

# A Letter to a Friend

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## Summer Book Sale: All Books 1/2 Price!

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Get the first crack at our boxes and boxes of new donations at our Summer Sale from Wednesday July 9<sup>th</sup> through Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup>. July 9<sup>th</sup> is Members' Night only, from 5 pm - 8 pm. A Hot Dog Supper will be available for purchase. Memberships are for sale at the door at \$10 for individuals and \$20 for families. The Friends' Summer Book Sale is open to the Public on Thursday from 3 pm - 6 pm, Friday from 11 am - 2 pm, and Saturday from 9 am - 3 pm. Come browse the 1,000s of books available and the Friends merchandise, including our new sturdy and attractive canvas book bags, T-shirts, and cobalt blue glass coffee mugs. ***Special Member's Night Promotion - buy a Book Bag for \$10 and fill it with books for FREE!***



## Courtyard Concerts Fridays at noon in the Stimson Sculpture Garden

Join us again this year for our popular summer courtyard series. Held Friday at noon in the Stimson Sculpture Garden, the concerts present an eclectic mixture of music from the blues to the Big Band sound. See below for dates and group for the dozen performances. As usual cookies and soda will be on sale to help underwrite the concert series and the Elmer Stone Scholarship fund. See the enclosed article about this year's winners.



Fruteland Jackson



Kraig Kenning



Silverstrings Quartet

June 6	Fruteland Jackson	Blues
June 13	Fandanguero	Fusion of Cuban <i>son</i> , Afro-Peruvian, samba and flamenco rhythms
June 20	Kraig Kenning	Singer/Songwriter/National Slide Guitar champion
June 27	Last Dance Band	Sounds of the Big Band
July 11	Doc Schneider	Old time Rock 'N' Roll
July 18	Musical Steel	Steelpan mix of Calypso, Soca, Funk, Latin and Classical
July 25	Downhome Sophisticates	Guitar, harmonica and singer trio
August 1	Heidi Richter Smith	Singer of opera, jazz and classics and WPL's own Assistant Director of Public Services
August 8	Nightclub in the Afternoon	Songs from the 20s, 30s, and 40s
August 15	Silverstrings Quartet	Classical with a Twist
August 22	Harrison Bankhead	Jazz
August 29	Danny Santos	Texas country, folk/Americana



### Summer Bookstore hours

Thursday 3 – 6 pm

Friday 11 am – 2 pm

Saturday 12 – 3 pm



### Friends Volunteer Opportunities

## Summer Programming Events

June 24<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, 7 pm - **The Life of Gertrude Bell** - A One-Woman Show. Travel the Middle East without leaving Waukegan with Betsey Means, a professional actress who will act the life and times of Gertrude Bell. Bell was a British writer, traveler, political analyst, administrator in Arabia, and an archeologist who mapped and identified Anatolian and Mesopotamian ruins. She was appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1917. Bell and T.E. Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia) are recognized as almost wholly responsible for creating the Hashemite dynasty in Jordan and the modern state of Iraq. The program provides fascinating insights into the turmoil in today's Middle East.

July 15<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, 2 pm & 7 pm - **Book Discussion** of William Least Heat-Moon's *Blue Highways*. Copies available at the circulation desk beginning June 17<sup>th</sup>. The book chronicles the author's journeys along the backroads of America and is a classic in the travel writing genre.

July 30<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, 7 pm - **Get Your Kicks on Route 66** - Join us for a program that takes us back to America's favorite highway - Route 66. David Clark will be the presenter, revisiting that famous highway through pictures, songs and history.

August 12<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, 7 pm - **Geocaching for the Family** - An outdoor treasure-hunting game in which the participants use a GPS to hide and seek containers (called "geocaches" or "caches") anywhere, and everywhere in the world.

The Friends Bookstore offers a variety of volunteer opportunities. Do you have an hour or two a week or even an hour a month you could donate to Friends of the Library? If so, we have plenty of interesting work for you. If you would like to see the "new" stock first, join us on Monday mornings—generally 10 am to noon, or the fourth Wednesday of the month, 6-8 pm. These are regularly scheduled work times; but perhaps we can arrange other times to fit your schedule—just ask!

Are you a neatnik or do you have an aptitude for the ABC's? Then we could use your talents in the stock room straightening and alphabetizing stock and in the sale room to straighten and stock shelves and return "strays" to their proper section.

Do you enjoy meeting the public? Then choose to volunteer during our regular weekly hours: 3-6 pm Thursdays; 11 am-2 pm Fridays; and 12-3 pm Saturdays. We hold three special sales throughout the year and can always use extra help then.

What do you receive for this effort on the Friends' behalf? We'll definitely offer you a cup of coffee, tea, water, soda, and often cookies. You'll meet new friends or renew old acquaintances. You will find satisfaction in being an active Friend. Come and join us even if you're not sure that you can volunteer on a regular basis. We love "irregulars", too! Faith Clark, Co-Sale Room Manager. Call Mary Maxwell, Friends Liaison, at 847-623-2041, ext 257 for information.

## Celebrating Our Friends

### Chuck Leech

The Friends notes with sadness the death of Chuck Leech, after a long illness. Chuck, husband of recent Friends Board member Elinor Leech, served the library as both a member of the Library Foundation and Board of Trustees. The Friends sent flowers in his behalf.

*Chuck Leech with  
wife Elinor*



## Winners!

### Elmer Stone Memorial Scholarship and the Ray Bradbury Writing Contest.

In addition to our traditional silent auction, delicious dinner and socializing, the Friends announced the winners of the **Elmer Stone Memorial Scholarship** and the **Ray Bradbury Writing Contest** at our Annual Dinner Meeting. This year we were pleased to award \$500 college scholarships to two outstanding students and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes for poetry in both the high school and adult categories.

A graduating senior from Waukegan High School, Puja Patel's chosen field is in Biology and Political Science and she plans to enroll at Loyola University. Her many interests range from Political Science to Medieval Studies to Biology. She ranks fifth out of a class of 811 and is active in athletics, National Honor Society, and the Student Council. She has also volunteered in Big Brothers/Big Sisters, P.A.D.S at St. Anastasia Church, the Thanksgiving Food Drive, the Bike Path Clean-Up, plus other activities.

Niger Washington, a graduating senior from Zion-Benton Township High School, has chosen to study Chemistry and Economics. He plans to enroll at Pomona College in California where he will pursue a degree in chemical engineering. Ranking eleventh out of a class of 480, he is active in Speech Team, Spanish Club, Key Club, Mock Trial Club, Zion Teen Court and the National Honor Society. He has also volunteered at the Univ. of Missouri-St. Louis to help update the college's web page, the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, the Midwestern Regional Medical Center and has worked for the Obama for America campaign. Barb Hottle, chairperson for the Scholarship Committee, accepted the award for Puja and Niger since neither were able to attend.

The Ray Bradbury Contest, as usual, attracted writers from around the world. Our adult winners came respectively from Sacramento, CA, Murfreesboro, TN, and Cherry Valley, NY. The winning entries *Hands* by Jeff Knorr, *Mama* was a Song by Judy Lee Green, and *Matador* by Maggie Millner, reflected a wide variety of themes and styles from a father's reflections on hunting and his son, a maternal love song, and a piercing study of a young bullfighter. First place winners received \$100, second \$75, and third \$25 in both categories, courtesy of the Friends.

The first place high school winner Amelia Levchenko wrote *Mel?*, a mature poem reflecting the tug between recent immigrants and the assimilated second generation. Amelia, from Buffalo Grove High School, deferred when asked to read her poem, so June Zaragoza, one of the judges stepped for-



*Ray Bradbury Contest winners,  
Christina Jumper (l) and Amelia Levchenko (r)*

ward to read the work to an enthusiastic response. The second place winner Jennifer Klauninger from Canterbury High School, Ontario, Canada, wrote *Angel*, a haunting tribute to a young girl suffering from anorexia and perhaps other ills. Christina Jumper, a home-schooled student from Waukegan, claimed the third place for her poem *Motes of Dust*, a short yet effectively written work that rose above its subject matter. Christina read her poem to the audience. See above for a picture of the two attending winners. Judges not present were Fred Woldt, retired editor and journalist from the *Waukegan News-Sun* and Carol Ricker, English and writing teacher at Waukegan High School. All winning entries are posted on the library Website at [www.waukeganpl.org](http://www.waukeganpl.org).



*Guess whose friend I am!*

*Identity of last spring's newsletter picture, our new President Pat Mallory.*

## Membership News

The new plaque that displays the names of Life Members of the Friends of the Waukegan Public Library is mounted on a column on the East side of the Friends' bookstore.

Friends members who pay their annual dues and life members are entitled to one free annual membership to provide to a nonmember. More details to follow.

There will be an afternoon appreciation tea in the fall for all WPL Friends members. If you have ideas for this event, call Charles Heberer at 847-872-9161.

**Check out our newsletter archive, now on the library's website — [www.waukeganpl.org](http://www.waukeganpl.org).**