

Friends Forecast



Message From the President

I sure look forward to spring every year! For me, it's a time for planning and purging; cleaning and refreshing. In April I begin looking forward to that annual Mother's Day walk through the greenhouse—planning my Container flower gardens and choosing which vegetables will make it into my garden this year.

I spend time deep cleaning my house – getting all those hard-to-reach or time consuming spots that I don't pay much attention to during the rest of the year.

Those are just a couple things that lead up to my favorite: long summer nights on the deck listening to the frogs, and hot summer days pulling weeds from the garden and soaking up some Vitamin D. I think we all know how precious those summer days, weeks and months are in these parts.

I bring these up because, like me, many of you are well into or just beginning your spring cleaning ritual. You're cleaning closets and organizing cabinets. You're pulling out the refrigerator to clean under it and you're washing exterior windows. You may even be putting a fresh coat of paint on the walls in an interior room.


Something to remember is if you're going through book shelves, consider donate gently-used books you no longer want to the Friends. Book donations help us raise funds for the Duluth Public Library immediate needs through our annual book sale, scheduled this year for June 8-11 (more information coming soon).

One final annual event very much worth mentioning here is the Friends of the Duluth Public library meeting. All members are invited to hear about how your donations have helped the DPL over the last year. We'll also touch on some ways we hope to help in the coming year. If you have spare time please join us at 4 p.m. May 19 in the Green Room at the Duluth Public Library. Refreshments will be served.

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Annual Meeting

Please join us at 4 p.m. May 19 in the Green Room at the Duluth Public Library. Refreshments will be served.

All members are invited to meet the board, review the past year and have some fun. Join us if you can.

NEMBA

The 27th annual Northeastern Minnesota Book Awards will be Thursday, May 21, 2015 at the Kirby Ballroom, UMD Campus.

5:00 - 6:30 Book Fair / Refreshments

6:30 - 8:00 Speaker Jim Johnson/ Awards Presentation

8:00 - 9:00 Extension of the Book Fair.

Public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

This event is supported in part by the Friends of the Duluth Public Library.

Yard Signs

Yard signs advertising the annual book sale are available at the Circulation desks at each of the Libraries. If you are interested and able to put one in your yard, please stop and pick one up. They shouldn't be put on the boulevards, only one to a yard, and please pull them up right after the sale ends on June 11th and return them to the library. If you have any questions, call

Marcia Semerau, Chair, at 722-1042.

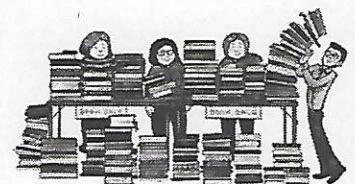
Please like us on Facebook ,we are trying to get 500 likes by the end of 2015.

Help Wanted!

Are you interested in serving on the Friends of the Duluth Public Library Board. This is a working board with projects that need volunteers. Meetings are once a month. Interested contact Those interested are asked to send a letter of interest to info@friendsofdpl.com or call Tina at (218) 723-5384 for more information.

Mark your Calendars for our 2015 Book Sale!

The annual Friends of the Duluth Public Library used book sale will be held June 8 through 11, 2015. Proceeds from the sale go to support the library to help them purchase resources and offer programs to the community. Donations of gently used books are accepted each year July through April 30 at the Returns window at the main Duluth Public Library.



JUST A REMINDER

The deadline for bringing materials to the Library for the annual book sale is Friday, April 30th

Carla's Corner



May 2015

Lots of exciting news this month about all three of our public library locations ... By fall the West Duluth Branch will have a fresh new teen area. The Duluth Legacy Endowment Fund, an affiliate of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation, recently awarded the branch \$2500 to purchase teen furniture. This branch has a nice little area for teens, but it lacks fun, comfy furniture that would give young people an inviting place to hang out with their friends. Over the summer library staff will be checking in with teens and selecting the furniture, which is scheduled to be in place by the beginning of the school year.

Across town at the Mt. Royal Branch we are planning for an expansion. Unlike the West Duluth Branch, which can use space in the senior center for programs and events, Mt. Royal currently has no event space and does not have enough lounge seating to meet demand. When Yarn Harbor relocated last spring there was a perfect opportunity to expand the library. Right now we're in the midst of planning how to arrange the new space. Next steps will be cost estimates and minimal construction while we identify funding for a larger scale build-out. The actual construction may not take place until fall, because summer is our busiest time of year and it will require the branch to be closed for a short time.

At the Main Library downtown, facility planning is continuing. The first phase, in which a citizen committee examined various options and recommended a new building, has wrapped up. Now we are working with a local firm, TKDA, to assess several potential sites downtown as well as double check space needs and cost estimates.

Watch for updates on these projects through the summer and fall. Thank you, Friends, for all that you do to make Duluth's libraries strong and robust!



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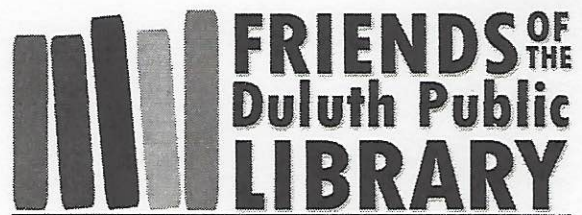
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