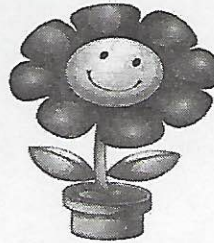


FRIENDS OF THE Duluth Public LIBRARY

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Hello Friends!

A bit of history about our organization - a group met to form "The Friends of the Library committee" in 1944. This was an informal group whose purpose was to help inform the public of the resources, services, etc. of the library, and stimulate gifts of books, endowments, bequests, and memorials. The first president was named in 1945. In 1958 the Duluth Public Library Association was formed because of budget issues, to watch that there would be no closing of branches and no curtailment of services. Beginning in 1964 the American Association of University Women sponsored a Friends of the Library group, and programs consisted of

presentations on the progress of a new building. They were active until 1973 at which time they decided they would resume when the need for financial and moral support would be necessary. In 1979 that need became evident, and the current Friends of the Library group was organized. According to our Constitution and By-Laws: The purpose of this organization is to maintain an association of persons interested in the Duluth Public Library; to focus public attention in a positive manner on library services, facilities, and needs; to support and cooperate with the Library in developing library services, facilities, activities, and programs for the community; and to raise funds through special events.

Having shared that, here's what's happening now:

>National Library Week is April 8-14; the theme is "Libraries Lead".

>The Friends of the Duluth Public Library have nominated a Woman of the Year for the Port Cities Luncheon to be held on Wednesday, May 2; it recognizes in part this individual's efforts in volunteering at the Library.

>Our annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 15, beginning at 4:30 in the gold room; I invite you to attend, meet the Friends Board members, vote for the officers who will serve the next two years, share any concerns that you may have.

>We're gearing up for the annual book sale which will be held on Monday, June 11 (Friends members only) - Thursday, June 14; we typically raise over \$20,000 at this event. Consider signing up to volunteer to help in these efforts.

>One of our Board members is on a Library Advocacy Board as well; the Friends, Duluth Library Foundation and Library Board each have a representative on this team. They invite us to send emails to the City Council on great memories/experiences that any of us has/have had of/at the Library.

>Get involved, consider becoming a Board member; if interested, contact Marcia at 218-576-5531.

Marcia K. Semerau

Friends of the Duluth Public Library Board President

We are looking for more members to join our board. If interested, please contact Marcia at 218-576-5531



Carla's Corner

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Have you ever noticed that doing something fun with a group of other people makes it seem even better than if you did it alone? This actually has been proven scientifically. Yale researcher Erica Boothby, who did an experiment back in 2014 based on eating chocolate alone or in groups, concluded that shared experiences are amplified. You may have noticed this phenomenon if you are a member of a book club. Reading a book alone is fun. Reading the same book and talking about it with a handful of friends is more fun. So, what if you read and discussed a book with a few hundred of your neighbors? Wow.

Bringing the entire community together to have a shared experience by reading the same book at the same time is the idea behind One Book Northland. Our region's One Book project is now in its 17th year.

In case you haven't heard, this year's title is *The Wind and the Drum* by local author Katharine Johnson. The book takes place in the 1670's and features a young Sami girl who is called to save her people from strangers who would threaten them and their way of life. This month the Duluth Public Library, along with several other libraries in the region, will be hosting programs based on themes in the book, including a talk by the author.

The author event in Duluth will take place on Tuesday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Spirit of the North Theatre at Fitger's. A full schedule of events is available at the Duluth, Cloquet and Two Harbors public libraries, the Kathryn A. Martin Library at UMD, or online at <http://www.duluthlibrary.org/adults/one-book-northland/>.

If you haven't gotten a chance to read *The Wind and the Drum* I'd encourage you to place a hold on a library copy or pick one up at a local bookstore. We'd love to have you join us in the community's largest book club. Shared experiences are amplified, and it's a proven fact.

There is a good article entitled, "The Great Equalizer: the Duluth Public Library Provides Powerful Resources for Everyone...", found in the March/April 2018 issue of *Duluthian*.

PORT CITIES LUNCHEON

Names a Woman of the Year from the Port Cities area for her outstanding volunteer services.

Wednesday, May 2, 2018, noon, Greysolon Ballroom. Guest speaker: Beth Bartlett

Tickets, \$20, reservations by April 23 - contact Marcia K. Semerau at 722-1042

Nominees and their organizations:

Jane Cheever - Essentia Health St. Mary's Superior Auxiliary

Diane Dunder - American Red Cross Serving Northern Minnesota

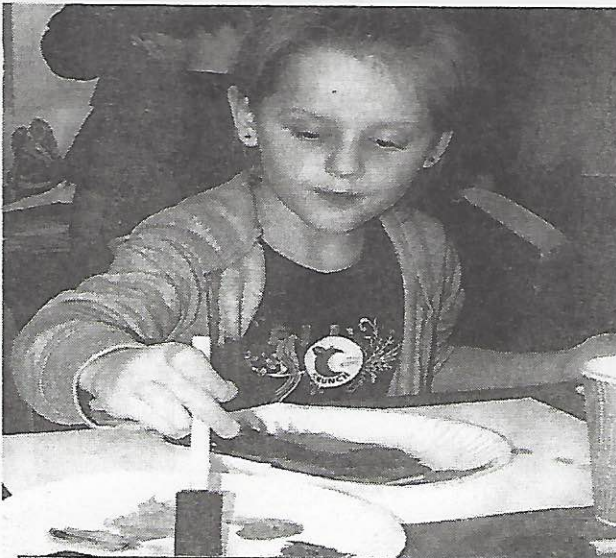
Linda Harper - Altrusa International Duluth

Leslie Peterson - Duluth Woman's Club

Marcia K. Semerau - Friends of the Duluth Public Library

Terry Teich - American Association of University Women

Sharon Wilton - St. Luke's Volunteer Services



After donating \$20,000 to the Duluth Public Library in February, the total amount contributed by the Friends of the Library for 2017-2018 reached \$40,000.

These funds help the library provide free events for the entire community.