

A Letter to a Friend

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“Fun in the Sun” Book Sale and Supper

Thursday, July 12, 2007 5 - 8 pm Book Sale Preview for Friends Members Only. Just in time for the beach - Special Sale on ALL Paperback Fiction - 3 Books for a Buck, including Science Fiction, Horror, Westerns, and Mysteries. Romances are still \$2 per bag.

Supper will be served from 5pm - 7pm or until the hot dogs run out! \$2 meal includes hot dog, chips, beverage, and a sweet treat for dessert. Stop by the “Bradbury Bistro” on the lower level of the library for a quick bite to eat - and no dishes to wash either.

Renew your membership at the door. Bring family and neighbors - the Friends always welcome new Friends!

Fun in the Sun Sale continues: Friday, July 13 from 11 am - 2 pm and Saturday, July 14 from 9 am - 3 pm. Open to the General Public. Most hardbound books are \$2 per title. Paperbacks are usually \$1 or less. Special Sale prices on Paperback Fiction apply all 3 days of the Sale. Children’s Books are .50 or less. AV prices from .50 to \$2 including DVD’s, CD’s, and cassettes.

Courtyard Concerts

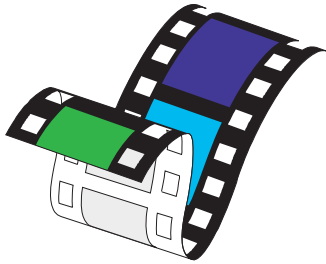
Visit the Friends at the free Courtyard Concerts, Friday noon in the Stimson Sculpture Garden of the Waukegan Public Library. Concert flyers are included in this newsletter so check for your favorite performer. The Friends sells soda and cookies each week to underwrite the concert series and the Elmer Stone Scholarship fund. Your purchases help the Friends support these worthy projects.

Volunteer bakers and sales helpers are greatly appreciated. Please call Mary Maxwell, Volunteer Coordinator, at 847-623-2041 to donate your time or baked goods.

Early Learning Center

Waukegan Public Library is creating a 2,200 square foot Early Learning Center to provide a stimulating child-centered learning space for children ages 0 - 7 years. Groundbreaking is scheduled for July 2007. Watch for additional information on giving opportunities in our next newsletter.

For information about this project please contact Richard Lee, Executive Director at 847-623-2041 ext. 250.



Summer Book store hours are:

Thursday 3 – 6 pm

Friday 11 am – 2 pm

Saturday 10 am – 2 pm

Adult Program Events

- June 11th Monday Movie, *Marie Antoinette*, 2 pm
 19th Tuesday Book Group, *Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay*, by Michael Chabon, 2-3:30 pm
 25th Monday Movie, *Man of the Year*, 2 pm
- July 15th Monday Movie, *Dreamgirls*, 2 pm
 17th Tuesday Book Group, *White Teeth*, by Zadie Smith, 2-3:30 pm
 26th Thursday PM Book Group, *Lolita*, by Vladimir Nabokov, 7-8:30 pm
- August 13th Monday Movie, *Blood Diamond*, 2 pm
 21st Tuesday Book Group, *I Know This Much is True*, by Wally Lamb, 2-3:30 pm

Note our **new** evening Book Discussion Group premiering on Thursday, July 26th at 7 pm. Come to discuss one of the classics of modern literature, led by librarian Trish McLaughlin.

Join the library's Summer Reading Club for adults as well as children, starting June 16th. Adults read five books to earn a prize! This year's theme is "Once Upon a Time." Please call the Adult Services Department at 847-623-2041 ext. 237 for additional information.

The Elmer Stone Scholarship – *we have a winner!*

The Friends of Waukegan Public Library is excited to announce the first recipient of the Elmer Stone Scholarship, Lisa Alvin, a 2007 graduate of Warren-Newport High School, where Elmer taught for many years.

Lisa is an outstanding student with a straight A average and is graduating 18th in her class of almost 900 students.

Her volunteer work is extensive and includes the Relay for Life, computer recycling, and service to the Gurnee Park District and the Lake County Forest Preserve. She states that she has one goal and passion and that is to clean up the environment for future generations. The Friends believes that her plans to attend the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana pursuing a degree in Chemical Engineering will help her achieve this goal, and they are proud that their \$500 scholarship will aid in a small way. Lisa will receive this scholarship upon successful completion of her first semester of college.

Waukegan Harbor Antique and Collectible Show

Visit the Friends at the Waukegan Harbor Antique and Collectible Show: Sunday, June 17, 2007 from 9 am- 4 pm at the scenic Waukegan Municipal Beach. This show includes quality antiques and collectibles including books of great value, plus food and fun for everyone. Treat Dad to a Day at the Beach!

Celebrating Our Friends

SCOTT CASTILLO, our new treasurer, was born and raised in Waukegan and is a life member of the Friends. Scott will be celebrating twenty-five years of keeping the books for the First United Methodist Church of Waukegan and the CROP Walk of Waukegan/Northern Lake County. These and a variety of other volunteer positions have made him ready for the challenge of this position. Scott has spent about 21 years with various financial institutions in the county and finds that all these things show that he "loves to play with numbers." He even gets to keep the books at home.

Scott has been married to Jan for twenty-three glorious years and they have two children - Ben in high school and Katy entering high school in the fall. Both children are also volunteers at the Library.

This year the Friends of Waukegan Public Library lost a number of dear Friends, life long supporters of the library and of learning in general. Four former staff members are among those losses, as well as volunteer Hank Clark, a man who touched the lives of children of all ages.



Hank Clark

The sudden death of **HANK CLARK** one of Waukegan's most active volunteers, saddened all who knew him. A school counselor and teacher, he gave 43 years of service to the Sandwich, IL and Waukegan, IL school districts. Known as "Mr. Bulldog" for scoring Waukegan baseball games, he also sponsored Future Teachers of America and the Student Council.

As the husband of Faith Clark, past President of the Friends, he shared his time and talent with the library, dressing up as Santa Claus and reading books to the children during the Christmas season. His activities for various groups in Waukegan included the Waukegan Historical Society, Waukegan Community Players, the Bowen Park Theatre, the Genesee Theater, and the First Presbyterian Church of Waukegan.

To commemorate Hank's life, the Friends purchased a block in support of the Library's Early Learning Center. This Center will focus on the development of literacy skills in children ages 0 - 7 years and their families.

We also mourn the loss of the following former staff members:

ELVERA LAKE, who died February 27th, shared her love of reading with not only our patrons, but with several area book discussion groups and at her church as well. The Friends gave the library a cash gift to purchase classical literature in her memory.

NORMA QUEDENFELD died on March 17th. Norma retired from teaching in North Chicago, but she also worked at WPL for 15 years in the Adult Services Department. To acknowledge her service to the schools the Friends added basic mathematics books to our collection.

On April 5th **MARIAN SCHROETHER** passed away. Many of you had a child or grandchild who visited Miss Schroether during her 40 years of tenure as a "Boys and Girls Department" librarian. The Friends purchased a block in her memory so she can continue to be part of our Children's Department in the Early Learning Center.

Also in April, **ELOISE DAYDIF** died on the 26th. Eloise served the library for 21 years and was a librarian at the Southside branch, as well as a volunteer in the library at the Waukegan Historical Society. The Friends will select an appropriate gift for Eloise at their June Board meeting.



Guess whose friends we are!

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
- Senior/Student \$5
 - Individual \$10
 - Family \$20
 - Patron \$50
 - Lifetime \$250

You may also drop off or mail this form to
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Donation Day: Saturday, June 16th 10 am – 1 pm

Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue in the parking lot behind the Library.

The Friends will sponsor a Drive Up Donation Day just in time for you to clear out your extra books, CD's, DVD's and videocassettes that accumulated over the winter. Contribution letters will be available for tax purposes. We'll even help you unload your trunk. Start your Spring cleaning now!

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