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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, shelvers. 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 to find the link

November 29 is Giving Tuesday - a charitable counterweight to the commercialism of Black Friday - go to 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.

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

Carla's Corner
November 2022



As you may have heard in the news lately, libraries are facing more challenges to books, displays and programs nowadays than ever before. Library advocates such as Friends members can help educate people about intellectual freedom and the role of libraries in a free society.

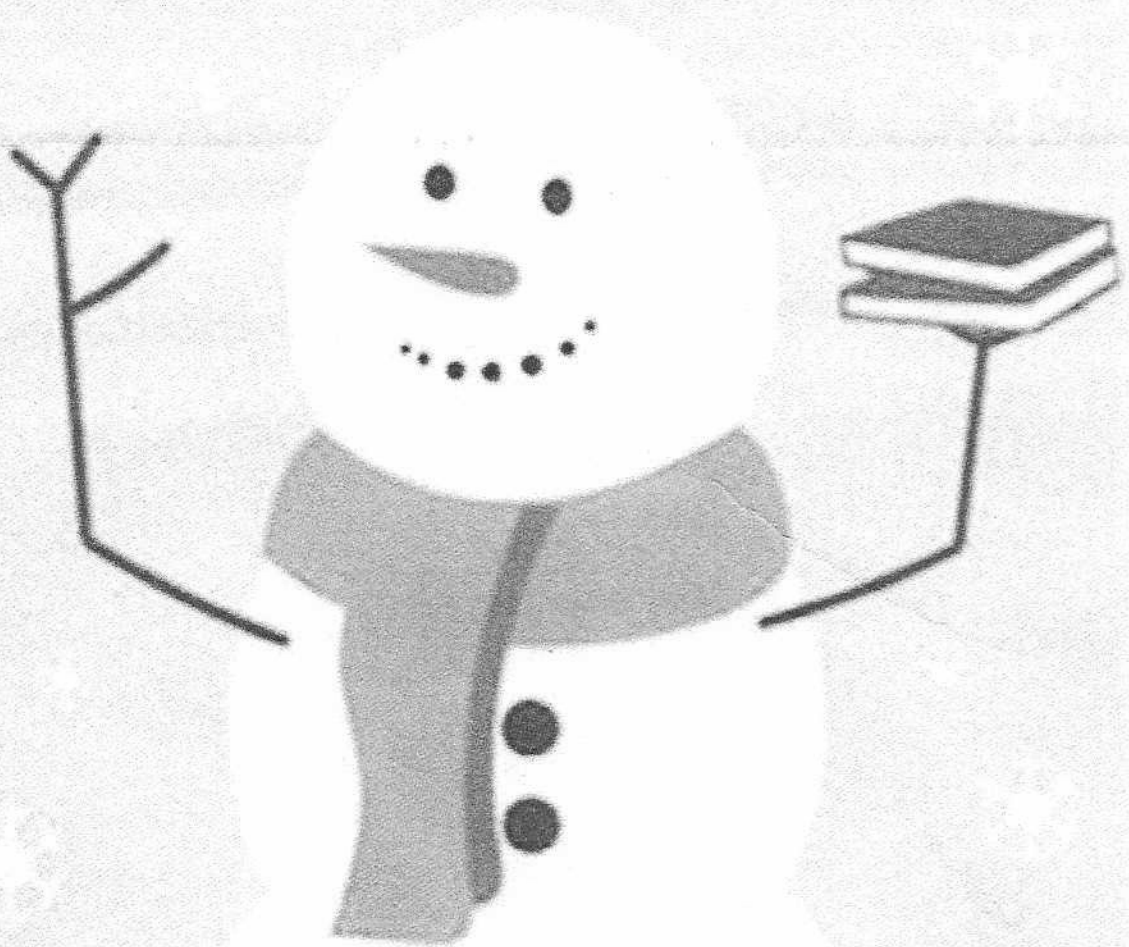
Intellectual freedom is the idea that people should be able to determine for themselves what is appropriate for them and their family. It has been said that a good library has something in it to offend everyone. It's true that library staff tries to offer a wide array of items, information, and events. It's not because we are looking to offend people, but because we want to give them options. The beauty of a library book is if you don't like it or agree with it, you can simply close the cover and return it. Perhaps the next person to check it out will find it interesting or enlightening.

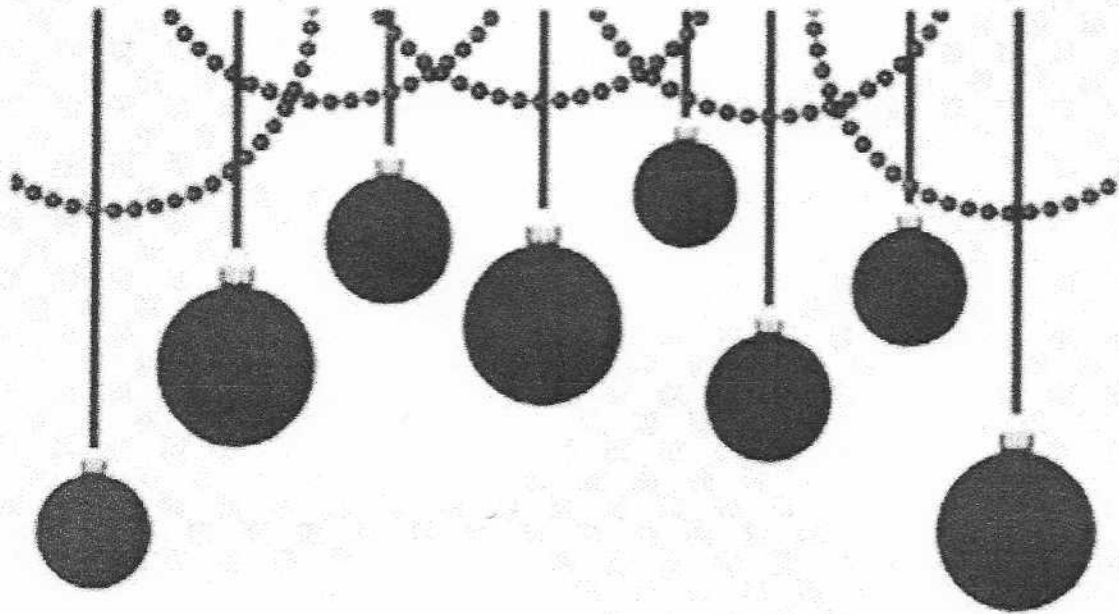
At our library there is a process for formally expressing concern about an item, an art display, or a program. We appreciate hearing from members of the community. If you ever have questions about a library resource or want to know how we make decisions about the books and programs we offer, please let me know or talk with another library staff member.

We as library staff believe in the right of community members to have access to library resources that are relevant to them. As we stand up for this right on behalf of library patrons, we appreciate the many library advocates who stand with us.

give TO THE **MAX** 
Nov. 17, 2022

There's Snow
Better Time
to Read





Littlest Holiday Book Sale

Mount Royal Library

Tuesday, November 29, 10:00am - 4:00pm

Wednesday, November 30, 10:00am - 7:00pm

Thursday, December 1, 10:00am - 2:00pm

Contact Dick and Cathy Andree at 218-724-2185 or rjacao@yahoo.com if you are interested in volunteering to cashier



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