

The Friends of the North Shore Library

Fall 2022 Newsletter

From the Board

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our fall season at the North Shore Library. We are so glad to have you as an energetic, curious, and involved group of people who are constantly reaching out for new ideas and for the sheer joy of reading. Our Friends shelves and tables continue to offer changing selections to challenge and entertain you.

After cancelling five book sales due to the pandemic, we have scheduled our first sale since October of 2019. The dates are October 21, 22, and 23 of 2022. Details on page 3 of this Newsletter. Your support has allowed the Friends to give the Library a check for \$30,330 this Spring.

We are happy to announce the hiring of a new North Shore Library Director, Rhonda Gould. May 16, 2022 was Rhonda's first day working with us.

But we are sad to announce the departure of our dedicated and long-time board member, Joan Tarachow, who has moved to Madison.

Now at the start of our 37th year, North Shore Library is on the cusp of a new era. As of June 30, all four of our communities (Bayside, Fox Point, Glendale, and River Hills) have signed the agreement to support the new Library building project in Bayside. Ground breaking is scheduled for the Spring of 2023.

Evelyn Ericson, President
Friends of the North Shore Library



*Circulation Area
Architectural Rendering*

What's happening at the Library...

Hello North Shore Library Friends!

Thank you all for the warm welcome I've received since I started as the library director here at the North Shore Library. I am very happy to be back in Wisconsin, and close to family and friends. My husband Mike and I have adult daughters and a six year old grandson (Tristan, aka Nugget) in the area, and my parents are with an easy driving distance.

I was most recently the executive director at the Walla Walla County Rural Library District in Washington State, and before that I worked as a public library consultant in Tacoma, WA and at Lakeshores Library System in Waterford, Wisconsin as their youth services and



special needs consultant. I served as president of both the Washington and Wisconsin Library Associations and president of the Association for Specialized, Government, and Cooperative Library Services (a division of the American Library Association). I was also on the 2008 and 2017 Caldecott committees, and chaired the committee in 2017. I am currently in the middle of my 3rd three-year term on ALA Council, the association's largest governing body; and serving on an advisory committee for ALA's Office of Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach.

Mike and I bought a 120 year old house on the East Side and we are gradually settling in along with three cats and a lot of books! I'm a long time member of Sweet Adelines, which promotes women's a cappella singing barbershop-style, and I'm hoping to join a chorus in the area soon. I am infatuated with New Orleans and travel there often for the music and the food.

To say that there are many exciting things happening here at North Shore Library is an understatement. There is an infectious energy (and something contagious that is a good thing!) here with new staff, the building project, capital campaign, in-person programming, and a desire to serve our patrons to the best of our abilities.

I'm looking forward to getting know more of you in the coming months and thank you all for the great work you do in supporting our library!

Rhonda Gould

NSL Friends

October 2022

It's exciting times for the North Shore Library. Rhonda Gould is our new Director. Among her many duties, she is fully involved in our New, Best, Different approach. You'll read about her here in the newsletter. Come in and meet her; I think you'll agree. She's a fantastic addition to our staff.

NSL's new building fund raising campaign has begun in earnest. All our communities are once again joined in supporting this North Shore library. This support will allow us to continue supporting the programs that our communities have come to enjoy into the future. The building's shell (\$4,800,000) has been donated by Bill LaMaccia and the developer Cobalt. Our new 24,000+ Square foot facility will be located in Bayside on a 25 acre project at the corner of Port Washington Rd and Brown Deer Rd. This represents an increase of 50% over our current facility. The architects, Rinka, inform us that construction will commence next Spring. Rinka has several projects in the area. Their most familiar is the exterior area at the FISERV downtown. NSL will once again be located on the ground floor of a multi-use building. Apartments will be located above. Plentiful parking and a drive up book drop, an enclosed library-only access green space in addition to an adjacent exterior community green space are among the new location's exterior features. It will be great for safe outdoor kids programs. The interior features a community room available at all hours. The children's area will have private washroom facilities in addition to a private mother's room for the little ones. Children represent roughly 50% of our library's usage. Additionally, a quiet, natural lit area, will be provided for our more mature patrons. Several more multiple sized study rooms have replaced our "study closets". Behind the scenes our new back room facilities promise economical book processing. Currently NSL circulates approximately 235,000 items annually. Our NSL Friends have not been forgotten. They will have greater sales visibility and a larger working/storage area. I urge you to see our website to view architectural renderings. We believe that Rinka has created a "New, Best, Different" library for the North Shore Community.

Our North Shore Library has benefited for 37 years from Glendale's donation of our current facility. Other than a \$100,000+ purchase for additional book stack area our communities have spent virtually nothing on the building's "Capital" expenses during NSL's lifetime. Our taxes have covered 'operating' expenses.

It is these expenditures that support our many programs and staff. Our communities' budgets are tight and they never have had to shoulder NSL's 'Capital' costs. The new space is given to NSL as an unimproved totally empty shell. The architects' description is "Dark and Cold". The Capital Campaign is raising funds to cover all heating and air conditioning, electrical, plumbing, fixtures, walls, doors, painting and floor coverings, light fixtures, video equipment, and furniture.

We are extremely fortunate to have Marianne Lubar and Bud Selig as our Capital Fund Co-Chairs. They, however, cannot be expected to do it all. Now is the time for all of us to support our NSL Capital Budget to build out the interior and furnish the library.

Summer Reading 2022

The North Shore Library had a wonderful summer reading program this year! The theme "Oceans of Possibilities" proved to be quite popular with our water-loving patrons. This was the first "in-person" program held since the onset of the pandemic, and while our counts are down from the immediate pre-pandemic years, we are very happy with the number of participants this year.

We provided weekly bingo sheets with literacy activities for kids to complete and return for an opportunity to win a prize. 441 total bingo sheets were returned during the seven weeks of the program. 280 children registered on Beanstack, the tracking software/app used for reading programs and 194 reading logs were returned in person by kids and teens. 89% of the kids registered on Beanstack were from our service areas of Bayside, Fox Point, Glendale, and River Hills. The youngest students registered on Beanstack were 4 and the oldest was 12.5, however we know from the paper logs that we had participants older and younger that were not Beanstack registered.

In addition to the reading program, weekly in person storytimes resumed in June and we had programs provided by the Racine Zoo and magician Glen Gerard which were held in Ellsworth Park in Bayside. Staff decorated the children's room with iridescent streamers, jellyfish suspended from the ceiling, a "porthole" which changed views weekly, and the service desks were turned in to aquariums.

The Library thanks all of the Friends for their generous sponsorship and support of our summer programming, prizes, and activities!

Library Staff



Niki Maher

Hi I am Niki Maher. After a 13 year hiatus from public libraries (was a stay at home mom, I have 3 girls), I joined North Shore as a sub in May. I am now a permanent part time Youth Services Librarian here. I'm so excited to be here and

look forward to meeting all of the Friends, thank you for your support of our library!



Haley Samuelson

Hi! I am Haley Samuelson and I am the new Head of Adult Services here at the North Shore Library. I have been working in various Adult Services roles for just under 20 years in libraries in Illinois and Iowa. I earned my MS in

Library and Information Sciences from the University of Illinois and was honored to be named a Library Journal Mover and Shaker in 2020. I live in Whitefish Bay with my husband, Scott, son, Elijah, and our Greyhound rescue Zoey.



Christine Rickabaugh

Christine Rickabaugh is a recovering Kindergarten teacher who spent 12 years in classroom before returning to UWM in 2020 to get her masters in library science. She graduated in December of 2020 with her Master

of Library and Information Science and a public library concentration. In addition to her time here at NSL, she also works at the Golda Meir Library on the UWM campus. When she's not in a library, Christine enjoys spending time with her family, reading, and volunteering at her church.

Fall 2022 Book Sale

Friday Oct. 21: 10am-4pm
Saturday Oct. 22: 10am-4pm
Sunday Oct. 23: 1pm-4pm

All Adult Materials \$1.00
Children Materials \$0.25

Donations Welcome.
Masks Strongly Encouraged.



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*Adult Area
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Friends of the North Shore Library

It's Renewal Time

Fall, 2022

Dear Friends of the North Shore Library

Thanks to your and our community's donations and our book & media sales, we donated approx. \$30,300 to our library last year including funds for:

Youth Services:

- Summer reading Program
- Storytime Supplies and Toys
- Wonderbooks

Adult Services:

- Adult Books and Media
- Adult programming and Outreach
- Share Shed/Puzzles

Yearly Renewals:

- Kanopy and Movie Licensing USA
- Zoo Passes
- Hot Spots and SWANK Movie Licensing

We are very grateful for your ongoing support of the library. Please join FRIENDS again by completing the enclosed card and sending it with your check to:

Friends of the North Shore Library
6800 N. Pt. Washington Rd.
Glendale, WI. 53209

Thank you,
Evelyn Ericson, President
Barb Rossi, Membership