

The **F**riends of the North Shore Library

Fall 2016 Newsletter

A Note from the Board

From the Friends Board

The start of another school year, a time to continue or renew your acquaintance with the many services at the North Shore Library. In addition to traditional information on books and CDs, the library staff can offer help with many kinds of research, computer questions, art works to check out, movies, story hours and other programs for all ages.

The Friends of the North Shore Library handles all book donations, including library discards. Books are received, sorted and arranged for sale. Shelves are filled daily by our tireless volunteers. Your book purchases for a good read or a good gift support the library's greater mission and empower its clients with information, entertainment and pleasure.

Last March, Friends held another successful Book Sale. Proceeds from the Spring sale, from our continuing sales, from Book Bags, and from memberships allowed the Friends to again donate \$29,000 to the North Shore Library.

On a sunny Saturday, last May 21, the North Shore Library celebrated its 30th birthday. There were outdoor games, tours of the library, presentations, a Nicolet band concert, and birthday cake.

In conjunction with the birthday week and one of its special programs, the Friends held their Annual Meeting on May 17. Our speaker was author and TV personality Alamelu Vairavan, who presented an Indian cooking lecture and demonstration.

Members, volunteers and donors all play key roles in the mission of the North Shore Friends. We thank you all.

Evelyn Ericson
President



Celebrating the Past and Looking to the Future

The North Shore Library's 30th Birthday Party was a great success! Our indoor visitor count was 1,359 and we know many never came into the building. It was a lovely spring day and everyone seemed to have a fun time! This really was a great Community Event with so many of the area businesses and organizations participating. WaterStone Bank sponsored the Children's Area which included Pony rides, a Jump house, Games and balloons. Light House of BeaverCreek sponsored a Historical Program, What's Poppin' provided a popcorn fundraiser for the NSL Foundation, Robert Haack Diamonds provided prize coupons, Flash Images took photos of the day, DTS Images provided the giant banner, Glendale Chamber of Commerce helped in the planning and Best Version Media provided advertising for the event. Cost Cutters did hair color and design for the kids while Nailistic painted kids nails. Elements Massage did chair massages for the adults and offered a fun game for the kids. Master Z's provided foosball and ping pong. The North Shore Fire Department brought the Smoke House, Sparky the mascot and a Firetruck, Better Earth provided drop off recycling and Schlitz Audubon brought some live critters for the kids to meet. Food was provided by Sprecher's Restaurant & Pub, Dr. Dawg and Eddie's E-A-T Concessions. The Friends of the Library provided and served the birthday cake, which disappeared in a record 25 minutes!

While celebrating the first 30 years was great fun, the Library Board has now turned its attention to the future. The Library Board is committed to remodeling our current space to better serve our Communities into the future. The Board has selected a Consultant to create a Building Program. The Building Program will outline approximately 50 functional areas in the library including the specific uses and needs of each area and the adjacency to other areas. It will consider current and future demographics, community needs and future trends in library services. The completed Building Program will be used by an architect to create a design. We are in the process of getting funds approved for the Building Program work by our four communities. Once the funds are in place, the Consultant will meet with Library Staff, Board Members, Friends and Foundation members, Village and City Trustees and Community Members to learn more about our Community needs and to plan for the future. Please "like" the Library on Facebook, watch the Library website and your Community website for more information about the Community Meetings. We want your input about the future of Your North Shore Library.

Susan Draeger-Anderson, Director

Adult and Reference Services Staff



Judy Kowalski, Head of Adult Services

I received a BA degree in Business Administration and Behavioral Science from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee. A few years later, I attained my Master's degree in Library and Information Science from UW-Milwaukee.

I remember organizing my books on a closet shelf and walking to the neighborhood library all the time when I was in grade school, so it is no surprise that I chose Library Science as a career.

I started at North Shore Library when it was still in the Stormonth School building in Fox Point as a Library Tech Assistant. As I was still in Library School, it was a great opportunity to merge academic studies with real library employment. We moved into our current location in April of 1986, the very day I was taking the comprehensive exam for the MLS degree. So I have truly seen North Shore Library go from a small corner library to the facility it is today.

My major job duties include Reference, Collection Development/Cataloging of adult materials, book displays and I am on the Cataloging Committee for the Milwaukee County Federated Library System. I also do the New Books list that is featured in this newsletter.

Now as Head of Adult Services, I continue to enjoy helping people with reference and new book selection. With our upcoming remodel I am looking forward to seeing the North Shore Library turn another chapter as the great community resource it is.

My off work interests include reading nonfiction, YA fiction, gardening and baking.

Adult and Reference Services Staff (continued)



Mitch Hahn

Head of Reference and Technical Services

I have been with the North Shore library since 2001. I started as a part time librarian and I became Head of Reference and Technical Services in 2011. I got my degree in Library Science from UW-Milwaukee. Currently I buy the DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks for the library.

For the past several years I have been running the Tuesday Movie Fest which features foreign films that correspond to the ethnic festivals at the lakefront. Last February I held the first Winter Nights Film Fest, a mini version of the Tuesday Movie fest. Cake and popcorn are served at all the movies.

I also run the Rita Gecht Book Club. We have a great group of people and lively book discussions. We meet the first Wednesday of the month at 12:15, and everyone is welcome.

Outside of the library I enjoy reading, taking my dogs for walks, cooking, and watching the Packers.



Nicole Schmiesing

Hi! My name is Nicole Schmiesing, and I am the newest Adult Services Librarian, starting here at the beginning of August. I am originally from a small town in Central Minnesota, where I regularly patronized my local library. This started a love of public libraries that has never left me. I attended college at Minnesota State University Moorhead, which is located on the Minnesota/North Dakota border, and I received a Bachelor's Degree in English and Communication Studies. It was there I officially decided to pursue a Master's Degree in Library Science. In December 2014, I moved to Milwaukee to attend grad school at University of Wisconsin Milwaukee. I was lucky enough to have two internships that I vastly enjoyed at local public libraries (Hales Corners and St. Francis) before I graduated with a MLIS this summer.

I am so excited to be a part of the North Shore Library community. Some of my favorite parts of being a librarian are helping people and programming. One program that I am starting this fall is called "Book a Librarian," where people can reserve an individual session with me, and I'll help them set up their smartphone or tablet with library resources, such as Overdrive, our e-book collection, and the CountyCat app. Just call or stop in to set up an appointment. Hope to see you at the library soon!

Friends Board member Nancy Wenzler of Glendale died peacefully on June 24, 2016.

Nancy loved the North Shore Library, especially the Children's area. She was a volunteer at the library for over 25 years, and a Friends Board member for many of those years.

She was also an active member of the Glendale Woman's Club and Memorial Lutheran Church. She is survived by her three children, Becky (Tom) Druml, John (Carol) Wenzler, and Susan (Finian) O'Regan. Also by grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The Friends Room of the North Shore Library will be named the Nancy Wenzler Room in honor of her many years of dedicated service.



New Books

Fiction:

- Among the Wicked* — Linda Castillo
Before the Fall — Noah Hawley
Black Widow — Daniel Silva
Bullseye — James Patterson
Curious Minds — Janet Evanovich
Damaged — Lisa Scottoline
Insidious — Catherine Coulter
Modern Lovers — Emma Straub
Sting — Sandra Brown
Sweet Tomorrows — Debbie Macomber
The Woman in Cabin 10 — Ruth Ware
Truly Madly Guilty — Liane Moriarty
Underground Airlines — Ben H. Winters
Weekenders — Mary Kay Andrews

Non-Fiction:

- Algorithms to live by: the computer science of human decisions* — Brian Christian and Tom Griffiths
American Heiress: the wild saga of the kidnapping, crimes and trial of Patty Hearst — Jeffrey Toobin
Invisible Influence: the hidden forces that shape behavior — Jonah Berger
Milwaukee in the 1930s: a Federal Writers Project City Guide — edited by John D. Buenker
Seinfeldia: how a show about nothing changed everything — Jennifer Keishin Armstrong
You'll Grow Out of It — Jessi Klein



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