

# FRIENDS OF THE Duluth Public LIBRARY

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Dear Friends of the Duluth Public Library,

>Election results:

President - Marcia K. Semerau

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Wendy Williamson

>The Friends supported and participated in the Neighborhood Youth Services community backpack drive in August. President, Marcia Semerau, sat with Youth Services Senior Library Technician, Heidi Harrison, to hand out spiral notebooks and to talk about Port Cards and longer winter hours at the Library. We also gave away pins, bookmarks, tattoos, eras-

ers, pencils, friendship bracelet kits, and books.

>Several of the Board members were able to attend a MALF (Minnesota Association of Library Friends) webinar where Lorna Landvik was the keynote speaker. She said, "Libraries are sanctuaries," and "You find books you weren't even looking for."

>The Friends were not able to hold their 1-day book sale at the West Duluth Library during Spirit Valley Days. We wanted to still connect with the community; so, we put out a free cart of books for several days. It was a hit. Jodi Johnson, Senior Library Technician shares a good story of an older woman who took a children's book and enjoyed copying the art.

>Many thanks to our sorting crew who make Friends book sales possible. We so appreciate this dedicated and capable group - Pam, Tom, Karen, Linda, Sharon, Kaylinn.

>Congratulations to Friends of the Duluth Public Library Board member Milissa Brooks-Ojibway who was awarded the 2021 Historic Preservation Award from the Depot.

>There are several opportunities coming up to help the Friends support the Library:

November 18 is Give to the Max Day - donate anytime, go to our website at [www.friendsofdpl.com](http://www.friendsofdpl.com) to find the link

December 7-9 is the Littlest Holiday Book Sale - shop

January is Round Up At The Till at Mount Royal Market - buy your groceries

>A Board of Directors oversees the Friends of the Duluth Public Library. Meetings of the Board of Directors are held the third Tuesday of every month (excluding June and December). Currently those meetings are being held via zoom. We have several open positions. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, go to our website at <https://friendsofdpl.com> and download the letter of interest to apply.

Marcia K. Semerau, President  
Friends of the Duluth Public Library

## Carla's Corner November 2021



Thank you, Friends, for your support of the Duluth Public Library in 2021. The money raised by the Friends and passed along to the library has made it possible for us to continue offering high quality programs and events for the community. Programs are a core library service not covered by the library's regular City of Duluth budget.

Here are a few examples of what Friends funding has made possible this year:

GooseChase software to organize virtual scavenger hunts for all ages

Supplies for a partnership with the American Indian Community Housing Organization to sow plants in the circle gardens at the Main Library that are culturally significant to the Indigenous community

Dial-a-Story service that gives local children and caregivers a convenient option to hear a story anytime, anywhere

A subscription to Zoom that's being used to offer virtual programs for adults

Publicity and prizes for the summer reading program to generate more excitement and participation

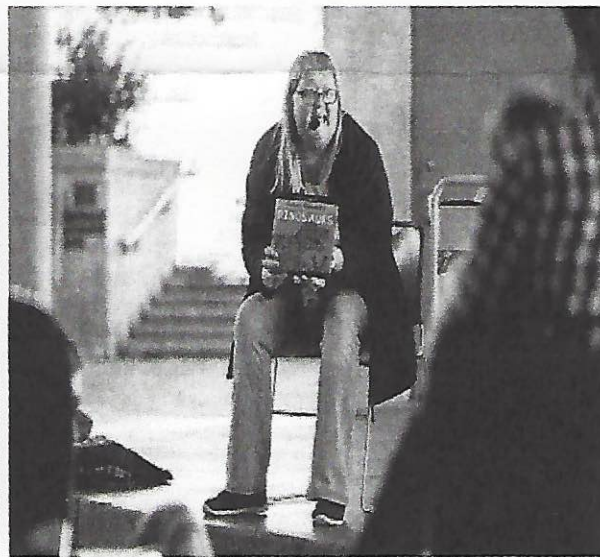
Ongoing support of regular storytimes and Kaleidoscope programs for young children

Looking forward to 2022, Friends funding is already being tapped for some upcoming programs, including:

Star Wars escape rooms for friends and families of all ages

The Art of Book Folding, which is back by popular demand after the previous program filled to capacity

Be on the lookout for an event guide or keep your eye on the library's website ([duluthlibrary.org](http://duluthlibrary.org)) for more information on these and other upcoming events. Thank you for making so much happen at the Duluth Public Library!



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## Littlest Holiday BOOK SALE



### WHEN:

**Tuesday, Dec. 7**  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Wednesday, Dec. 8**  
10:00 am - 7:00 pm

**Thursday, Dec. 9**  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

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

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



**MOUNT ROYAL**

### WHERE:

Mt. Royal Branch  
Library



**DULUTH  
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LIBRARY**

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

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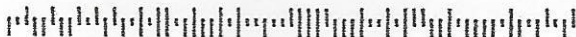
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