

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

Spring 2017 Newsletter

A Note from the Board

Dear Friends,

Here are some of the North Shore Library's happenings since last Fall.

Changes to our physical plant. We now have new carpeting and brighter paint colors in the entrance and children's area for a lighter and more welcoming appearance.

As always, an extensive program schedule, with particular emphasis on children's programming. Check our website and/or the library staff for details.

New heavy-duty adult book bags for sale (royal blue with black handles), available March 10. Still only \$10.00.

A decision by the Friends to hold TWO Book Sales this year, due to more library discards and the generosity of many of our friends. Save these dates:

Spring Book Sale and Bake Sale. Thursday, March 16, through Sunday, March 19. More information elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Fall Book Sale. Thursday, October 12, through Sunday, October 15. We will need many volunteers to set up, sell, and clean up for these events.

We are also looking for a volunteer (a few hours per month) to do computer scanning for our donated books, to help in the sorting and selling process.

Our mission as Friends of the North Shore Library is to support, preserve and grow our library resources, and to provide a community center for your thoughtful learning and pleasure. Enjoy your library!

Evelyn Ericson
President



What's Happening at the Library?

We have had a very busy fall and early winter at the North Shore Library! In November, Library Specialist Bill Wilson led seven public focus groups with 69 attendees to discuss the future of the North Shore Library. He also met with the staff, the Library Board, the Friends of the Library Board and the North Shore Library Foundation Board members. In December, Bill facilitated an online survey. 573 citizens responded to the survey. Overwhelmingly, the one change participants agreed is needed is to enlarge the Children's Room to include the Children's nonfiction books. Bill will be presenting more information about the focus groups, survey and his Building Program plans at two Public Meetings on Thursday, March 23, at 2:30 and 6:30 pm. I hope you will plan to attend.

These Meetings have been postponed. Please check the North Shore Library website for future dates.

In December, the North Shore Library Foundation worked with Kern's Carpets and Jim Burg Painting to provide a short term "facelift" to the entry hall and the Children's Room. Fresh paint and carpet have really helped to improve these two areas! The Friends of the Library also purchased a new Train Table and a Lego Table. I hope you will stop in to see our new look.



New this winter are Technology Classes. Call or stop in for a schedule of classes on Computer, Internet and Email Basics. Class sizes are limited so registration is required. Do you have a device that you would like to use for downloading e-books or digital magazines? You can now "Book-a-Librarian" to work with you to get your device up and running with some great titles. Call the library to set up a time to work one-on-one with a Librarian.

Children's winter programming is in full swing. There are early literacy classes and events for all ages, as well as book clubs and a new Lego Club. Kids can even read to a special Therapy Dog on Saturdays. There is no reason to be bored with all of these fun and educational opportunities available. Don't forget to check our website for class times and upcoming Spring Break programs.

We hope to see you at one of our Public Meetings on March 23!
Susan Draeger-Anderson, Director

Library Staff

Jar Xiong

(Jar Xiong has worked as a shelver at the North Shore Library for more than three years. She is studying Nursing at UWM.)



The afternoon of December 30, 2016, I began my journey to the country of Laos, a journey that I had spent a good year planning and dreaming about. Before writing about my amazing experience in Laos, I would like to tell a little bit about myself. My English name is Jar, however in Hmong it means "bright." I was born in Fresno, California, from two brave parents whose families were Hmong refugees fleeing to America because of the Vietnam War. I grew up in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and had a wonderful childhood. In fact, the Sheboygan community was so caring and inspiring that I grew up well rooted in my Hmong heritage, which molded and shaped me to be the woman I am today.

When I was a child I would watch shows of beauty pageants and only dreamed that one day I could be one of those beautiful ladies changing the world for

the better. That one day did come, and in a very short moment not only did I win one beauty pageant but two. In 2012, I won Miss Hmong Wisconsin and in 2015, I won Miss Hmong International in Fresno, California. During my year of Miss Hmong Wisconsin, my goal was to donate money and help build a library in rural Laos where children had little or no education. Building a library would cost about \$35,000, but with the help of the Sheboygan community we made the library possible. Sure enough a library was built in Nonghet, Laos, one the poorest villages in Laos.

After winning Miss Hmong International I made it my goal to visit the Library of Nonghet, and I wasn't going empty handed. I wanted to donate as many books as possible to the library for the children there. And this is

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where my journey started.

I finally got to my destination high up in the mountains of Laos, Nonghet. There I taught an English learning course for two different grades. I was hoping for 7-10 students in each class but I got more than 35 students for each class. The students learned so much and were such fast learners. I gave them each a pack of crayons, a pen and a notebook to write with. There wasn't much for me to teach them with, but I found a really old white board that I used for the rest of the month. The students were eager to come to school every day, and in the evening they would take me touring around their village. I also donated \$2,000 worth of books to the Nonghet library. I was shocked to see that the library was so empty. The librarian there told me that they don't have a borrowing system like we do

here in America. If a child wants a book they are welcome to take the book home. If they finish reading the book they can either return the book to the library or keep it. When the children saw the boxes of books arriving on the doorsteps of the library, they were ecstatic. Everyone followed me to the library and couldn't wait to pick a book. I told the students before I left that knowledge is like a bowl of rice. The bowl of rice you eat feeds your body the way a book you read feeds your brain.

I could not have gone on this wonderful trip without the help of my sponsors, Union Market in Sheboygan, Dr. David Blong Lee, along with my amazing workplace, North Shore Library. It is a memory I wish to relive every day, and I know this won't be the last time I will go to Laos.



New Books

Fiction:

Below the Belt — Stuart Woods
Burning Bright — Nick Petrie
Chemist — Stephenie Meyer
Coldwater Warm Hearts Club — Lexi Eddings
Cross the Line — James Patterson
Girl Before — JP Delaney
Gustav Sonata — Rose Tremain
Mistress — Danielle Steel
Never Never — James Patterson
Sleepwalker — Chris Bohjalian
Whistler — John Grisham
Wrong Side of Goodbye — Michael Connelly

Non-Fiction:

Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World — His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu
Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate: Discoveries from a Secret World — Peter Wohlleben
Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis — J.D. Vance
Magnolia Story — Chip and Joanna Gaines
Mrs. Sherlock Holmes: The True Story of New York City's Greatest Female Detective and the 1917 Missing Girl Case That Captivated a Nation — Brad Ricca
Thank You for Being Late: An Optimist's Guide to Thriving in the Age of Accelerations — Thomas L. Friedman

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Volunteers Needed

We will be setting up the book sale on Tuesday, March 14, and Wednesday, March 15, from 9:00 am to noon each day. This involves loading books on a cart in our storage room and unloading them in the community room. If you have any time to help, even an hour, we could use your help (cookies provided).

Also, a simple computer job—just scanning the ISBN number on a book, and the computer tells which box to put the book in.

If interested in either opportunity to help, call the library at 414-351-3461 and leave a message.

Friends of North Shore Library Book and Bake Sale

Thursday, March 16

5 - 7:30 pm

Friday, March 17

10 am - 4 pm

Saturday, March 18

10 am - 4 pm

Sunday, March 19

1 - 4 pm

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