

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

Spring 2020 Newsletter

From the Board

Dear Friends,

Do you ever feel lucky to have this wonderful library available in our community? It's hard to imagine life without such a treasure. Last year, nearly 120,000 people visited the North Shore Library, for books of course, but also for staff programs, job searches and other research, movies, meetings, and study rooms, checking out an average of 1500 items per day. We are grateful for your membership, donations and volunteer time that help to make this possible.

It is with sadness that we share the news of Susan Walter's death. A longtime volunteer and current board member of FONSL, she will be greatly missed. A remembrance gathering was held at the library on January 19.

We will again have a Spring Book and Bake Sale — this year from Thursday, March 19, through Sunday, March 22. We encourage home-made bakery donations, and volunteers to help with set up and clean up for the sale. Also, donations of "gently used" books in good condition will be gratefully accepted.

Everyone is invited to our library and our Book Sale. Remember that "those who do not read have no advantage over those who cannot read."

Hope to see you soon,

Evelyn Ericson
Friends President



Original Entrance 1986

What's happening at the Library...

As always, it has been a busy time at the Library. Our new Head of Adult Services, Melody Schuetz, has been busy planning classes and events. We have offered tech classes on Skype, Google Hangout, Internet Basics and Subscription Boxes. We have had a Silver Sneakers class, a Craft Supply Swap and a Puzzle Swap. We have played Board Games, held monthly Trivia Challenges, made Valentine buttons and done embroidery. We have a regular monthly Book Club that is always welcoming new members. It meets the first Wednesday of the month from 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. Book Club books are available for checkout at the Circulation Desk. We offer movies every Friday at 1:00 p.m.

New this winter is the Knitting Club that meets the first Wednesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. Bring your supplies and work on your latest project with other knitters. Tech Time is another new program offered once per month. You can drop in with your device and get one-on-one help from a librarian. Check the latest flyer for dates and times. Our classes for Caregivers of those with dementia continue to be popular. We are excited to be a test site for the Milwaukee County Department of Aging. They are offering monthly drop-in sessions. You can drop in and meet with a Dementia Care Specialist for a family consultation, to learn more about services available, to get dementia care planning help or even a memory screening. See the latest flyer or call the library for dates and times.

Our new Head of Youth Services, Lizzy Lowrey, joined the team in April of 2019 and has kept the kids room



Patio Addition for 2021

What's happening at the Library... (continued)

hopping since then. This winter has seen the Library welcome in the New Year with a Noon-Year's Eve party, complete with a balloon drop! We played Life-Sized Candyland, had a Star Wars Party, a Leap Year Party and are looking forward to the April 25th Tutu Workshop. There are Book Clubs for all ages, a Lego Club, and a Little Leaders Club that learns about amazing leaders. We have Homeschool classes and dozens of Storytimes. Diesel, the German Shepherd, is a certified therapy dog who listens patiently as new and struggling readers read to him one Saturday per month. We are honored to have accomplished author Linda Sue Park visit the Library on March 5th.

Bring your children and grandchildren to the Library during Spring Break to participate in Public Museum and Zoo programs, play Wild Animal Bingo, enjoy a Geronimo Stilton Book Party, a Stuffed Animal Sleepover, and watch *The Lion King*. Teens will enjoy an after-hours Wizard Mystery Event. Teens looking for that summer job can take part in a Resume Workshop and Mock Interviews on April 2. Thanks to the Friends of the Library donation, drop-in tutoring is available for kids in Grades 3 and up on Thursdays from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

You may have noticed the *Share Your Story* display at the library. As we move into fundraising for the Library Renovation, we are looking for stories from you, our patrons. Why is the Library important to you, has the Library helped you learn a new skill, make friends, get a job or something else? Your Library Story is important to us. We will share your Library Stories, anonymously of course, with donors as we point out the incredible value the North Shore Library offers to its communities. I hope you can take a few minutes to tell us why the library is important to you. Hope to see you in the stacks!

Susan Draeger-Anderson
North Shore Library Director

Library Staff

Melody Schuetz *Head of Adult Services*

I may be a familiar face at the library. I started at the North Shore Library as a part-time Adult Reference Librarian in the spring of 2018, then left for a full-time position at another library. I was thrilled to come back in November of 2019 in a new role as Head of Adult Services. I am passionate about improving library services, creating functional and beautiful community spaces, and providing quality content to the library community. While I am looking forward to participating in the planning and implementation of the upcoming library renovation, I am also excited to make improvements and updates to the current library space and to offer quality services and programs to the library's faithful patrons. One of my favorite duties at the library is recording the library's monthly podcast, Book Chat at North Shore Library. I am glad to be back at the North Shore Library and look forward to embracing the library's exciting future ahead.



Library Staff (continued)

Lizzy Lowrey *Head of Youth Services*

I have worked with youth in libraries for over ten years and have been at the North Shore Library since April 2019. I graduated with my Masters in Library and Information Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Since becoming a Youth Services Librarian, I have worked at the Milwaukee Public Library, Beaverton City Library in Oregon and the Seattle Public Library.



As the Head of Youth Services, I lead the Youth Services Department in collection development, programming for ages birth to 18, Summer Reading and outreach. I have had the opportunity to take the library outside its walls at the Fox Point Farmers Market, National Night Out, school registration days and summer reading promotional visits. I have continued the programs the YS department has been offering as well as expanded the offerings to include things like Discovery Play Time, Little Leader's Club, Homeschool Hands-On Learning as well as one-time special events such as Life-Sized Candyland.

There are so many parts of my job that bring me joy, but if I had to pick one to be my favorite I would say getting to know the families, kids and teens in my community. I am continuously in awe of the amazing things the YS Department does to reach our patrons and am excited to see what kind of innovative, fun and educational services we can provide in the future!

Carol Crowley *Circulation Aide*

I started at the North Shore Library in November, 2019. I retired from a 25-year career as an Assistant District Attorney, and wanted a part-time job that would be fun and interesting, and away from the criminal justice system. Working in the library is a real treat: there are great people, thousands of books and media, and a happy atmosphere. Nothing could be better! I also like to knit and bead, sew, travel, garden, and do volunteer work.



Jamie Mercer *Youth Services Librarian*

I began working at the North Shore Library as a Youth Services Librarian in October of 2019. While working here, I am concurrently working as the Head of Youth Services at Cudahy Family Library. I also have experience working in the school setting as a classroom teacher and a library media specialist.



As a Youth Services Librarian at the North Shore Library, I manage the Youth Nonfiction Collection and create the monthly nonfiction display in the children's room. I look forward to jumping into programming in 2020, including Story Time, Music & Movement, Sensory Story Time, Homeschool Messy Art, DIY Pop Sockets for Teens, Teen After Hours: Wizard Mystery, a Leap Year Party, and Geronimo Stilton Book Party.

When I am not working as a librarian, I enjoy spending time with my two-year-old son. We love truck books and books about space. We also enjoy spending a lot of time outside exploring.

Stacey Houck *Circulation Aide*

I started working as one of the circulation aides at the North Shore Library in December 2019. After many years in education as a high school English teacher, I resigned to allow more time for my family. Prior to joining the staff at the library, I worked part-time in the library at Bayside Middle School for two years. As a former English teacher I have always loved literature and books, yet it was at Bayside that I truly discovered my love for all things that have to do with libraries and library work.



When I am not working here I am most definitely with my family, making the most of everyday life and making memories. In my own quiet time I enjoy reading mostly fiction, yet I do love learning new crafts and doing art projects. I am a self-taught macramé artist and also find much joy in hand lettering just about anything and everything.

New Books

For more book recommendations, tune into the library's monthly podcast where we talk about all things books:
www.soundcloud.com/northshorelibrary

Coming Soon! Beginning in September, the Library will be sending out a monthly e-newsletter with information about the latest and greatest books. To receive these emails, registration will be on the website shortly.

Fiction

The Wives by Tarryn Fisher
The Jury Master by Robert Dugoni
Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid
Treachery by S. J. Parris
Just Watch Me by Jeffrey P. Lindsay
Olive, Again by Elizabeth Strout
Would Like to Meet by Rachel Winters
Nietzsche and the Burbs by Lars Iyer
The Peppermint Tea Chronicles by Alexander McCall Smith
Music Macabre by Sarah Rayne
The Night Fire by Michael Connelly
The Story of a Goat by Perumal Murugan
Reputation by Sara Shepard
Dead Astronauts by Jeff VanderMeer
Dread Journey by Dorothy Hughes
Trace of Evil by Alice Blanchard
Blood of Empire by Brian McClellan
Beating About the Bush by M. C. Beaton
The Attempted Murder of Teddy Roosevelt by Burt Solomon

Non-Fiction

And Then We Grew Up: On Creativity, Potential, and the Imperfect Art of Adulthood by Rachel Friedman
Climbing My Mountain: My Life, Words, and Values by Sheldon Lubar
The Broken Road: George Wallace and a Daughter's Journey to Reconciliation by Peggy Wallace Kennedy
That Wild Country: An Epic Journey through the Past, Present, and Future of America's Public Lands
by Mark Kenyon
Mary Ball Washington: The Untold Story of George Washington's Mother by Craig Shirley
Dangerous Melodies: Classical Music in America from the Great War through the Cold War
by Jonathan Rosenberg
A New World Begins: The History of the French Revolution by Jeremy Popkin
Genius and Anxiety: How Jews Changed the World, 1847-1947 by Norman Lebrecht
The Thank-You Project: Cultivating Happiness One Letter of Gratitude at a Time by Nancy Davis Kho
Dumpty: The Age of Trump in Verse by John Lithgow

AmazonSmile: Every Little Bit Counts

For 2019, AmazonSmile deposited \$53.66 to the Friends of the North Shore Library. But it could be so much more! When you shop at smile.amazon.com, donations quickly add up, and every little bit counts.

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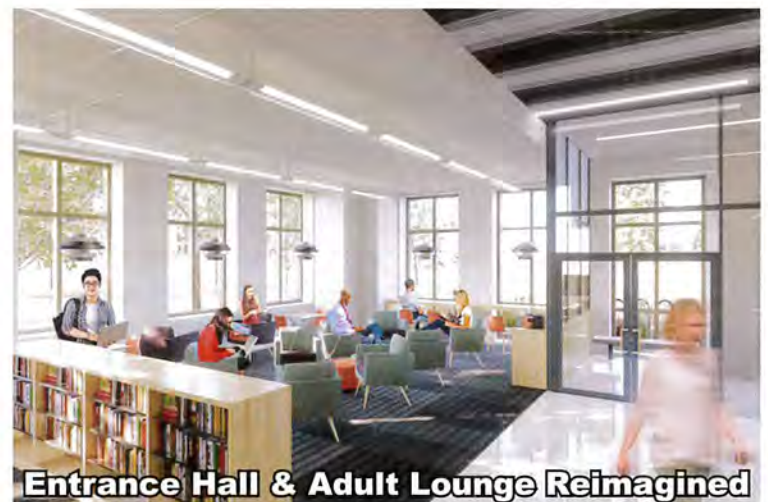
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3. Select Glendale option
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North Shore Library Foundation

The North Shore Library Foundation is pleased to inform the Friends, patrons and the entire community that we are diligently moving forward with fundraising efforts to support the Library Renovation. Our financial goals and expectations may be high but so is our desire to make our Library proud again. Help us reach our goals for our Library. It's more than just words. Thank you.

A Paul Pedersen, President
North Shore Library Foundation



Friends of NSL Loses a Friend

Sue Walter, nearly a 20-year volunteer with the Friends of the North Shore Library passed away in December. Sue always happily and energetically helped with many projects, including the book sales, baking for the bake sale, mailings, stocking and sorting out sale books and being a board member of the Friends. We gratefully appreciate all her efforts — she will be very missed!

Friends of North Shore Library Book and Bake Sale

Thursday, March 19
5 pm - 7:30 pm

Friday, March 20
10 am - 4 pm

Saturday, March 21
10 am - 4 pm

Sunday, March 22
1 pm - 4 pm

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