, November 4.

As a Friends member, you get first crack at the great selection of books, movies, music, toys and more. We hope to see you at our sale! And if you'd like to volunteer to work at the sale or any of the other Friends' events, we'd love to have you! Email jasrgay@hotmail.com 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:

- Mary and Douglas Armstrong**
- Bryan and Sarah Rolfs**
- Anne Kearney**

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.