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Dear Friends of the Duluth Public Library,

>The Friends of the Duluth Public Library Board has been able to meet in person again. It is great to be able to do face-to-face.

>We held our 4-day annual book sale in June after a two year hiatus. It actually takes place over 2 1/2 weeks. Set up - a maintenance crew from the City helped put up shelves, 17 students and their teacher from Harbor City International School helped move and empty boxes onto those shelves for two days. Sale - cashiers, security, shelvees. Take down. Volunteers are such an important part of our being able to host this event! 100 volunteers put in over 800

hours to help raise over \$16,300.

>We held a 1-day book sale during Spirit Valley Days at the West Duluth Library. 9 volunteers put in 25 hours to help raise over \$415.

>Many thanks to our sorting crew who make Friends book sales possible. We so appreciate this dedicated and capable group - Betsy, Erik, Rose, Pam, Tom, Karen, Ellen, Linda, Martha, Sharon. They put in over 100 hours each and every month.

>We support the Northeastern Minnesota Book Awards (NEMBA). They were back in a different format this year. The winners and honorable mentions can be found at <https://lakesuperiorwriters.org/2022-nemba-award-winners/>.

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

November 17 is Give to the Max Day - donate anytime, go to our website at [www.friendsofdpl.com](http://www.friendsofdpl.com) to find the link

November 29 is Giving Tuesday - a charitable counterweight to the commercialism of Black Friday - go to [www.givingtuesday.org](http://www.givingtuesday.org)

November 29-30 & December 1 is the Littlest Holiday Book Sale - shop

We partner with the Duluth Library Foundation to advocate for the Duluth Public Library. We participated in several events they hosted - Library Giving Day at Hoops Brewing and Books and Baseball with the Duluth Huskies.

>We are a member of the Minnesota Association of Library Friends (MALF) and attended (virtually) several webinars they sponsored - Living in Challenging Times: Book Banning Then and Now and Saturday Splash featuring Kate DiCamillo.

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