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Hello Friends!

>Annual book sale in June - 59 volunteers spent over 662 hours setting up, shelving, cashiering, dismantling to name a few tasks for this 4-day event. That doesn't include the City Facilities crews' help or the sorting crew who are at the Library 52 weeks a year handling library withdrawals and donations. We raised over \$14,000.

>Spirit Valley Days book sale in August - 8 volunteers put in over 23 hours for this 1-day event at West Duluth Library. Again, that doesn't include the many hours the sorting crew spends selecting and boxing the materials that are sent out for the sale. This is a great "friendraiser". Many thanks to Jaxon for baking pizza and chocolate cake in the wooden kitchen set in the alcove where the sale took place. At \$1.00/title, we sold just over 215 items.

>We lost a dear member of our library community in June - Carol Kelley. She volunteered tirelessly throughout her life. The Library benefited greatly as she served on all three boards at one time or another - Library Board, Duluth Library Foundation, and the Friends of the Duluth Public Library Board. Thank you for your support and dedication, Carol.

>Volunteer Fundraising at the DECC - The Fundraising at the DECC program gives groups of volunteers from nonprofits an opportunity to work doing tasks like handing guests popcorn or helping them find their seats. In exchange, the DECC will make a cash donation to the nonprofit or service groups they represent. "This is a win-win," says executive director Daniel Hartman. "Area non-profits get financial support while the DECC gets a hand during a time when the job market is very tight." If you have time and are interested, go to the DECC website at <https://decc.org>, near the bottom of the page click on the "volunteer fundraising..." link. Contact Tamy Horyza with questions, let her know you are with the Friends of the Duluth Public Library and ask for the list of upcoming events where they need help. We registered with them last October. Several of the Board and other community members have been involved. The DECC mails a monthly "paycheck" directly to the Friends at the Library. We have received over \$2,750 so far.

>This along with memberships, book sales, and donations has provided the Friends with the opportunity to give the Library another \$20,000 in August.

Thank you everyone for your support of the Duluth Public Library!

Marcia K. Semerau, President

Friends of the Duluth Public Library



Carla's Corner September 2023



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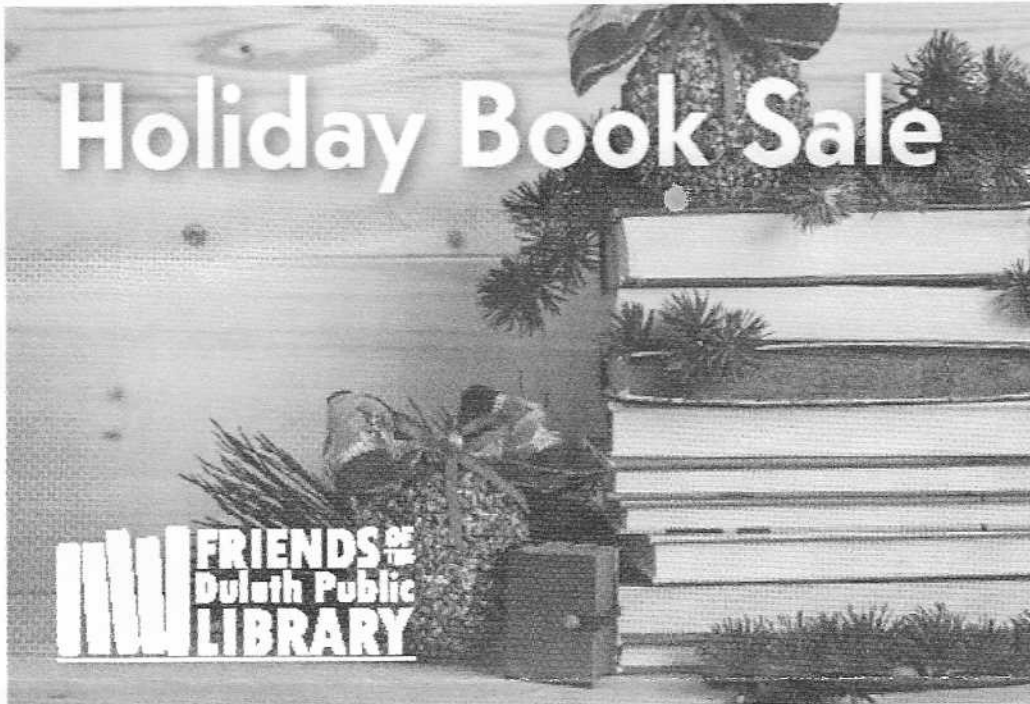
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Holiday Book Sale

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Tuesday, December 5
10 am to 4:30 pm

Wednesday, December 6
10 am to 7:30 pm

Thursday, December 7
10 am to 2 pm



MOUNT ROYAL

Three days of book sales for
the holiday season at the
Mount Royal Library!

Proceeds from the sale
support free library events
and programming for all.



Virginia Bartelt of Green Bay, WI, with a magazine from the week of her birth that was purchased by a friend at the Nostalgic Newstand Event.

In January, 2023, Gina Temple-Rhodes, the Duluth Public Library's local historian librarian, was faced with a confounding dilemma. Since many vintage magazine titles could be accessed digitally, and space was needed at the library, Temple-Rhodes was asked to recycle a countless number of magazines. Reluctant to recycle magazines that may be valuable to others, Temple-Rhodes contacted local Minnesota Historical Societies, but found they were not interested in obtaining nationally distributed magazines. Resolute that members of our community would welcome the opportunity to browse/purchase the thirteen titles to be recycled, Temple-Rhodes collaborated with Marcia Semerau, President of the Friends of the Duluth Public Library, to organize the Nostalgic Magazine Newstand Event, on Saturday, May 6, 2023.

This event was a grand success. Community members were grateful to peruse/purchase historical publications, the Friends earned over \$1,100 to help the library fund programs, and fewer magazines were recycled.

The following magazines were part of the sale: *American Magazine* 1906-1956, *Arts and Decoration* 1928-1941, *Architectural Record* 1907-1990, *Cornhill Magazine* 1860-1909, *Engineering News-Record* 1890-1920, *English Illustrated* 1890-1904, *Foreign Affairs* 1923-1975, *Literary Digest* 1899-1922, *New Yorker* 1939-2000, *Overland Monthly* 1891-1917, *Redbook* 1966-2000, and *Saturday Evening Post* 1919-1978. (Glensheen purchased *Ladies Home Journals* 1898-1922).

Friends of Library, August Newsletter, 2023
Article about Terry Teich

A library is a community entity that empowers, educates, entertains, empowers, and extends materials, resources, and services to its patrons. I love our library; watching it in action is exhilarating!

I'm Terry Teich, a newer member of the Friends of the Duluth Public Library Board.

My interaction with the library began many years ago. As a student, the library supported my research needs, besides providing reading materials. As an English teacher for ISO 709 (now retired), my students were instructed on 'how to use the library' and encouraged, through in-library class sessions, to actually explore and use the school's library facility. In addition, the public library would provide book collections for my classroom to enrich various units of study. As a patron, the library offers a variety of services – primarily materials for personal use. Don't forget about the library's programming, though.

As a citizen of Duluth, my volunteer involvement with the public began when I was appointed to the DPL's Library Board (1980-1995) Policy, budgets, library concerns, long range planning, membership on regional governing boards helped me to understand the workings of a library; many decisions and considerations are involved in managing/governing a library.

Following a brief hiatus, an invitation to join DPL's Foundation Board was offered (1997-2012). The Foundation united another group of library aficionados to create an endowment that would insure support for the library into perpetuity – short/long range planning, fund drives, matching appeals, and the Libations event followed. Over the years, the Foundation and its endowment have prospered. BRAVO!!

Just recently, the Friends of the Library Board has accepted me as a board member. The Friends are a more casual board that creatively supports the library. Their fundraising events – the annual book sale along with smaller pop-up sales – generate funds that are given to the library for materials and programming. Learning about this board and its function continues. In addition, I'm seeking to 'befriend' my local library branch by assisting with non-librarian tasks.

The Duluth Public Library is a community jewel. Serving and assisting its function strengthens the institution and benefits its patrons.





Marcia Semerau, President of the Friends of the Duluth Public Library, and Gina Temple-Rhodes, Local Historian Library at the Duluth Public Library, prepare for the Nostalgic Magazine Newsstand.

Pictured are Marcia Semerau, President of the Friends of the Duluth Public Library, and Carla Powers, Manager of the Duluth Public library holding a check for \$20,000 given by the Friends of DPL. This money helps fund programs like the ones pictured on the next page.



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Plant magic program

Story & Play in the Park



Books and Baseball with Library Lynx



Drag Storytime



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