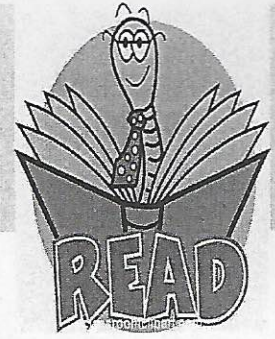


# FRIENDS OF THE Duluth Public LIBRARY

*Stay in touch with friends*

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Thank you for being a member of the Friends of the Duluth Public Library.

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The pandemic slowed us down for several months in 2020, March through July. We resumed meeting in August via zoom and are making the best of it. In some ways we are even busier than before as we have several new teams - fundraising and benefits - working on the many ideas being shared at our various meetings. Look for more information about

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these teams in this newsletter.

There is a Library Advocacy Team which has been active since last summer. This team includes members from the Friends, the Library Board, and the Duluth Library Foundation. After several zoom invitations to get together and discuss our agenda, we had the opportunity to meet with Mayor Emily Larson and Mr. Noah Schuchman, CAO. We advocate for the Library and look to the future, seeing the Duluth Public Library as an invaluable partner in the City's work towards equity, community building, and sustainability. We encourage the City to invest in the Library with continued support of Every Child Ready Duluth (ECRD), with maximized community access to the library collection and programming by bringing back full staffing and hours, and with consideration of renovating the main library facilities to improve functionality, reduce costs and create a model of sustainable building technologies and practices. During a second meeting with Mayor Larson and Mr. Schuchman we discussed the progress of these topics and were able to express our gratitude for their time and support.

We have a wonderful partner in the Minnesota Association of Library Friends (MALF). They have great resources to offer - grants and awards (we are applying for the COVID-19 grant), events they sponsor (like sessions at the annual conference), webinars (The Next Chapter in Used Book Sales being the latest). Check out [mnlibraryfriends.org](http://mnlibraryfriends.org) to see what's available. You can watch past webinars at a time that is convenient to you.

Now, here's a teaser for you - we are planning on holding a one-day book sale on Thursday, June 24th, from 10:00am - 6:00pm. We don't know what it will look like yet. We are discussing and just beginning to make plans. We will need help, but don't know what that will look like. If you are interested, please contact us at: [info@friendsofdpl.com](mailto:info@friendsofdpl.com).

We want to get as many books as possible into the hands of the community. If you can come and shop, please bring your own bag(s)!

Marcia K. Semerau, President and Book Sale Chair

Friends of the Duluth Public Library

## Carla's Corner

### April 2021



With spring in the air and signs that the pandemic may be losing its grip on the north-land, it feels like more hopeful times are ahead. Here at the library we have called back the staff members who were temporarily laid off last year, and we have opened up a few more services. We're now in the midst of filling vacant positions and planning for what's next.

Curbside pickup and computer use continue to be offered at the Main Library downtown. The adult services staff has added a couple of new services as well. Research assistance by appointment is available to people who want to use items that are not available for checkout. To make an appointment, call 218-730-4200 and choose option 5.

For those of you who need ideas for what to read next, we recently launched Bundles of Adult Materials or BAM! To make use of BAM! just fill out a form on the library's website to tell us what type of books you're interested in – fiction or nonfiction, print or audio, subject matter or genre, etc. DPL librarians will use their superpowers to choose up to five items they think you'll enjoy. Librarians will set aside the items and notify you when they're available to pick up at any library location. The form can be found here: <http://duluthlibrary.org/adults/bam-reader-s-advisory/>.

The most exciting news, however, is that the branch libraries are now open for library express service. It's not like the Before Times when you could linger in the library for hours, but it's a chance to stop in, look at what's available on the shelves, and pick out what you want. Hours for library express can be found elsewhere in this newsletter or online at <http://duluthlibrary.org>.

Every Child Ready Duluth: An opportunity for involvement.

In March of this year the Duluth Public Library launched its strategic plan for Every Child Ready Duluth. As a part of this launch Library Staff is inviting members of the community to collaborate with them via Action Teams. If you have an interest in working with library staff around the issue of providing every child Duluth preparation for school you can contact the following staff members.

Carmella Hatch, Early Literacy Librarian (218) 730-4222,  
chatch@duluthmn.gov

Lynn Schwarzkopf, Early Literacy Library Technician (218) 730-4222,  
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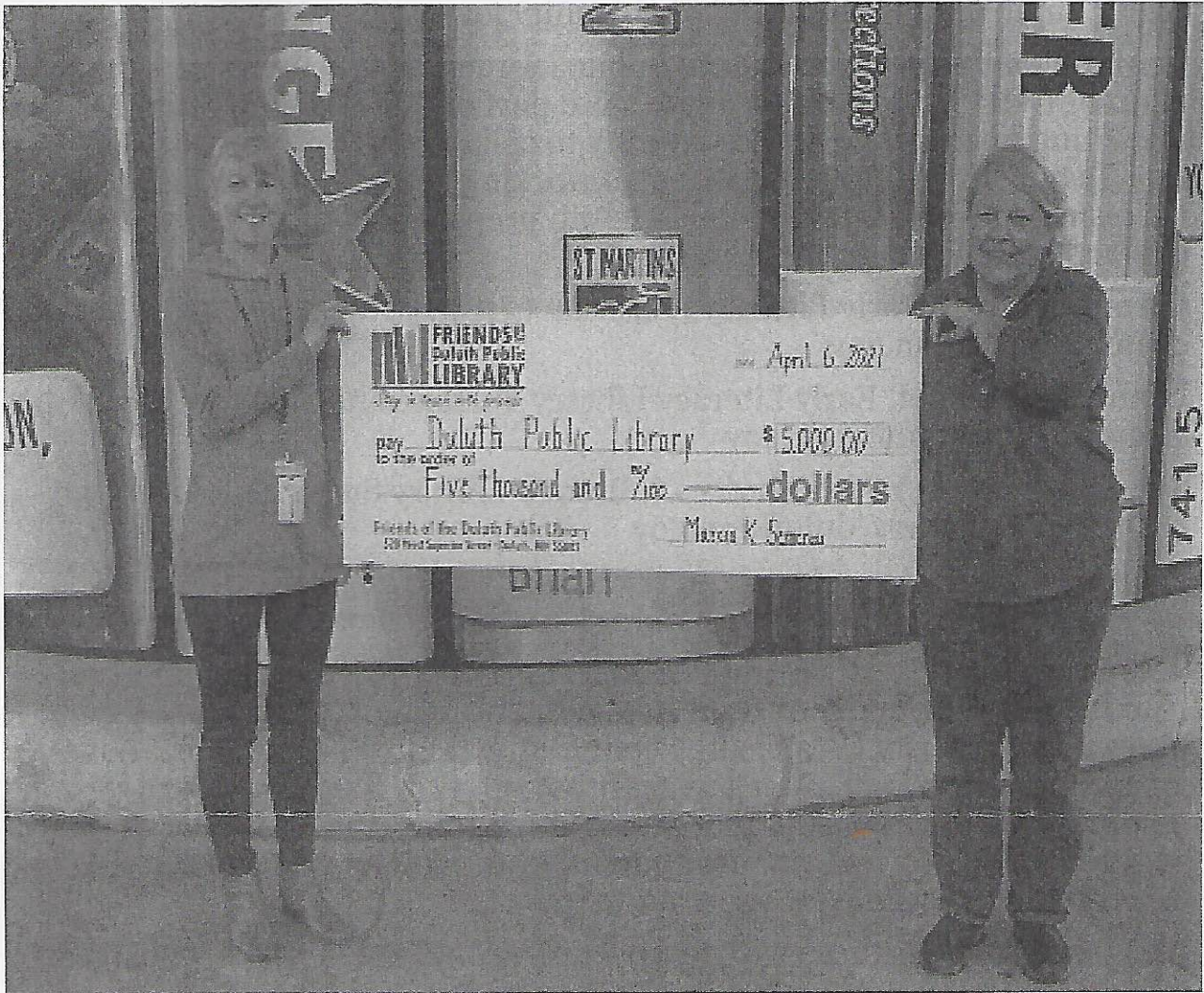
Sue Schumacher, Youth Services & Branch Library Supervisor (218) 730-4219, sschumacher@duluthmn.gov

Below is information taken from the library's website. <http://www.duluthlibrary.org/every-child-ready-duluth> about this program.

The Every Child Ready Duluth (ECRD) initiative provides an opportunity to help the whole city of Duluth understand school readiness and embrace it as a priority for a healthy community. Many local organizations are already providing important services and resources to improve school readiness and ECRD hopes to increase communication and collaboration between groups to create a more equitable and interconnected system of early childhood care, education, and support.

In order to address these varied aspects of school readiness, it will take a coordinated community effort that provides support and educational opportunities for parents and caregivers and their children from birth to kindergarten. The ECRD initiative is collaborating with community partners and developing a coalition to help bridge the gaps in school readiness throughout Duluth. The collective planning process has involved organizations, individuals, and businesses already working to educate, care for, and support young children in Duluth. We are creating 4 Action Teams: Ready Community, Ready Education System, and Early Childhood Educators, Ready Families and Caregivers, and Ready Child.

Want to get involved? You can join one of our Action Teams to collaborate on the needs of children and their families. Not ready to commit to an Action Team, but want to stay engaged? Sign up for our newsletter to receive regular updates about ECRD and partner activities and opportunities across Duluth. Email Carmella Hatch (chatch@duluthmn.gov) to collaborate with us.



*APRIL 4 -10 WAS NATIONAL LIBRARY  
WEEK*

The Friends of the Duluth Public Library  
presented a check for \$5,000  
to the Duluth Public Library for Library  
Giving Day.

**No-Appointment Curbside Pick-up and Computer Use at Main Library:**

**Monday:** 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
**Tuesday:** 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
**Wednesday:** 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
**Thursday:** 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
**Friday:** 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
**Saturday:** 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

For curbside pickup, place holds online or call the library at 218-730-4200 for help or recommendations. For more information about curbside pickup visit <http://duluthlibrary.org/covid-19-response/>

Computer appointments can be scheduled by calling 218-730-4203 during curbside hours. Walk-ups are accommodated as space permits.

**Library Express Service at Branch Libraries:**

**Mt. Royal**

**Monday:** 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
**Tuesday:** 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
**Wednesday:** 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
**Thursday:** 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
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**West Duluth**

**Monday:** 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
**Tuesday:** 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
**Wednesday:** 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
**Thursday:** 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
**Friday:** 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

**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.

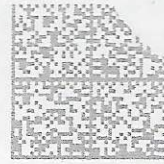
Please email [info@friendsofdpl.com](mailto:info@friendsofdpl.com)  
if interested in participating in any of these teams.

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.

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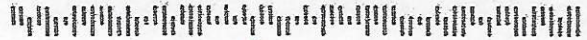
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