



The Friends



Fall 2014

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We are happy to welcome new LIFE MEMEBER Mary Sarkiewicz and

NEW MEMBERS

Angelina Casellanos	Jill Seifried
Hilde Giesey	Chad Swanson
Benjamin Grand	Alexa Vogt
Claire Krauss	DeDe Winans
Michael LaVant	John Frogberg
Celeste Magers	Christine Kucera
Marie Ann Maytum	Nora Zora

FALL BOOK SALE-S

We need to have a book sale....and soon! In fact, we have so many wonderful books that we're scheduling three sales between now and the end of the year!!

The truth is: we are completely out of space to process all the wonderful donations that we have received since July. That's why we are so looking forward to this year's **Fall Book Sale on October 17, 18 and 19**. All our usual nooks and crannies are crammed to overflowing with books sorted, priced and ready for the sale. And still the donations continue to pour in by the car-load. Do you know a child who would delight in receiving a few good books? All three of our sale rooms are packed with an incredible assortment of excellent children's books. Are you interested in art? We will feature a large assortment of over-sized books retired as part of the Library's ongoing collection management process. This means that we can offer a huge number of beautiful art books both upstairs in our Better Book Room (Meeting Room A) and downstairs in the Friends Room. We have received books on almost every conceivable subject. Are you a sports fan? We have books on sports from basketball to lacrosse and from golf to tennis. We've shelved boxes and boxes of books for your browsing and reading pleasure!! Speaking of pleasure, we have again reorganized the downstairs Friends Room to help our browsers see all that we have to offer. We've given more space to Sports, Gardening and Animals and moved books on Games and Puzzles over by the Games and put them up at eye-level. Come and see!!

We received so many military, history and military modeling books as part of a single large donation that there wouldn't be enough space to do them justice during the regular sale. We are pleased to announce a special sale just for them! On **Saturday, November 8, from 10 – 2** we will have a special **Veteran's Day Sale** in **Meeting Room B**. So if your specialty is Word War II or you know someone who would appreciate some rather unusual military history books...this is the sale for you.



And finally, back by popular demand, our traditional **Kids and Holiday Sale** will be Saturday, December 13 from 10-2 in Meeting Room B. This mini-sale will feature a large assortment of Holiday books for giving and enjoying with the youngest readers in your lives. There will be lots of kid's books that have been very gently read. There will even be some other "gift" quality books available for adults as well. You might even find some special cookbooks for those holiday treats. To help parents do their holiday book shopping, our veteran book reader, Melanie Miller will read stories to the children in the book corner of Meeting Room B. Parents can shop in the room while Melanie entertains the children with a variety of stories from 11 am until noon. An excellent shopping opportunity for those with young children!!

SUMMER BOOK SALE

As some of you probably heard, just as we were starting to set up for our Summer Sale in July, the Library lost power due to a traffic accident at the corner. No power meant no elevators and no lights. But thanks to the quick thinking of Elizabeth Hicks and Dianne Langley and the hard work of our volunteers, all the books were hand-carried up the stairs and sorted onto tables until it was too dark to see. A **HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who helped that night. And we're pleased to report that the sale was very successful and we now have added just under \$9000 to the money being spent on upcoming Library projects.



SPEAKING OF BOXES...

We never seem to have enough boxes. Many donations come in boxes that are too big to lift or too flimsy to hold heavy books. Other donations are left on the floor outside the Friends Room door with no boxes at all. We are constantly looking for more boxes—especially "banker boxes" and copier paper boxes that we are able to reuse many times. If you have these kinds of boxes that you can spare, we'd love to have them. Recently we have partnered with two area businesses that have saved boxes for us: Mobile Print and Fresh Thyme Market have gone out of their way to save boxes for us. Please thank them by visiting them often.



....AND FROM THE SUGGESTION BOX

We asked for your suggestions and have received a couple of requests to have a special Science Fiction mini sale. We would love to do this, but we don't have enough books right now to do so. We are therefore sending out a special request for items in this genre as well as graphic novels and comic books. When we receive enough books we will put them all together and have a special sale. At the very least we will feature them as a special collection at a regular sale. With the announcement that the George Lucas Narrative Arts Museum will be opening in Chicago soon, we anticipate more interest in books of this genre. Please help us put together this special sale for you.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING!!

We often hear from Members asking for a special book. If you are looking for a certain book, we would be more than happy to look for it, as long as you remember that we can only sell what is donated! Drop us an email describing the book. We print these emails and put them above the sorter's table so that our crew of book sorters can check the list as they are organizing the incoming donations. (The Friends email address is FofMPPL@gmail.com) If you don't have email, you can call the Library (847-253-5675) and leave us a message and we'll get back to you. Just remember that we're volunteers and we're not at the Library every day; please give us a week to respond to your phone calls.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Speaking of suggestions, many of our members have asked us if they could please receive our newsletter electronically (email) rather than as a hard copy mailed to your home. The Friends pay first class postage to send the newsletter to our members and postage is the second highest Friends expense (second only to the sales tax we must pay the State.) In looking for ways to contain our costs, retain our book prices (many other sales have raised prices) and provide exceptional service, we are actively exploring this option. If we do opt for an electronic format, there will always be paper copies of the newsletter available to members who choose this format. Stay tuned for changes during 2015.

MIDSUMMER DOWNTOWN BLOCK PARTY

Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce's Midsummer Downtown Block Party was a huge success and the Friends were happy to be a part of the event. Melanie Miller, Ray Cicero and Judy Roraff did a wonderful job passing out books and information about the Friends and had a lot of fun while doing it. Melanie was especially happy to recruit a number of new volunteers from those families that visited the booth.

EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION

It's hard to believe, but the Book Discussion will be closing out 2014 with these three books. October is a month for ghost stories and this year they have chosen Jennifer Cruise's witty retelling of *Turn of the Screw* in Maybe This Time. November finds them reading Laura Moriarty's The Chaperone, a book of unexpected twists and turns. Wally Lamb's Wishin' and Hopin' is sure to be a new holiday favorite. The Friends Evening Book Discussion meets the third Wednesday of every month in Meeting Room B at 7:30 p.m. New Friends are always welcome, but please let us know if you are planning to attend, so we can save a seat for you!!

FRIENDS HELPERS NEEDED

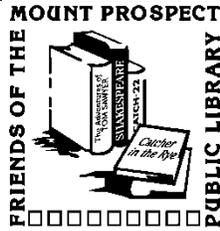
We can use your help! We need volunteers to help us set up before the sale on Thursday evening October 16 (between 6 and 8 pm) and take down after the sale on Sunday afternoon October 19 (between 3:30 and 5pm). This involves moving boxes of books and organizing those books on tables. We have purchased a number of carts that are a wonderful way of moving the boxes around - less lifting and more pushing. We could also use a few cashiers. So, if you have a few hours to spare and would like to help a good cause, please give Melanie Miller a call at (847) 533-2595.

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First Class



Book Sale Schedule

Members Only Night	Friday	October 17, 2014	6:30 – 9:30
General Public	Saturday	October 18, 2014	9:00 – 4:30
General Public	Sunday	October 19, 2014	Noon – 4:00
Veteran's Day Sale	Saturday	November 8, 2014	10-2
Kids & Holiday	Saturday	December 13, 2014	10--2
Members Only Night	Friday	January 16, 2015	6:30 – 9:30
General Public	Saturday	January 17, 2015	9:00 – 4:30
General Public	Sunday	January 18, 2015	Noon – 4:00
Cook Book Sale	Saturday	February 7, 2015	10 am – 2 pm
Members Only Night	Friday	April 17, 2015	6:30 – 9:30
General Public	Saturday	April 18, 2015	9:00 – 4:30
General Public	Sunday	April 19, 2015	Noon – 4:00
South Branch	Saturday	May 9, 2015	11am – 2 pm
Members Only Night	Friday	July 17, 2015	6:30 – 9:30
General Public	Saturday	July 18, 2015	9:00 – 4:30
General Public	Sunday	July 19, 2015	Noon – 4:00