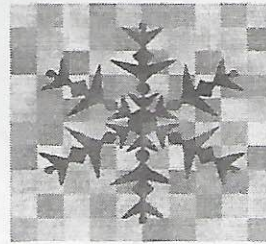




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Friends Forecast

Hello Friends!

The purpose of our 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.

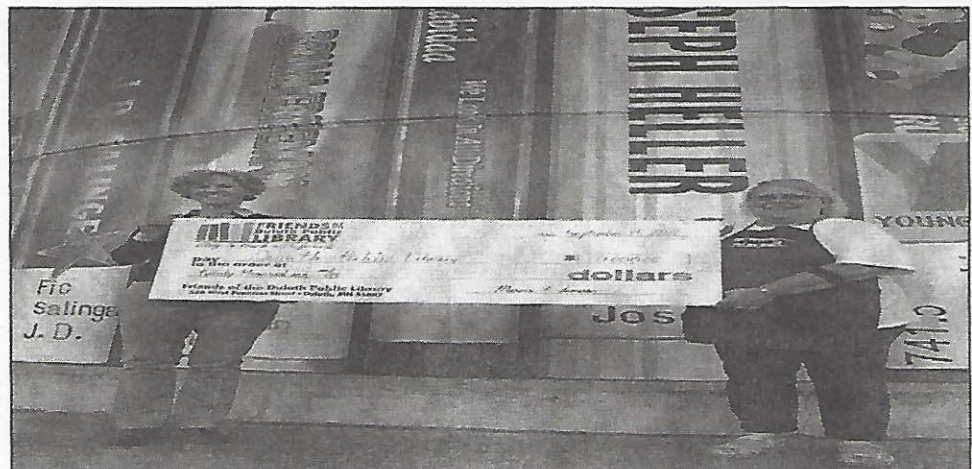
Since I last wrote we have had two "mini" book sales. They were more a "friend raiser" than a

"fund raiser". Being present in the community to share who we are and why we back the Library is so important. We participated in Sidewalk Days in July - Ellie Schoenfeld, Poet Laureate, was able to join us as was Kirsi Kuutti from NASA - oh, and we raised \$185.50. 16 volunteers (several folks covered more than one shift on more than one day) put in over 75 hours to make this happen. One young person who stopped by our tables said, "Books, my favorite friends!" And, we were involved in Spirit Valley Days in August where we raised \$287.25 with the help of 10 volunteers over 20 hours.

This evening (Tuesday, October 17th) the Board met for supper at Tavern on the Hill as a part of National Friends of Libraries Week. We decided to celebrate us as an organization. It's back to work tomorrow to advocate for the Library. With strong membership and in conjunction with the Library Board and the Duluth Library Foundation this is possible. Please consider helping us do this job for such an amazing institution.

Marcia K. Semerau, President

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





Carla's Corner October 2017

One of the things I love most about reading is that feeling of entering a different world, meeting new people, having unexpected adventures, or learning something new. However, like many of us, I find myself drawn to the same type of books. Tried-and-true authors are like good friends, and books about topics that I'm interested in are a reassuring reflection of my own worldview. So what would happen if all of us made a conscious effort to spend a little time outside of our literary comfort zone?

This year the Duluth Public Library and UMD's Kathryn A. Martin Library are partnering up to bring the Reading Without Walls Challenge to the Duluth area. The idea behind Reading Without Walls is to spread appreciation and understanding for others, while also learning new and exciting things. Reading Without Walls invites us to read a book with a character who doesn't look or live like us, a book about a topic we don't know much about, and something in format that we don't normally read. (Audio book, anyone?) The project was created by National Ambassador for Young People's Literature Gene Luen Yang.

Reading Without Walls will be the theme of DPL's winter reading program this year. The program officially kicks off on January 13 with a talk by City of Duluth Human Rights Officer Carl Crawford, a ceremony by the Little Horse Drum Group, a performance by local folk singer Terrance Smith, as well as crafts, book bingo and more. As the reading program continues through late February there will be a special focus on reading something new and different.

More information about the reading program will be available later in November, but why wait until winter to expand your reading horizons? The next time you visit the library I invite you to go to a section where you've never been before and browse the shelves for an interesting title. Or better yet, ask a library staff member to help you find an author or a format that you haven't tried.

The Reading Without Walls Challenge is a great way to expand your thinking and learn something new about yourself, your neighbors or our world. Thank you, Friends of the Library, for making this program possible!

Please Join Us!

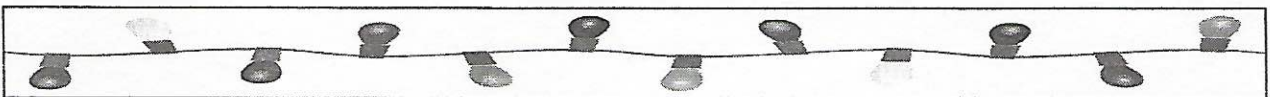
for the *LITTLEST HOLIDAY BOOK SALE*

Where: Mount Royal Library

When: Tuesday, December 5, 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 6, 10:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 7, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.





Thank You!!!

Another fantastic year for the Friends of the Duluth Public Library Book Sale! The event netted over \$21,600 total! Thank you to all of you who volunteered and/or shopped! More than 50 volunteers gave their time and energy to make sure books were sold and bagged, stacked nicely on shelves, and all of our generous patrons went home with lots of great reading material. THANK YOU also to the dedicated behind the scenes folks who come in throughout the year to sort the huge number of donated books! And thanks too to all of you who donate the books for the book sale and the very popular "free" cart. I hope you can all join us next year, and don't forget tell your friends!

"Duluth Sketches of the Past," by Jan Evans

The Friends of the Library accomplished another challenge in August. There were 900 copies of the book "Duluth Sketches of the Past" stored in boxes at the Main and West Duluth libraries. Some were sold at the book sales over the summer - the annual sale, Sidewalk Days and Spirit Valley Days; but, we had to find homes for all the others to free up storage room for the Library. We decided to give away the rest and a plan was made to get them into the hands of community members at various sites for National Night Out. The plan was a success and books were delivered from Fond du Lac to Piedmont to CHUM to Lester Park and areas in-between. Thanks to all the volunteers who made this happen.

My husband Glenn and I have been Friends of the DPL for many years, have helped with the book sales for several years and for several of those years, collected the books that did not sell and our son Ross hired a van and took them down to MPLS Airport, where Continental Airlines (his employer) would put them on pallets and ship them to Guam where Ross would direct them to the outer islands to the schools which were in need of books of any kind. They were even thrilled to receive old encyclopedias, any age, because it was READING MATERIAL!! Not only the children, but he parents benefitted from this program.

It was Heidi Johnson who supervised this program at that time, and sometimes even helped transport them to our home in Duluth Heights. I would collect sturdy boxes with tops and pack them and when Ross would get home (He lived in Guam at that time) we would address them and ship them out. Sometimes the boxes would get to Guam before he did. One year, the company did a nice article for their inflight magazine about "Dr. Book". Very nice, good for the airline and really good for a lot of people in the islands. Glenn died on Sept. 6th and we would like to contribute some money to the Friends of the Library fund.

Thank you, Dorothy Christensen

The Friends of the Duluth Public Library had another successful Author Series event on Tuesday, August 16 featuring Mindy Mejia who spoke about her book "Everything You Want Me To Be", a thrilling murder mystery receiving terrific reviews. People magazine, one of many - has made it one of their "Best New Picks". Pictured are Mindy Mejia and Carol Kelley, whose name was drawn from those in attendance to be a character in Mindy's next book! We look forward to see what is going to happy to her...

A very special thanks to all who attended and supported our fundraising efforts, including our sponsors: The Bookstore at Fitgers, The Boat Club, Fitgers Inn, Frank Hanson III Construction, Famous Daves, RBC Wealth Management, Betty Ramsland and Kevin and Ann Treacy. Stay in touch for our next event!