

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

Fall 2017 Newsletter

## A Note from the Board

Dear Friends,

The North Shore Library has been a hive of activity this past summer. Children's programs were especially popular, adult classes and Tuesday night movies were well attended, and as always, researchers and readers of all ages found a welcome here.

Last March, the Friends of the North Shore Library held another successful book sale in the library Community Room. Proceeds from the sale, plus on-going sales from the Friends "wall of books" and the tables in the library allowed us to donate nearly \$30,000 to the North Shore Library. These funds are used to augment purchases for programming, equipment needs and collections.

In July, we said goodbye to Judy Kowalski, our Head of Adult Services, when she retired after 32 years as a librarian. Judy started her library career at the Fox Point/Bayside Library in Stormonth School, and then transitioned to the North Shore Library when it opened in 1986. Our best wishes to you, Judy. We will miss you!

Due to the generosity of our donors, we will hold our first Fall Book Sale on October 12-15, 2017. We do appreciate your donations of no longer needed and "gently used" materials for the sale. (Damaged and distressed goods appeal to no one.) We will have many wonderful books, CDs, and DVDs available for your purchase at the sale. This will be a good time to replenish your own library and also to shop for gifts. We hope to see you there!

Evelyn Ericson, Friends President

## What's happening at the Library . . .

We had such a busy summer at the North Shore Library! Special thanks go to the Friends of the Library who support all of our programs and special events. Because of this generous support, the Children's Department was able to hold more than 70 classes and programs! We also offered 22 programs for adults including Tuesday Fest Movies, Technology Classes, Book Clubs, an Italian Summer Picnic Cooking Class and more. The Friends of the Library support allows us to purchase prizes for both the Children's and Adult Summer Reading Programs. This year 880 Children and 127 adults participated in our Summer Reading Programs.

We have added a couple of new services at the library. We now have a Homebound Delivery Service for residents who are temporarily or permanently homebound and would like to have access to library materials. If you or a friend could benefit from this service, please call or stop in for more information. The Friends of the Library are funding our new **Lucky Day Book Collection!** We are using these extra funds to buy additional copies of high demand books. Patrons cannot place holds on these items. If you come into the library and find one of these very popular items on the Lucky Day Shelf — it is your **Lucky Day** because you get to check it out.

Our remodeling project is moving along. We have completed the Building Program and have presented this to the leaders of our four communities. We will move into the next phase in 2018. We will hire an architect to use the Building Program to do a preliminary Architectural and Engineering Study. This will provide us with drawings and a more accurate cost estimate so that fundraising can begin. Thanks to everyone who took part in our online survey and focus groups!

Susan Draeger-Anderson, Director

# Summer Reading Program

## BUILD A BETTER WORLD™

The Youth Services Department at the North Shore Library had another exciting summer hosting our annual Summer Reading Program. Our Summer Reading Program is made possible by the generous donations from the Friends of the North Shore Library and is free to all participants. Our 2017 Summer Reading Program slogan was “Build a Better World” with themes on engineering, architecture, conservation, and community service. Participants ranged in age from 0-18 years old.

Our Summer Reading Program is designed to encourage children and teens to read during the summer months and reward them for their hard work. As part of our program, children and teens earn incentives for the reading they do during the summer. We also provide children, teens and families with fun and hands-on learning opportunities. The goal of our program is to combat summer learning loss among children and teens living in the communities we serve.

Children and teens earned coupons to local attractions like the State Fair, Discovery World, Milwaukee Brewers, Milwaukee Public Museum, and many more. Many of these coupons were provided by the Milwaukee Public Library and the MCFLS Youth Services Committee. Local businesses in our communities also generously donated to our program. Local incentives include coupons for Breadsmith, Sprecher Restaurant and Pub, and Schlitz Audubon Nature Center. In addition, every child and teen who completed the summer reading program received a book of their choice as their final prize.

This summer, 880 babies, children, and teens participated in our reading program and 413 participants completed the program. We also brought back the Summer Reading Bingo program. The Summer Reading Bingo is a weekly program available to children and teens that lists 25 reading, writing or outdoor activities. Participants could earn an additional prize by completing activities that result in a Bingo score. 235 children and teens participated in our Reading Bingo program, 85 more than last year.

To connect to our theme we had a LEGO Monument of the Week Challenge for children of all ages. This weekly activity quickly became a family and staff favorite! Each week we displayed a new LEGO monument in the front of the library. The monument was a LEGO miniature of a real monument located somewhere around the world. Children could submit the name and location of the monument for a chance to win a prize at the end of summer. This program offered children an opportunity to practice research skills, build their background knowledge, learn global geography, and have positive interactions with library staff. During our summer reading program we offered 65 programs and classes for children and teens. A total of 1,992 people attended our programs this summer, up 735 from last year’s program attendance. We kicked off the start of summer with a scavenger hunt, a dog trick show, and an ice cream party. A record number of 175 people attended our Kick-Off Party.

To connect with this year’s theme we invited community helpers to the library to talk to patrons about what they do in our community. Officer Guse from the Glendale Police Department visited the library with his canine partner Officer Boomer. Firefighter Dave visited the library, read stories, and spoke about fire safety. Other activities offered by the library this summer included a hike through Kletzsch Park led by the Urban Ecology Center and a builder’s workshop led by The Home Depot.

We concluded our summer reading program with two prize parties. We played games, made crafts, and enjoyed cake at our “End of Summer Celebration.” At our “Teen Prize Party” we announced the winners of our teen raffle. The grand prizes were two Kindle Fire HD8s. We raffled off 36 additional prizes, including gift cards, candy, books, movies, and posters.



We are already excited to begin planning activities for next year’s summer reading program.

The theme of next year’s program is music. The slogan is “Libraries Rock!”

Thanks to our sponsor, the Friends of the North Shore Library, for helping make the summer a success!

## Circulation Staff

### **Kathy Manning**

#### ***Head of Circulation Services***

I took a circuitous route to the world of public libraries. With degrees in Computer Engineering Technology and Industrial Management from MSOE, my first career was at the phone company. Changes led to a second career of in-home health care and care

management. My third career started at the Germantown Community Library which ultimately brought me here in 2008 as the Head of Circulation Services. I have been Interim Director twice at the North Shore Library, and I am near the completion of my Masters of Library and Information Science degree.

I couldn't ask for a better group of Circulation Services staff. Customer Service is the focus of all of the nineteen full and part-time circulation staff. Last year we averaged checking in or out 1,655 items each day. The circulation aides are always looking to improve the customer experience. I randomly picked three staff members to introduce to you.

### **Mary**

#### ***Circulation Aide***

I am a retired nurse and was fortunate to find a job as Circulation Aide after retirement. I have been at the library since 2003, and I work about twelve hours a week. This job has been a great way to meet people and has made me feel part of the community. I am often telling my children and grandchildren how wonderful a library is.



### **Heather**

#### ***Circulation Aide***

I have been a Circulation Aide since May of 2016. I feel very fortunate to have this position. I really enjoy meeting and talking with patrons. I received my BA in French from Saint Mary's College. Although I don't have a degree in Library Sciences, I do

my very best to be sure to provide the right answers to patron questions.

In addition to this part-time job, I volunteer as a docent at the Milwaukee Art Museum and teach Catholic Formation.



### **Valerie**

#### ***Circulation Aide***

For as long as I can remember, libraries have been a very important part of my life, first as a child on weekly trips to find new books or attend programs, then as a teenager as part of our local teen advisory group, and now as I am planning a career in the library world. I am

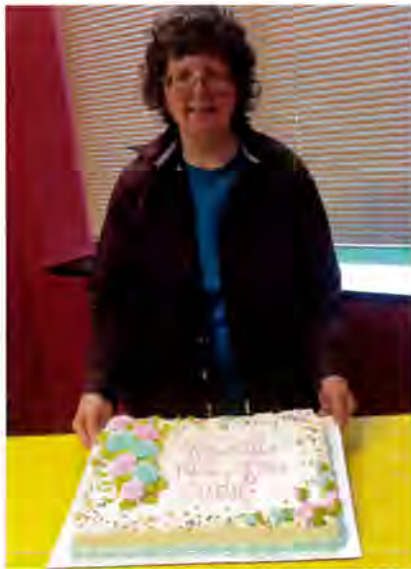
currently on my way towards earning an Information Sciences degree at UW Milwaukee and eventually will be working towards a Masters in Library Sciences. My time here at the North Shore Library began just a few short months ago but I am looking forward to a long tenure. In my spare time outside of reading, I enjoy such creative outlets as drawing, painting, baking, and crocheting.



## Judy Kowalski Retires

After more than 32 years with the North Shore Library, Judy Kowalski has retired.

Judy began working for the Fox Point-Bayside Library in Stormonth School as a part-time Desk Clerk on June 5, 1985. She worked on her Masters in Library Science degree while working part-time at the library. Judy was on staff when the Fox Point-Bayside Library became the North Shore Library and moved into its current location at 6800 N. Port Washington Road in May 1985. She graduated, earning her MLS degree in December of 1986 and was promoted to a part-time librarian position in January 1987. Judy started working full time in January of 1988 when she was promoted to Head of Adult Services. She held that position until her retirement in July 2017.



When asked what she liked most about her librarian position at the North Shore Library, Judy responded that she loved working with the Friends Group, doing Reference, Managing the Collection and doing the Cataloging — so pretty much her favorite part is the WHOLE JOB! We will miss Judy's friendly, perky positive attitude. She has promised to be a regular patron. We hope she will keep her word.

## Reminder: Help Raise Money for the North Shore Library with AmazonSmile

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## Friends of North Shore Library Book Sale

**Thursday, October 12**  
**5 - 7:30 pm**

**Friday, October 13**  
**10 am - 4 pm**

**Saturday, October 14**  
**10 am - 4 pm**

**Sunday, October 15**  
**1 - 4 pm**

*Book Donations are Welcome*

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