



Friends  
Mount Prospect Public Library

## Welcome New Members

### Life Members

Jim Belohlav and  
Diane Decker

### Good Friends

Bobby and Cathy  
Athans Family

### Members

James Chamberlain  
Noah Eimer  
John & Colleen Foster  
Mike Giovannetti  
Eric Glass  
Frank Gonski  
Joey LoBue  
Bill Moore  
Andrew Murphy  
Martha Nelson  
Niv Orlian  
Steven O'Shea  
Michelle Panicola  
Bette Resmis  
Natalie Seaton  
Dean & Suzanne Showalter  
Rhonda Studer  
Helen Thompson Family  
Rose Wagner Family  
Tony Zisis

# Friends

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## Summer Book Sale July 16-18, 2015

Summer is finally here! Come to the July Book Sale and stock up on vacation reading material for the whole family!! Our tables and shelves are full to capacity. You're sure to find great deals!

Meeting Room A has a large selection of individually priced **Better Books**, a tremendous selection of A/V materials, a large collection of record albums, many books signed by the author and some special Spotlight items. The **25¢ Sale** in Meeting Room B has

more than 10,000 items including an impressive number of CDs and DVDs and lots of Fantasy novels. New to this room is our selection of small hard bound books. Previously these books sold for 50¢ downstairs in the Friends Room; you can now get them for 25¢ upstairs!! The Regularly priced books will be downstairs in the **Friends Sale Room** which is featuring Cook Books. All books are priced at \$1 or 50¢.

Be sure to check out our large selection of

Children's books. All three rooms feature Children's book in the back of the room.

Members, if you can't make it right at 6:30 on Friday when we open, don't despair. If you come at 7:30, you still get an excellent selection and don't have to deal with the crowd.

Bargain hunters keep in mind that it's not unusual for the Friends to sell 40% of the books in the 25¢ Sale Room on Friday night. So plan your Book Sale visit accordingly.

## April Sale and May South Branch

Warm weather helped make the **Spring Book Sale** a rousing success!! With the help of St. Raymond's 8th grade graduating class and Prospect High School volunteers, set-up was done in record time. The books were so well organized and the selection so good that more than 60% of what was displayed in the Better Book room was sold and 90% of the materials in the 25¢ Sale Room were sold!! Our patrons

seemed to enjoy our "garage sale items" and helped us clear the clutter from the Friends Room! The sale earned the Friends over \$7,400.

The May **South Branch Sale** experienced low foot traffic so the sale volume was down from the previous years. The Friends will reevaluate the method of book sales at this location and may change to a permanent book sale trolley instead of an annual sale.

## New Service

Our members and Library staff are enjoying our new "Finder" service. Email us the title and author of a book that you would like to buy. If it is donated, you can pick up the book at the upcoming sale!! Come to the sale and ask for Sue or Laura. In the Better Book Room at the cashier table.

Email us at :

[fofmppl@gmail.com](mailto:fofmppl@gmail.com)

Let us help you find that special book!!

## Featured Volunteer— Michaele (Mike) Skowron



Not only is Michaele Skowron an indefatigable volunteer for so many people and organizations, but she also could easily be classified as a Living Legend in Mount Prospect. Just say the name Mike and we all know who she is!! When Mike retired from the Village Board and was looking for things to do with her free time, she started

coming to The Friends Evening Book Discussion where she has been a valuable member for many years. At the book discussion, we were seeking volunteers and Mike stepped forward to help us cashier at a book sale. Soon she became one of the "anchors" for Friday Night "Members Only" Sales. Through listening to our customers she was able to make some invaluable suggestions as to how to arrange the books we offer for sale. When we agreed to implement many of her suggestions she volunteered to come help us -- to make sure we did it right! The next thing we knew she was coming in and sorting, categorizing and organizing books for each of the

quarterly sales. She has since progressed to be our head trainer of new book shelvees—teaching new volunteers how to get the books in the right locations. As Laura Luteri, one of our long-time volunteers, has said, "We just can't do what Mike does. She works longer and harder than any of us are capable. She's like the Tasmanian Devil when it comes to work....in a good sense!"



## Volunteers Needed

Help Wanted!! Many of our high school volunteers are not available in the summer and cashiers are on vacation so the Friends are in need of set-up and take down helpers and cashiers for the upcoming book sale. It takes about 40 cashiers and 25-30 set-up/take down helpers to run a book sale!! If you have a few hours on Thursday, July 16, Friday July 17, Saturday July 18



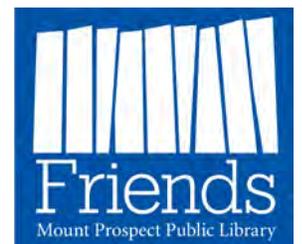
or Sunday July 19, we could sure use your help. Our set-up volunteers arrange books on tables. Our take-down volunteers pack books into boxes for transport downstairs. This is a great opportunity for families, junior high students or high school students looking for service hours. If you are interested, please call Dianne Langley at 847-364-0427

## New, New, New

Hopefully by now you've noticed that the Friends have a new logo. We are proud to say that you will soon be seeing a lot more of that logo. The Friends Board has recently approved purchase of new banners. The large banner will be used at community events such as the Downtown Block Party. The 3-

foot banner will be used at Library events sponsored by the Friends. The Book Sale banners will be placed in the large sign holders that advertise our sales in front of the Library at the street level and the garage level. The Board has also approved the purchase of new book bags and volunteer t-shirts.

We were down to our last 3 volunteer shirts and the last box of book bags!



## Where in the World...

Friends book bags have been seen in some amazing places. If you are traveling this summer, bring your Friends book bag, take a picture and send it to us. We'll feature it in our Fall Newsletter. As you can see, our Friends book bag is visiting Istanbul Turkey with Sharon Langley. Send us your vacation photo with your Friends bag. See yourself in the Fall newsletter!



## Friends Ribbon Wall



If you haven't been to the youth department recently, take some time and head to the new Discovery Zone. The Friends are proud to let you know that they sponsored the Ribbon Wall component of this unique learning center designed for children in grades 1-5. These kids can explore science all around them in the Discovery Zone by checking out the STEAM kits, in-house toys, and much more.

## Get Well!!



As you know, The Friends would not exist without our many volunteers. This past spring many of our volunteers have taken the time for much-needed surgeries and others have suffered illnesses or injuries. We'd like to send a shout out to all of our volunteers among the "walking wounded." Get well—we miss you!!

## Friends Evening Book Discussion

### July

*The Love Song of Jonny Valentine*  
by Teddy Wayne

A satirical tale about America's obsession with fame follows preadolescent pop idol Jonny Valentine, who hides the bitterness and innocence of a child who feels manufactured by his Los Angeles label and hard-partying manager mother.

### August

*The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway

Hemingway's first bestselling novel is a poignant look at the disillusionment and angst of the post-World War I generation, as evidenced in the journey of one group of expatriates from the wild nightlife of 1920s Paris to the brutal bullfighting rings of Spain.

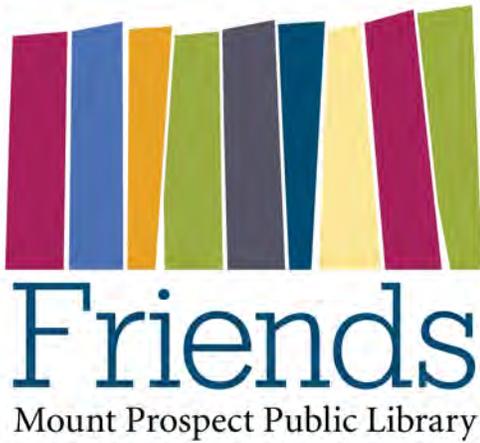
### September

*The Yonahlossee Riding Camp for Girls* by Anton DiSclafani

Exiled to an equestrienne boarding school in the South at the height of the Great Depression for her mysterious role in a family tragedy, strong-willed teen Thea Atwell grapples with painful memories while acclimating to the school's strict environment.

The Friends Evening Book Discussion Group meets the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm in Meeting Room B.

New friends are always welcome.



**First Class**

## Friends Book Sale Schedule

<b>Members Only Night</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 17, 2015</b>	<b>6:30 – 9:30</b>
<b>General Public</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 18, 2015</b>	<b>9:00 – 4:30</b>
<b>General Public</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 19, 2015</b>	<b>Noon – 4:00</b>
<b>Members Only Night</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 16, 2015</b>	<b>6:30 – 9:30</b>
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<b>Kids &amp; Holiday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 12, 2015</b>	<b>10 am – 2 pm</b>
<b>Members Only Night</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 15, 2016</b>	<b>6:30 – 9:30</b>
<b>General Public</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 16, 2016</b>	<b>9:00 – 4:30</b>
<b>General Public</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 17, 2016</b>	<b>Noon – 4:00</b>
<b>Cook Book Sale</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 6, 2016</b>	<b>10 am—2 pm</b>
<b>Members Only Night</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 15, 2016</b>	<b>6:30 – 9:30</b>
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