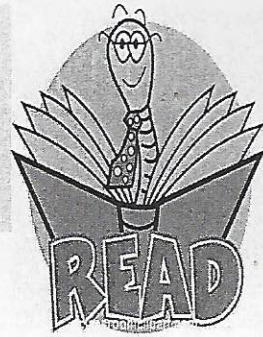


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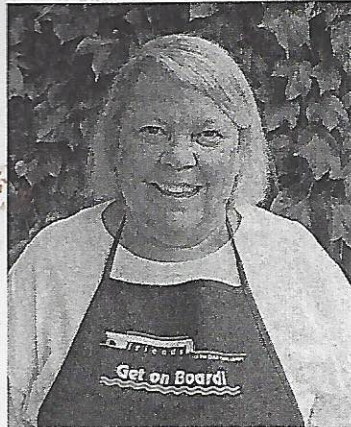
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Dear Friends of the Duluth Public Library,
This newsletter is sent to over 175 households.
Thank you to our members, those who are new
and those who have renewed your member-
ships. We truly appreciate it.

We applied for and received a \$400 grant from
the COVID-19 Grant Response Program of the
MN Association of Library Friends. Because
there were so many deserving applications,
MALF did a random drawing. And, we were
one of ten winners. That money was given to
the Library for Curbside Crafts, an outreach
program for children in kindergarten to grade
5.

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We held a 1-day book sale on a beautiful day in June. We raised over \$3,500.
Thank you to everyone who has donated materials, everyone who helped with the
sale, and everyone who shopped (and spent money).

Because of our memberships and the success of our book sale, we were able to
present the Library with a check for \$10,000 in July. These funds are used for
programs and resources. Thank you for your support which in turn allows us to
support the Library.

Another book sale is being planned. It will be held on Friday, September 10, from
10:00am - 4:00pm and Saturday, September 11 from 10:00am - 2:00pm, at the
Main Library. We don't know at this time whether we will hold it in the green
room or outside on the Michigan Street plaza area. Watch the Friends website
for details at <https://friendsofdpl.com>. We are accepting material donations
again. If at all possible, please bring those items to the Main Library.

**We will hold our Friends of the Duluth Public Library annual meeting
on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 4:00pm via zoom. Here is the
link: [https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/84681538928?
pwd=MTIOL1hLN3kwNVlTVsydHN4Tk1Jdz09](https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/84681538928?pwd=MTIOL1hLN3kwNVlTVsydHN4Tk1Jdz09)
Meeting ID: 846 8153 8928 Passcode: 705793**

Several items on the agenda are a presentation from the Every Child Ready Du-
luth (ECRD), proposed budget, constitution changes, election of officers, and
book sales (September and December).

A Board of Directors oversees the Friends of the Duluth Public Library. Meetings
of the Board of Directors are held the third Tuesday of every month (excluding
June and December). Currently those meetings are being held via zoom. We
have several open positions. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Di-
rectors, go to our website at <https://friendsofdpl.com> and download the letter of
interest to apply.

Marcia K. Semerau, President
Friends of the Duluth Public Library

Carla's Corner

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Thank you, Friends of the Library, for continuing to be our steadfast supporters as the Duluth Public Library has navigated the Covid pandemic over the last year and a half. This spring and summer we have been busy hiring more staff, taking advantage of Duluth's beautiful weather by holding programs outdoors, and planning for the fall. I am very happy to share that open hours at all of our locations will expand after Labor Day.

Beginning September 7, here's when you can visit your neighborhood library:

West Duluth Branch

Monday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Tuesday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Wednesday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Thursday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Mt. Royal Branch

Monday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Tuesday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wednesday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Thursday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Main Library

Monday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Tuesday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Wednesday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Thursday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (September through May)

For those of you who enjoy the convenience of curbside pickup, it will continue at the main library when the hours expand this fall. We hope to start offering programs and events indoors again, if it's safe to do so. You can always find up-to-date information on our services and any Covid-related adaptations by keeping an eye on the library's social media or checking our website.

Without a doubt, the Friends' tent was the most colorful, and well-attended at Sidewalk Days this year. Located between 4th and 5th Avenues West, within sight of the main library, we were perfectly situated. We estimate that we gave away 600+ books to children of all ages, and an extraordinary number of "free cart" books to adults. Everyone who came to our exhibit left with a treasure. This was great public relations for both the library and the Friends. Our purpose was to promote reading and love of books, and even though we never asked, we received \$137.75 in donations. Here's what one mother with two children said to us, "We love the library, it magic for us." In the photograph you can see our clientele and our new banner.



Here are the changes to the Constitution of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Duluth Public. The purpose of the changes is to clarify the process for adding members to the Board and to change how the Audit of the Treasurer's accounts are done. The Bold writing is new and the crossed out writing will be removed.

Article VI - Board of Directors

Section 1. All members of the Board of Directors are required to be dues paying members of the Friends of the Duluth Public Library.

Section 2. Responsibilities of the Board of Directors shall be defined in the By-laws.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers, the chairpersons and co-chairpersons of the Standing Committees, and additional members as needed to bring the total membership to no fewer than 10 and no more than 20 persons.

Section 4. The President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint from the membership the chairpersons and co-chairpersons of standing or temporary committees with the exception of the Nominating Committee (see Article VII, section 3).

Section 5. The terms of office of the chairpersons and co-chairpersons shall be two years. They may be re-appointed.

Section 6. The Library Director or Manager of the Library shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Board.

Section 7. When a vacancy exists on the Board of Directors, nominations shall be made by sitting Board members from the existing membership at large who *have applied submitted a letter of interest for membership on the Board. The process for members to submit a letter of interest to be on the Board is described in the By-laws.* Nominees shall be contacted and asked if they are willing to serve. Nominations of persons willing to serve shall be brought to the President to be included on the agenda and to be voted on at the next meeting. The President shall inform the nominee of her/his election or non-election to the Board. ~~and shall provide the A new Board member~~ *will receive* with copies of the Constitution and By-laws and of the Board membership list. ~~and shall add the new member to the mailing list and to the Friends web page.~~

~~A list of interested Friends members may be compiled and kept by the Board may recruit persons interested in serving by placing a request in the newsletter. for consideration when vacancies occur. Persons on the list shall be contacted when vacancies occur to confirm their continued interest in serving. Board may recruit persons interested in serving by placing a request in the newsletter.~~

Section 8. It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors to make decisions of policy on all Friends business, events, and finance.

Article IX – Fiscal Year

Section 1. The fiscal year shall be from May 1 to April 30.

Section 2. An audit of the Treasurer's accounts shall be performed annually by a professional accountant/accounting firm ***an internal Audit Committee appointed by the President of the Board of at least three members of the organization.*** Appropriate government filing will be performed by the accountant/accounting firm ***Treasurer*** within the time period allowed by law. Results of the audit will be reported in writing to the President before the next annual meeting of the membership.

Friends Opportunities

Friends of the Duluth Public Library currently have these committees that meet:

Fundraising Team - This committee examines and implements fundraising ideas and events for the Friends of the Duluth Public Library. Due to COVID, our largest fundraiser, the Annual Book Sale, was not held in June 2020, nor will it be in 2021. Committee members are creatively looking at, and completing other options, while learning from Webinars, and other Friends groups.

Membership Perks Team – This group considers potential additional perks of Friends membership, and are selecting some to work on. The idea of presenting treats to Library staff during National Library Week came from this group.

Constitution/Bylaws Team – This group updates and revises these documents for member consideration at the Annual Meeting.

Please email info@friendsofdpl.com
if interested in participating in any of these teams.

Additionally, a link to a letter of interest for Friends of the Duluth Public Library Board of Directors can be found on the website if you are interested in becoming involved.

Go to <https://friendsofdpl.com>

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