

# The Friends



Summer 2014

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We are happy to welcome new LIFE MEMEBERS Sharon Grieger, and Marlys Weary and

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Bob Gleixner	Clauss/Corrilius family
Karen Gustafson	Muehlenbein family
Liz Henk	Mezhericher/Vishnevsky family
Janet Lesak	Wu-Hayden family
Jennifer Lewkowski	Ziegenhom family
Mary Jo Thelander	Zupinski family
Jacob Unterberger	

**Welcome!** We hope you will enjoy your membership by attending our book sales. The money from these sales enables us support Library initiatives and programs and improve literacy in the community. Come to our sales or join us as a sale volunteer – we'd love your help!

## SUMMER BOOK SALE

Calling all collectors, have we got a sale for you! Our **Summer Book Sale** on July 18, 19 and 20 is not to be missed!! We have received so many beautiful donations of books on hobbies, sports and other activities that we are adding a new category in **Better Books** (Meeting Room A) called **Hobbies and Collecting**. In addition, we received a large collection of Art books and a movie collection of over 1300 items (more than 60% DVDs!!) And for all you crafters, there will be a **Christmas in July** section. And don't forget our Spotlight Table for those truly one of a kind books and a nice selection of sheet music as well. As usual, the **25¢ Sale** will be in Meeting Room B and the **regularly priced books** will be downstairs in the Friends Sale Room. As members, you get "first dibs" on everything if you come on Friday night. There will be bargains and treasures to be found in all three rooms. Stop by and see what your can find to keep you busy this summer.



## WINTER AND SPRING BOOK SALES

The winter weather slowed us all down this year. The donations were down for the winter sale as well as the revenue. Things have really turned around with the warmer weather. The spring book sale brought in over \$7000 which made all of us happy. We also found homes for most of the leftovers. So, all in all, it was a successful second quarter. Thanks to all of you that help make it so much fun to support the Library.

## SOUTH BRANCH BOOK SALE

On Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> we held a sale at the Community Connections Center (South Branch) at 1711 W. Algonquin Rd just west of Busse. We featured books in English, Polish, Korean and Spanish for kids, teens and adults. The goal of the sale was to get books into as many homes as possible. We raised almost \$100 which, at 25¢ each, means we sold nearly 400 items and put books in homes where there aren't usually a lot of books. The kids really enjoyed the program we sponsored at the same time. It was a fun day for all of us.



## THANK YOU

On Saturday June 7, we had the pleasure of saying “**THANK YOU!**” to our more than 75 volunteers who help us throughout the year. This year we invited them to a luncheon with a **CARNIVAL** theme. We also thanked our special guest; David Jacobson from Prospect High School, for getting his Service Club students involved with the set-up and take-down at our sales. Everyone who was able to come had a terrific time. Special thanks to our committee: Ray Cicero, Barbara Green, Elizabeth Hicks, Pat Klawitter, Laura Luteri, Melanie Miller, Judy Roraff and Sue Wolf for making the event so much fun. We also want to thank the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation for lending us their popcorn popper and Jackie Hinaber for being our fortune teller.

## MIDSUMMER DOWNTOWN BLOCK PARTY

The Friends will once again be participating in the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce Midsummer Downtown Block Party. As many of you know, the Chamber has been camping out at the Library while they search for a new home after their offices were destroyed in a fire. Under the circumstances, it is remarkable that they didn't miss a beat and the Block Party will go on as planned. We will be sharing a booth with the Library and the Library Foundation. Please stop by on Saturday afternoon, July 26 to say hello and to pick one free book – we will have a large assortment for all ages.



## EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION



The Library's Summer Reading program, “Discover the Magic”, is now in full swing. The Friends Evening Book Discussion group is ready to participate as they enjoy this summer's selections. July is the rags to riches tale Kane and Abel by Jeffrey Archer. August is Tana French's thriller The Likeness. And the end of the summer finds us reading Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter by Tom Franklin a Southern author of note. 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.

## GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

We are pleased to report that we were able to turn the money we raised at the South Branch sale this spring into gifts for the facility almost immediately. We purchased book display spinners for the Community Connections Center. In addition to all the promotional materials and prizes for both the adult and youth Summer Reading Programs, we purchased 6000 report card stickers that were used in the schools to remind the students to read over summer break. Last month we sponsored the Library staff's recognition "Pat on the Back" Luncheon. And, finally, the memorial garden for George Luteri was finished. We've been very busy.



As many of you know, eBooks are changing how Americans read. Over the past several years we have noticed that many people who bought, quickly read and donated paperback books to the Library are now reading those *quickies* on their eReaders. Where we once received thousands of these "pocket" books every quarter and sold them to raise money for the Library, we are no longer getting large quantities of the "newest" and "hottest" fiction in paperbacks. The books we are receiving are older and less gently read which gives us a large selection for the 25¢ room and the reason why we have the 25¢ sale at every sale. Other Library book sales are having the same problem and some Friends groups have even disbanded altogether. The bottom line is that we are working harder than ever to bring you the best we can at each and every sale. But we can't sell you what we don't have!

That brings us to our continuing question, "**How can we raise money for the Mount Prospect Public Library while continuing to serve the literary needs of the community?**" We are looking for suggestions from our members. If you have an idea, feel free to stop one of the Friends Board members at the sale and let us know. You can find us working during the sale wearing a teal Library shirt.

One suggestion we have heard is that we should run the Friends Room as a book store. We've explored this possibility but it isn't feasible for several reasons: we just don't have the man power and we don't have the space. In between sales, the Friends Room is used for sorting incoming donations. It takes over 600 man-hours each sale for our volunteers to sort, price and shelve all the items we offer and we need the Friends Room to do that. You couldn't pay anyone enough to do all this work. That's why the Friends treasure all our volunteers and appreciate all they do for us.

## HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

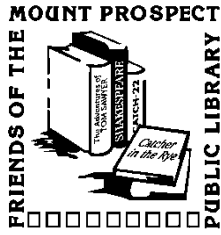
We have not included the list of Good Friends and Life Members in this issue because we wanted to bring you all the Friends news without adding an expensive extra page.

Please remember how much we appreciate the support of all our special members. They are listed on our website and will be recognized annually in our Newsletter..

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First Class



**Book Sale Schedule**

Members Only Night	Friday	July 18, 2014	6:30 – 9:30
General Public	Saturday	July 19, 2014	9:00 – 4:30
General Public	Sunday	July 20, 2014	Noon – 4:00
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
Kids & Holiday	Saturday	December 13	10 am – 2 pm
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