

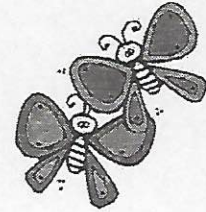


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LIBRARY**

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Hello Friends!

I would like to highlight several of things that the Friends of the Duluth Public Library supports:

\* Lake Superior Libraries Symposium - This is a conference developed by librarians from Northwestern Wisconsin and Northeastern Minnesota. It was created to help librarians develop professional networks and promote resource sharing and collaboration between organizations.

\* Northeastern Minnesota Book Awards (NEMBA) - This event was created to showcase and honor authors and books that capture the spirit of the Northland and substantially represent northeastern Minnesota. This year's celebration will include featured speaker, author Margi Preus, as well as a book fair and reception. The program and awards presentation is free and open to the public. The 31st Annual Northeastern Minnesota Book Awards will be presented at a public celebration on Thursday, May 23, 2019, at the Northland Country Club in Duluth, Minnesota, and will honor books published in 2018.

\* Poet Laureate Project - The mission is to honor local poets and increase the public's understanding and appreciation of poetry. Gary Boelhower was selected for 2018-2020. He organizes five community events during this two-year post. As of March 15, there were 12 acrylic holders around town with free poetry for everyone - double-sided card stock with original poems by local writers. Next up is a celebration of Walt Whitman's 200th birthday planned for Friday, May 31st. Look for more details later.

\* Bookworms Garden Club - This is a group of volunteers who come together at least one night per month to plant and tend the three gardens at the downtown Duluth Library. This is one of many garden clubs in the city of Duluth that works to keep the city's gardens beautiful for all to enjoy.

\* Library programs - movies, One Book Northland, Book Bingo, Wellness Day, stuffed animal sleepovers. Nearly all programs and events at the Library are funded by the Friends and the Duluth Library Foundation. Programs are the largest area of growth at the Library.

## Carla's Corner

### April 2019



With the annual book sale fast approaching, I'd like to thank all of the many volunteers who make this event possible. While the sale itself only lasts a few days, there is a small and very dedicated group of people who work quietly in the background every single week all year long. They spend countless hours evaluating donations, organizing and boxing up books according to subject area, and deciding what to do with any books that aren't suitable for the sale.

In February or March the volunteers in charge of planning and advertising the sale begin to ramp up their work. There are posters and bookmarks to be designed, parking arrangements to be made, and sign-up lists to be created.

As the big day draws nearer, more volunteers are recruited to help set up, work various shifts on the days of the sale, and take everything down afterwards. This is when all of the advance planning and organizing really pays off. I've been here for 10 annual book sales now, and each year I am again impressed with how smoothly this huge event runs.

At the end of it all, when the last Gold Room gem has been sold, the last "bag sale" bag filled, and the shelving stored away for another year, the Friends of the Library write a check to the Duluth Public Library for \$20,000 or more. It's truly amazing that books sold for 50 cents to a few dollars apiece can generate so much money!

And what does the library do with this windfall? We use it to fund programs and events for the community. Kaleidoscope at the Main Library, movies at the West Duluth Library, the Stuffed Animal Sleepover at Mt. Royal ... these and other events are made possible by donations provided by the Friends of the Library and the Duluth Library Foundation.

So whether you volunteer at the book sale, drop off your donations or show up to shop, thank you for supporting this important fundraiser. Without it the Duluth Public Library would not be the busy, vibrant hub for lifelong learning that our community relies on.

Proposed changes to the Constitution of the Friends of the Duluth Public Library. Deletions are crossed out. Additions are italicized and underlined. These proposed changes will be voted on by the membership at the Annual meeting. May 21, 2019. Copies of the full Constitution will be available at the Annual meeting.

#### 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 will be defined in the By-laws.

Section 1 3. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers, the chairpersons and co-chairpersons of the Standing Committees, the immediate past president, and additional members as needed to bring the total membership to no fewer than 10 nor and no more than 20 persons.

Section 2 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 3 5. The terms of office of the chairpersons and co-chairpersons shall be two years. They may be reappointed. for another term.

Section 4 6. The Library Director or Manager and the Volunteer Coordinator of the Library shall serve as an ex-officio members of the Board.

#### Article VII - Committees

Section 3. The Nominating Committee, selected by the Board of Directors, shall consist of a one of the committee chairpersons an ex-president, the Volunteer Coordinator, and two other friends members. selected by the Board from the Members- at- Large. This committee shall be formed in February.

Section 5. Chairpersons of committees shall be responsible for procedural decisions of their committees.

Section 6. Committees shall consist of the Chairperson and other volunteers. from within the Friends membership.

#### Article VIII - Meetings

Section 7 3. All matters which come before the membership at the annual meeting shall be decided upon by majority of those present and entitled to vote.

Section 6. One half of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum, which is needed to conduct business at Board meetings.

#### Article X - Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any the annual meeting of the membership by a two-thirds vote of those present, after notification in writing to each member at least two weeks before the meeting at which the voting is to take place.

**Friends of the Duluth Public Library President and Book Sale Chair Marcia Semerau presents a check for \$20,000 to Duluth Public Library Manager Carla Powers.**

**The Friends are gearing up for their largest fundraiser of the year, the Annual Book Sale, June 10-13 at the Main Library. Money raised by the book sale goes back to the library to fund free events for the community.**



The Friends of the Duluth Public Library are helping plan the Port Cities Luncheon. The purpose of this event is to recognize an outstanding woman volunteer from the Port Cities area; the 2019 Woman of the Year will be named. The Friends have nominated Marcia K. Semerau, Board President, for this honor. The luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 8, beginning at 12:00, in the Greysolon Ballroom. Tickets are \$20. If you are interested in attending, contact Marcia at 218-576-5531.

### Duluth Sidewalk Days Festival

One of the missions of the Duluth Public Library is early childhood education. With that in mind, the Friends took part in Sidewalk Days this past summer. Our idea was to give away books to young people with their own bookplate. The children we focused on were age 8 and younger. The children were excited writing their name on a bookplate, and then affixing the plate to the inside of the book they chose. The entire purpose was to promote the love of reading. It was very well received by both children and parents. We bought \$1 books at a local Michaels store. We spent \$450 on books, and gave them all away within two and a half days.

We have already committed to being part of the Sidewalk Days Festival in 2019. Come find our booth. The Festival will encompass five blocks from Superior Street at Lake Avenue to 5th Avenue West, July 10th-12th. We think we will be near the Ordean Building, because they graciously stored our equipment and supplies at night in past years. We're excited and hoping for great turnout of young readers.

### **Friends of the Duluth Public Library annual meeting notice**

**Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 4:00 p.m., green room**

#### **Several items on the agenda for that meeting**

**>Meet the Board of Directors**

**>Changes to the Constitution**

**>Annual book sale**

**>Speaker - Tony Dierckins**

**>Book giveaway**

**>Refreshments**

# FRIENDS OF THE DULUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY



## **Members Only Monday, June 10**

Become a Friend to shop early!  
10 am to 7:30 pm

## **Tuesday, June 11 10 am to 5:30 pm**

## **Wednesday, June 12 10 am to 5:30 pm**

## **Bag Sale Thursday, June 13**

\$5 per bag, select rooms  
10 am to 3 pm

Build your own home library and contribute to a good cause at the same time!

Friends members can shop the sale a day early! Become a member online at [FriendsofDPL.com](http://FriendsofDPL.com), or in person at the sale.

All proceeds from the sale go to support the Duluth Public Library to help offer free events to the community.

 **MAIN LIBRARY**



**DULUTH  
PUBLIC  
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[DuluthLibrary.org](http://DuluthLibrary.org) 520 W. Superior St.



[FriendsofDPL.com](http://FriendsofDPL.com)



## 2019 Book Sale Volunteer Signup

Please complete the information below and mail the form no later than Wednesday, May 15 to  
 Friends Book Sale  
 520 W. Superior St.  
 Duluth, MN 55802

or return to any library service desk or email to [milissa.ojibway@gmail.com](mailto:milissa.ojibway@gmail.com)

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If you're willing to work more than one shift, please check here: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle: DAY - TIME - LOCATION - JOB

Mon. June 11	10 am-12:30 pm	12:30-3 pm	3-5:30 pm	5:30-7:30 pm
Tues. June 12	10 am-12:30 pm	12:30-3 pm	3-5:30 pm	
Wed. June 13	10 am-12:30 pm	12:30-3 pm	3-5:30 pm	
Thurs. June 14	10 am-12:30 pm	12:30-3 pm		

Location: GARAGE • GOLD ROOM • GREEN ROOM • CONFERENCE RM.

Job: CASHIER • SHELVER • GOLD ROOM SECURITY\*

*\*Gold Room security involves sitting at the entrance to the Gold Room to remind people that they may not bring materials from other book sale areas into the Gold Room.*

or

Mon. June 11	Membership table	8:30-10am	10 am-12:30 pm	12:30-3 pm	3-5:30 pm	5:30-7:30 pm
Mon. June 11	Dealers Table	10-12:30pm	12:30-3pm			

You will receive a reminder/confirmation of your volunteer assignment with date, time, location, job and a parking permit for the Depot upper lot.

Questions? Please contact Milissa (218-343-7574, [milissa.ojibway@gmail.com](mailto:milissa.ojibway@gmail.com)) or, Marcia (218-576-5531, [msemerau@hotmail.com](mailto:msemerau@hotmail.com)).

Just a reminder - you do not need an assigned time to help with set-up prior to the sale, June 4th - 5th. Also, help would be appreciated AFTER the sale June 14th and 17th. You are welcome and needed anytime during the library's open hours.

Volunteers - together we make a difference! Thank you!

Friends of the Duluth Public Library

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