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News from the Friends of the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library

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THE MISSION OF FRIENDS

- * To encourage public use of and advocate for library resources and services.
- * To assist in fundraising efforts that provide the public with an enhanced library collection and improved services.
- * To support the Freedom to Read statement of the American Library Association.
- * To provide volunteer services requested by the library for special events and projects.

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A Momentous Year for Libraries

- By Pamela K. Westby, Library Director, Friends Liaison

In February of this year, Dr. Carla D. Hayden became our 14th Librarian of Congress. It was a groundbreaking event and one that I will likely never forget; it marked the first time that:

- A librarian is the Librarian of Congress;
- A woman is the Librarian of Congress; and
- A person of color is the Librarian of Congress

Dr. Hayden's commitment to the profession, her service as President of the American Library Association, the relationships she built, and her immersion in the communities she served, are as moving and powerful as the historic nature of her appointment. President Obama said, "Michelle and I have known Dr. Carla Hayden for a long time, since her days working at the Chicago Public Library, and I am proud to nominate her to lead our nation's oldest federal institution. She has the proven experience, dedication, and deep knowledge of our nation's libraries to serve our country well."

2016 is also a milestone year for Wisconsin libraries as The Wisconsin Library Association (WLA) will celebrate its 125th Anniversary!

Through both good and hard times, WLA has persevered for 125 years in support of all types of libraries. It brings us together in various ways: providing open and inclusive conversations; encouraging collaborations; and advocating for the public good, social responsibility and intellectual freedom rights. Some of my own best ideas have come through the WLA pipeline.

WLA has good reason to celebrate for all the reasons listed and more, and so do you. After all, your support, in conjunction with WLA, is one of the reasons why L. E. Phillips Memorial Public Library continues to be a viable part of the community. Indeed, the library is a place where people come to connect, learn, succeed, graduate and transform their lives. As a library customer you are the reason we exist. From all of us at the Library, "Thank you for your part in making the library someplace good; you deserve it!"



National Friends of the Library Week and Big Changes for the Friends

-By Maria Baroni, Friends of the Library Administrative Coordinator

The week of October 16 – 22 is National Friends of the Library Week. This week celebrates and creates awareness for Friends organizations, its volunteer and fundraising activities. You will notice in this issue of Library Links, the many ways your membership donations help to develop library programs which in turn helps our community grow. During Friends of the Library Week, we are sending out our first membership appeal for 2017. You will find some changes in the membership, including the opportunity to pledge monthly. This option allows you to donate a minimum of \$10 a month (the cost of a Netflix subscription!) which over the year will greatly contribute to the Friends organization and therefore enhance library programs. Thank you so much for your support!

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Message from the 2016-17 President

-Brenda Brant



I'm honored to be the newest President of our library's Friends organization! During the time I've served on the Friends board, I've had the pleasure of working alongside

many talented and dedicated volunteers and library staff who believe in the power of libraries to change lives and are working to ensure our library's future.

I used to think about volunteering but was overwhelmed with all the choices and the worthy organizations. There are so many groups that could use my help, how to choose? How can I make a real difference? Then I heard Peg Leinenkugel speak about public service and how important it is to give back. She said she had the same dilemma and one day she just decided to start somewhere, start with one cause and do whatever small thing she could, even if it was just one hour. She found that doing that changed her life and her community.

About six years ago, I took Peg's advice and picked something. Public libraries have been a huge part of my life: from childhood summer reading programs, to part time work at the library as a student, to attending adult reading and educational programs. So I tried a few things.

After one shift, I realized I didn't want to help with the book sale. Don't get me wrong! I deeply appreciate all the hard work that's put into the book sales which provide over \$20,000 a year to enhance library services. The hours of work that go into each one and the teamwork by so many is amazing! They're run like a well-oiled machine thanks to Grace

Rich's dedicated oversight. Working with used books stirs up my allergies and I'm too tempted to bring strays home. These are the same reasons I don't volunteer for the Humane Association. Next I tried serving drinks at a library event. Let's just say there's a reason my career as a waitress lasted only one week.

Then one night I got a call asking if I'd be willing to serve on the Friends Board as Secretary. What does the Secretary do? Take the official notes at meetings. Anyone who has worked with me knows I can type as fast as people talk. If there are questions at work about what was said, it's not uncommon to hear a call to 'check Brenda's notes'. This gig was tailor made for me! I was nervous at the first meeting but quickly realized that my fellow Board members love the library as much as I do and are working to provide the best for it.

Over time I found I had other ways to volunteer for the Friends.

Serving on the Board has also enhanced my career by giving me opportunities to develop leadership skills. But more important than what volunteering does for me, I know my efforts have helped the library that I love fulfill its mission and ensure its future.

I could go on and on but the point is, if you've been thinking about

volunteering but aren't sure where to start, just try something. There are a lot of different ways to volunteer and our volunteer coordinator, Maria Baroni, can help you get started. You never know what you will gain from it, but you can be sure the library will benefit from your efforts, no matter how small you may think they are.

Would you like to volunteer with the Friends of the Library?

These committees need your help!

- Books for Babies
- Book Sale
- Give a Kid a Book
- Membership
- Program

Please email friendsofthelibrary@eauclaire.lib.wi.us and let us know how you can help!

Book Sale Bulletin

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2016
Book Sales

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cards
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RECORD SALES
FROM SUMMER
BOOK SALE!!!

Thanks to the efforts of Dr. Grace Rich and her dedicated volunteers, the book sale on July 29 and 30 earned \$6,709 the highest revenue of any book sale, including three day sales! Book sale volunteers cleaned, organized and sorted 350 boxes of books and during the two-day sale over 11,000 were sold.

Success also came from the first genre specific sale held on Sept 9-10. This replaced the battered books sales in the Festival parking lot and earned \$370, more than the four battered book sales

combined! The online bookstore also continues to grow, earning \$1,643 since January 2016. Countless hours go into each booksale and the Friends of the Library are so grateful for all the volunteers' hard work!

Beyond The Books

- Dr. Grace Rich

If you want to support the Friends' book sales but don't currently have reading material to donate, consider donating some of the following supplies:

November 4, 5, 6

Friday & Saturday
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday
1 - 4 p.m.

Holiday Mini-Sale!

December 14, 15

Wednesday & Thursday
10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Red Cedar Room

A \$5 Bag Sale
will be held
on Saturday
of each sale.

Visit the Friends'
online store at [www.
eauclairefriendlyreader.
alibrisstore.com](http://www.eauclairefriendlyreader.alibrisstore.com)



Because we clean the grime off almost every book that comes in, we go through Clorox Wipes pretty quickly. We've found from experience that store-brand wipes are less effective. We'll gladly accept any size of Clorox wipes! The yellow-lid flavor seems to work the best.

Remember the box trays that hold books on the book sale tables? The corners sometimes rip; and rather than replace these expensive supplies, we use black Gorilla tape (1.88" x 35 yds) to repair the tears. Your contribution of black Gorilla tape will save us money and boxes.



We use blue painter's tape daily. The .75 x 60 yard size is a perfect donation.



Like every other office, we go through lots of sticky notes—the square ones and rectangular ones. Any brand, as long as they're sticky, would be a much-welcomed donation.

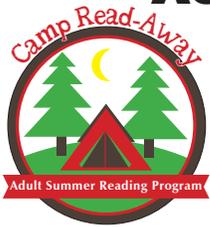
We use clean, dry plastic shopping bags as packing material when we ship online store purchases. We'll put your donation of shopping bags to good use!



New 2016-17 Friends Executive Board Secretary

When 2015-2016 secretary Victoria Mayer relocated out of state, it left the position vacant. Dr. Grace Rich, recently coming off her term as at-large member, graciously agreed to step in as the 2016-2017 Friends Executive Board secretary, in addition to her Book Sale manager duties. Thank you Grace for your dedication!

Membership Donations in Action



Summer Highlights
by Jennifer Cook
-Reference Associate II

This summer the adult summer reading program Camp Read-Away proved to be very popular. 345 library patrons registered for the program and participants turned in 935 reading cards. That makes a grand total of 2,805 books that were read or listened to this summer! When participants turned in their reading card they enjoyed playing a camping related beanbag game to win a small prize such as chocolate or a coloring bookmark. Also, over 100 participants won larger prizes like chamber bucks, restaurant gift certificates and book sale certificates that were donated by local groups and businesses. And the grand prize? One lucky Camp Read-Away winner landed a Kindle Fire!

Upcoming Events

Riddle Me Readers
October 16 – 22

K-5 children can solve the daily riddle and be entered into a drawing to win incredible prizes!

Chippewa Valley Book Festival
October 10 - 20

Visit www.cvbookfest.org for a complete list of authors and events.

Friends of the Library Book Group

7:30 p.m. Chippewa Room

October 25: Mudbound by Hillary Jordan

November 29: As I Lay Dying by William Faulkner

No meeting in December

For information, call 715-456-4132.

Friends Continues Its Support of the Library

- Donna M. Weidman, Treasurer

The Friends of the Library's fiscal year ended on June 30, 2016. We appreciate everyone who has continued a tradition of membership and investment in our public library.

The two primary revenue sources are memberships and book sales. Membership revenue was \$16,802 and your membership support is essential to the library. Please encourage other friends and families to join our 500 plus families of Friends.

Book sale revenue for five sales totaled \$27,206 and online sales were \$623. Thank you to Grace Rich, her team of volunteers, and CVTC interns for their time and dedication to these book sales.

This year Friends funded \$24,900 worth of projects and programs requested by the library staff. Of that amount, \$10,000 was donated to the "Love Your Library" campaign for the Library Endowment Fund. One of the most recent projects unveiled is the BookBike, a mobile

library trailer pulled by a bicycle. The remaining \$14,900 was given to the library Youth Services for \$3,500, Arts West Prizes and refreshments for \$1,000, Program Refreshments for \$1,200, Chippewa Valley Book Festival for \$700, and other areas of need such as adult and children summer reading programs, ads in local print media, giveaway items, toy capsule vending machine, and many other miscellaneous categories.

The In Honor of Fund, which remembers and honors special people and loved ones, provided the library with \$1,925 to purchase new library materials.

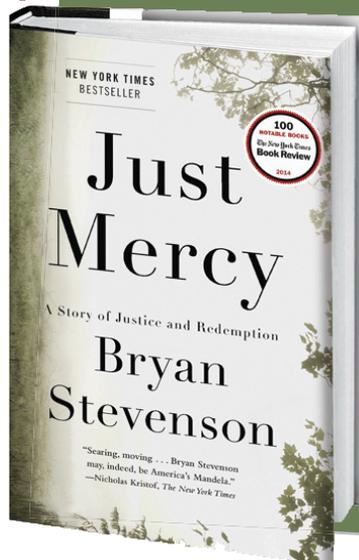
The Give-a-Kid-a-Book project, now in its 21st year, passed through over \$6,000 of donations providing purchases of over 4,300 books.

The library is a valuable asset to our community, and thank you for your financial support and hours volunteered.

Membership Donations in Action Book Club Kit

Do you have a book club? Need a title for your next meeting? The Friends Evening book group has been meeting monthly since July 1995 and is supported by the Friends of the LE Phillips Memorial Public Library. Just Mercy, by Bryan Stevenson, was the Friends Evening Book Group selection for June 2015. At the discussion that month, many members felt deeply moved by the issues addressed in Just Mercy, including justice for children and other dispossessed people. One of the members remarked "we should do something to bring these issues to other people's attention, what can we do?" The group decided on a book kit for other book discussion groups to help facilitate conversations about these topics and the Friends of the Library funded it.

The Just Mercy book club kit includes ten hardback copies, one audio version and a discussion guide. Please contact the reference desk to check it out for your book club!





The Friends are very appreciative of your donations for your loved ones. Your "Honorees" names appear first, then the "Donors".

In Memory Of:

David Gast

- *Cathy & Gregory Engen*
- *Ted & Jean Erickson*
- *Bernie & Karla Hoefgen*
- *Dale & Jacquie Staebell*

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- *L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library Staff*

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- *Jan Wyss*

In Honor Of donations processed from 6/26 - 9/28.

Membership Donations in Action

As a member of the Friends of the Library, your donation helps to provide more than \$20,000 to the library to assist with programs such as the following:

Adults Get Crafty at the Library

Crafting is not just for kids, and the library is helping grown-ups get crafty. Adults are invited to try their hand at crafting a simple project at "DIY Dabble," a monthly evening craft program held in the Eau Claire Room, located in the library's lower level.

Too often, a seemingly straightforward craft project can become frustrating as it requires more time, money, and skill than anticipated. DIY Dabble projects will take no more than an hour to complete, all materials will be provided, and a step-by-step demonstration will be included.

Fall Wall Hanging



Celebrate fall with a four-piece wall hanging.

Wednesday, October 26
6 to 7 p.m.



Mesh Wreath

Greet visitors with a simple holiday wreath.

Thursday, November 17
6 to 7 p.m.



Snowman Canvas

Capture the whimsy of winter with a cheery painting.

Tuesday, December 6
6 to 7 p.m.

Space is limited. Registration required at www.ecpubliclibrary.info/events.

Camp



Summer highlights by Shelly Collins-Fuerbringer

-Youth Services Manager

Camp Read-Away was a great success this year! We had over 2400 children and teens sign up for one of the four reading folders. They also kept busy with fun activities at the library like attending one of our storytimes or special events such as school-age demonstration programs, performers and many cool and techy programs for teens. Other highlights included the charity challenge where kids helped raise \$500 for Joshua's Camp, a camp for children going through cancer treatment. A partnership with Feed

My People Food Bank allowed access to Weekend Kids Meals throughout the summer. Another great partnership with Eau Claire Transit provided the opportunity to ride the City bus free every Tuesday and Thursday to the library. One of our most valued partnerships was with YOU – the Friends of the Library. Without your ongoing support, we wouldn't have such a wonderful summer program to offer and we are very grateful. We couldn't do it without you!



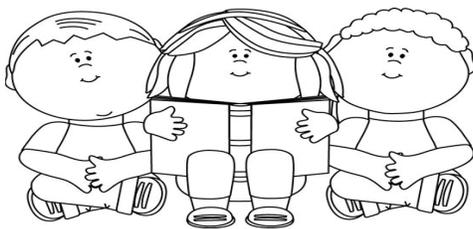
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Give a Kid a Book Project



In 2015, the Friends of the Library distributed over 4,000 books to local children in need through the Salvation Army, the St. Francis Food Pantry, and other Eau Claire agencies. Here's how you can help us ensure every child receives a book this 2016 holiday season!

- 1 Donate new, unwrapped children's books and deliver them to the library.**
 - Fiction & non-fiction books for ages 6-18
 - Picture books for ages 2-5
 - Board or cloth books for babies
 - Audiobooks for all ages

- 2 Let us shop for you!**
 - Mail your check to:
Friends of LEPMPL
Attn: GAKAB
400 Eau Claire St.
Eau Claire, WI 54701

- 3 Drop off books Dec. 4 at UW-Eau Claire's holiday concert.**

- 4 Participate in Books-A-Million's (BAM) holiday book drive Nov. 13 - Dec. 17.**

- 5 Volunteer to shop, sort or deliver books.**

Please contact gakab@eauclaire.lib.wi.us or call 715-831-5301 for more information on how to help!