

A Letter to a Friend

Winter/Spring, 2009

Friends of the Waukegan Public Library
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Chill Chaser Book Sale

Members' Preview Night:

Wednesday, Feb 18th: 5 PM - 8 PM
\$2.00 Soup Supper - Dessert \$1.00

Thursday, February 19th: 3 PM - 6 PM

Friday, February 20th: 11 AM - 2 PM

Saturday, February 21st: 9 AM - 3 PM

Winter Courtyard Concerts

Friday, February 6th: 12 PM - 1 PM

Banna: Irish music

Friday, March 6th: 12 PM - 1 PM

Doug Anderson & Gary Nordmark:
guitar duo

Friday, April 3rd: 12 PM - 1 PM

Raquel Adorno: singer

Friends Board Meetings

Second Wednesday of each month at 7 PM. All are welcome to attend!

Chill Chaser Book Sale and Winter Courtyard Concerts

Dear Friends of the Waukegan Public Library,
As we begin 2009 the Friends Board members are busy preparing for the first book sale in the New Year from Wednesday, February 18th through Saturday February 21st.

Members' Preview Night:

Wednesday, February 18th: 5 PM - 8 PM
\$2.00 Soup Supper - Dessert \$1.00

Come to the Bradbury Room in the lower level of the library and have some soup and dessert before or after you shop in the used book store. If you are not a Friends member you can join preview night. The store will be open to the public the following times:

Thursday, February 19th: 3 PM - 6 PM

Friday, February 20th: 11 AM - 2 PM

Saturday, February 21st: 9 AM - 3 PM

All books will be half-price: \$1 for hardcover; \$.50 for paperbacks; children's books 2 for \$.25, PLUS daily specials.

Your support during the last year enabled us to donate \$15,000 to the library for the Early Learning Center. There are many activities there for children through seven years old. Come and explore with your children, grandchildren, or great grandchildren.

The First Friday concerts continue and we are selling homemade cookies and pop once again. Mark your calendars for the upcoming dates:

Friday, February 6th: 12 PM - 1 PM, Banna: Irish music

Friday, March 6th: 12 PM - 1 PM, Doug Anderson & Gary Nordmark:
guitar duo

Friday, April 3rd: 12 PM - 1 PM, Raquel Adorno: singer

Thanks to all who attended the summer concerts in 2008. We will be able to give scholarships in memory of Elmer Stone to two deserving high school seniors in 2009. These will be awarded at the Annual Dinner, Saturday, April

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Adult Winter/Spring Programming Events

Friends Merchandise

Don't forget about the Friends merchandise, a sturdy black canvas book bag, with blue trim and a handy zippered pocket, only \$10. Also still available are the Friends T-Shirts in heather green or blue for \$10 and our cobalt blue coffee mugs for \$5. Check out all our merchandise in the Friends bookstore open on Thursdays from 3-6 pm, Friday from 11 am to 2 pm, and Saturday from 12 -3 pm.



Winter/Spring Bookstore hours

Thursday 3 – 6 pm

Friday 11 am – 2 pm

Saturday 12 – 3 pm

February 17th Tuesday, 7 PM - **Learn How to Use Your Digital Camera** - Bring your camera and learn all the wonderful features of digital photography. Discussion will be lead by Daily Herald Photographer George LeClaire.

February 24th Tuesday, 2 - 3:30 PM - Book Discussion of *The Audacity of Hope* by Barack Obama. Obama engages themes raised in his keynote speech at the 2004 Democratic National Convention, shares personal views on faith and values and offers a vision of the future.

February 26th Thursday, 7 PM - **Music in Black Colonial America** - Join us as we embark upon a journey through the history of spirituals and the development of Black Gospel music, presented by Dr. M. Elizabeth and accompanied by Sounds of Good News.

March 31st Tuesday, 2 - 3:30 PM - Book Discussion of *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini. Hosseini's second novel covers three decades of anti-Soviet jihad, civil war and Taliban tyranny through the lives of two women.

April 15th & 28th Wednesday, 7 PM & Tuesday, 2 - 3:30 PM - *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury. Revisit Waukegan native Ray Bradbury's classic, frightening vision of the future where firemen don't put out fires - they start them in order to burn books.

May 26th Tuesday, 2 - 3:30 PM - *Stolen Lives: 20 Years in a Desert Jail* by Malika Oufkir. Oufkir tells of the 20-year imprisonment of her upper-class Moroccan family following a 1972 coup attempt against King Hassan II by her father, a close military aide.

Elmer Stone Memorial Scholarship

In 2006, the Friends initiated a scholarship fund in memory of Elmer Stone. Elmer was a long time supporter of the Friends and a teacher at Warren Township High School. The first scholarship was for \$500.

Subsequently, \$500 dollar scholarships have been awarded each year. Last year two such scholarships were given. This year, thanks to the success of our sales and generous donations, we are pleased to announce that we will be awarding two \$1000 scholarships. Seniors from Waukegan, Warren Township, Zion, North Chicago and St. Martin de Porres high schools are eligible to apply for these scholarships. To qualify, students must have outstanding academic records and be able to show that they have provided community service during their high school years.

Funds for the scholarships are provided by proceeds from the teachers sale held annually in the fall and the sale of pop and cookies at the summer and winter concerts. We also encourage the generosity of members and others to provide funds to help us to continue to assist worthy students in their academic pursuits.

If you wish to make a donation, please make your check payable to Friends of WPL, Elmer Stone Scholarship Fund, and send it to Friends of the Library, 128 N. County Street, Waukegan, IL 60085, to the attention of Mary Maxwell.

Celebrating Our Friends

Judy Drury

The Friends is sorry to announce the death of Judith Drury, wife of Dan Drury, a current WPL Foundation Board member and long-time supporter of the Waukegan Public Library. Judith was a community minded and active volunteer for many local organizations including Star Hospice, AAUW Nursery School, Oakdale and Cooke Magnet Schools in Waukegan and St. Joseph High School in Kenosha. The Friends is donating a block in her name to support the library's Early Learning Center.



President's Message

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25th; more details later. Mark your calendars for this annual event!

In closing, I would like to thank the Friends Board members Scott Castillo, Faith Clark, Ron Ducroq, Dorothy Evenhouse, Marge & Glenn Ferruzzi, Charles Heberer, Mary McCoy, Myra Minarik, Jean & Tom Strus, Fran White, Joan Wilts, June & Pete Zaragoza, and our library liaison Mary Maxwell. Without their many volunteer hours we could not serve the needs of the Waukegan Public Library and the community.

The Friends Board meets in the Board Room on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 PM. All are welcome to attend!

Wishing you a year that brings good health, good things and good friends. We are always looking for volunteer friends to help us in the bookroom, special book sales, and bakers and workers for the winter and summer concerts. We have lots of fun chatting, stocking and selling!

Happy New Year

Pat Mallory, President

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws to be Voted Upon at the Annual Dinner

ARTICLE IV Structure Of Organization

SECTION 1 AMENDMENT: The Executive Committee shall be elected at the first regular board meeting following the Annual Meeting.

NEW SECTION 2: The Board of Directors shall meet monthly on a date determined by the Board. Upon agreement by the Directors, this protocol may be altered. A quorum for any meeting of the Board shall consist of half plus one of the elected Directors.

ARTICLE VII Finance

NEW SECTION 1: By June 1 each committee shall submit in writing an annual budget for operational expenditures to be approved by the Board of Directors. Committees shall have the authority to expend their budgeted funds. Any subsequent amended budget requests must be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.

NEW SECTION 3: Any expenditures for merchandise to be sold must be approved by the Board of Directors.

Revamped Ray Bradbury Contest

"More relevant than ever a half-century later, *Fahrenheit 451* has achieved the rare distinction of being both a literary classic and a perennial bestseller."

- The Big Read, National Endowment of the Arts

Since the inception of television our society has become increasingly more reliant on it with each generation. In this prescient novel Bradbury anticipated this trend in which reality programming impacts our daily lives. *Fahrenheit 451* is a reaction to a society dependant on television rather than human interaction, literature, or the fine arts. Respond to this theme of social sedation/apathy brought on by the evolution of television by entering the newly revised 25th Annual Ray Bradbury Contest. Categories include responses through writing, visual arts or multimedia. Winners will receive up to \$200 in each category for Waukegan residents and \$100 for non-residents. Entries will be accepted through March 20, 2009. Look for contest details on www.waukeganpl.org and the official entry form from the library.



Guess whose friend I am!

Identity of last summer's newsletter picture: Charles Heberer, our very able Membership Chair.

Time to Renew!

Friends Memberships Expire in April!

Everyone Needs Friends

If you're already a Friend, considering renewing your present membership or encourage your friends to join the Friends. You can do this at any of our book sales or by calling 847-623-2041 ext 257.

Name _____
 Address _____ Phone _____
 City/Zip _____ Date _____

Type of membership

- | | |
|---|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior/Student | \$5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime | \$250 |

You may also drop off or mail this form to
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**Don't forget about the Friends merchandise.
 See page 2 for details!**

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