

FRIENDS OF THE WJ NIEDERKORN LIBRARY

Spring 2010 Newsletter

FRIENDS ANNUAL BOOK SALE

The date has been set for the Friends Annual Book Sale! The sale will run Wednesday, May 5 through Friday, May 7, 2010. Chairman Bob Bretl needs your help to make it a success again this year. Workers are needed to help set up the Sale Monday, May 3rd and Tuesday, May 4th. No heavy lifting required - just unpacking boxes, sorting and organizing books. Workers are also needed to work the check out during the sale. We need 2-3 people at the check out desk, so you can work with a friend or make a new one! Takedown of the Sale will be Saturday May 8th. Take a look at the schedule and reserve a time to help out at the Friends Book Sale. Contact Bob (284-2539) to let him know when you can help out.

Book Sale Schedule:

Activity	Date	Time
Setup	Monday 5/3	9:00-12:00
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Setup	Tuesday 5/4	9:00-12:00
Sale	Wednesday 5/5	9:00-7:30
Sale	Thursday 5/6	9:00-7:30
Sale	Friday 5/7	9:00-5:30
Takedown	Saturday 5/8	9:00-12:00

The Friends Annual Book Sale is a great chance for Friends to work together for our goal of raising money for the Library projects and programs that we support. The sale last year brought in \$1200. Plus it is a great way to 'recycle' books! How green is that?! Please sign up for a time to work, drop off donations or stop by and shop! Donations are welcome all year and even during the sale.

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HOLIDAY BOOK SALE UPDATE

In December 2009 the Friends had a Children's Book Sale during story time. Prices were reasonable and the sale made a \$75 profit. The money raised will go towards the Parent Resource Center in the Children's Library. Thanks to 'the Joans - Joan Doyle and Joan Hansen - for helping out during the sale.

NEW FRIENDS BOOK BAGS

Coming soon! Watch for the new book bags which the Friends will be selling soon. It is a really neat bag made of eco-friendly jute and a bit larger than the previous bag - the better to carry more books! It is a lime green and tan two tone gusseted tote bag, 13.5 x 17.5 x 5.5.



It will have the new Friends logo - watch for it and buy one for yourself and all your family and friends!



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DID YOU KNOW?

The Friends of the WJ Niederkorn Library are co-sponsoring the One Book, One Community program, along with the Friends of the Grady Library, and the Port Washington Saukville School District. The title chosen for the 2010 book is *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak. A book discussion will be held on Monday April 12th at 6:30 p.m. An altered book workshop will take place Wednesday April 14th from 6-7 p.m. A workshop on book repair will be held on Wednesday April 21st from 9:30-12:30. A special presentation will be held on Monday, April 19th, by guest speaker Jack Dygola, from the Holocaust Center of Milwaukee. He survived the Holocaust by pretending to be Catholic. His presentation is at 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided by The Friends.



HOT DRINKS IN THE LIBRARY

Have you stopped to enjoy a delicious cup of coffee or a creamy cappuccino while browsing for books at the Library? The Friends purchased the Keurig machine and maintains it for the pleasure of library patrons. There are currently 20 flavors of coffee, tea or cappuccino.



Mudslide, Swiss Mocha, Gourmet Chocolate Cappuccino, Cinnamon Bun, and Pecan Pie are among the favorite flavors offered. The system is easy to use.

Just pay \$1 at the main desk. You will receive a cup and cover, pick your flavor pod and go to the coffee machine by the Lucky Day books. Printed directions will lead you through the process. It takes less than a minute to brew a hot beverage to enjoy on these cool days. Plus you support the Friends!

DELIVERY TO THE HOMEBOUND

One of the services that the W.J. Niederkorn Library would like to provide is delivery of books and materials to the Homebound. Several volunteers have already been trained. Now we need homebound people that would like to receive the service! If you know of anyone who could use delivery of books to his or her home, please call the Library at 284-5031 for more information.

FRIENDS DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY

What happens to the Friends' money? All monies from the Book Store, Book Sale and memberships are used for Library Programs and 'extras'. The Friends purchased the projector for the Community Room, donated to the Tween Program event this past July, donated to the Tom Pease concert, purchased 5 new tables for the Community Room and have donated money towards the purchase of polypropylene bags to be give out at the Circulation Desk for patrons to carry their books home. The Friends of the WJ Niederkorn Library also received many generous memorial donations from the friends and family of Nancy Mersereau. The Executive Board of the Friends designated these dollars for the purchase of a lighted podium for the Community Room. That will benefit Library and community users.

We are frequently asked why we have Book Sales when we have a successful Book Store. First of all, we believe we have a different clientele coming to the sale. They may not even be regular patrons of the Library. They are collectors who buy by the boxful or someone who is interested in only one area, such as history or art. Some people come and browse for an hour or more.

During the ten years since the Annual Book Sale started, we have averaged \$1300 each sale and have recycled many books. However one of the biggest benefits is that it gives the Friends' members an opportunity to come together to work for its success.



ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

On October 15th, the Friends held their annual meeting. President Mary Jo Bichler ran the meeting with many members attending in the Quiet Study Room. Treasurer Melanie Spencer gave the financial report. The new officers were elected: Bob and Bernie Bretl will serve as Co-Presidents. Kay Goodwin will serve as Secretary. Many thanks to Mary Jo for her time as President!