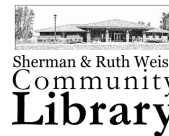




»» NEWSLETTER ««



AMONG FRIENDS

"I have found the most valuable thing in my wallet is my library card." **Laura Bush**



Children wondering why they volunteered for Dino from Nature's Niche!

WELCOME

By Alice Kissinger
FOL President

»» FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends Of the Library is a volunteer group of like minded people who enjoy the books, circulating art exhibits, stories, kids groups, stimulating programs and more. FOL also strives to make people aware of the library offerings listed above. Another focus of our group is the Summer Reading Program, which is funded by FOL. We also purchase equipment and supplies when needed.

To pay for these things we operate the used bookroom where anyone can purchase good used books at bargain prices. Membership is open to anyone at a price you can afford. You can pay whatever it is worth to you.

»» VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for volunteers to help staff the Used Book Room. Please fill out the volunteer form available in the Used Book Room and someone will get back to you!



Any age can have fun at the library!

IMPORTANCE OF FOL

By Molly Lank-Jones, Director of the Sherman & Ruth Weiss Community Library

»»» FRIENDS' MISSION

In 1995, I remember meeting in the basement of the old Carnegie Library with a good mix of enthusiastic full-time residents and summer people who wanted to help the library. Our City funding had been cut. These folks wanted to secure county funding and raise funds themselves to help keep the library open. Several months later, that wonderful group of people became a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization called the Friends of the Library.

Over the years, people have come and gone, but the Friends' core mission and beliefs remain:

- Maintain, in the community, an awareness of the resources and services available at the Sherman & Ruth Weiss Community Library.
- Advocate for the library through volunteering and financial support.
- Manage and maintain the Friends of the Library Book Room.
- Offer enrichment classes and programs for children and adults, with a focus on funding the summer reading program.
- Provide funding, when possible, for needed items not covered by the library's regular operating budget.

The Friends are essential to the health and growth of our community library. Assistant Director Ann Larson and I count on the Friends for their enthusiasm, ideas, volunteering, financial help, moral support, and, well, for their friendship. They help make your library a better place, a true community center where everyone is welcome.

Please join and support this group of people who believe that a strong public library is essential for a thriving community. Do this, and I can truly say, "Thank you for being a Friend."

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP

For as little as \$5, you can further support the library through your membership in the Friends. A membership form is enclosed with this newsletter.

USED BOOK ROOM

By Kay Hucker and Louann Lewandowski

»»» THANK YOU!

The Friends would like to thank all of the patrons of the Book Room who continue to make it very successful. Through their patronage and the help of many volunteers, funds are available for purchases of extra needs beyond normal library funding. This year's purchases were:

- Payment of membership dues for American Library Association and Wisconsin Library Association for the Director and Assistant Director
- Movie License
- Summer Reading Program for ages 0 to 11 years



Children learning how to spin plates at Randy Christensen's "Animal Antics" performance during Summer Reading.

2023 PROGRAMMING

By Ann Larson, Assistant Director & Community Enrichment Program Coordinator

➤➤➤ 2023 SUMMER READING PROGRAM -

The theme of our Summer Reading Program was Kindness/Friendship/Unity and the slogan was "All Together Now". The PreK -5th grade programs were held each Thursday from June 8 through July 27: Magician - Isaiah Foster; Licia from North Lakeland Discovery Center - Bubble-ology; Dino from Nature's Niche - Animals; Funtime Funktions - Puppet Show Tom Pease - Singer/Children's Performer; Randy Christiansen, Children's Entertainer - Animal Antics; Paul Kinzer - Indoor Planetarium (2 times); Wonder Weavers - Story Tellers & Puppeteers. A total of 662 family members attended the events. Reading minutes were tracked using an online app called Beanstack. A total of 166 youth, ages 0 to 11 participated in the program which was nearly a 50% increase compared to last year. If a child read at least 15 minutes in a week and recorded it they were eligible for an entry into a weekly prize drawing. There were also grand prize drawings at the end of the program. Many of the prizes were subsidized by the FOL along with local businesses who contributed to the prizes and programming. Businesses included: Northwest Connection Family Resources, Lori's Card & Gift, Lynne Marie's

Popcorn, Outdoor Ventures, Walmart, Great Lakes Aquarium, Flat Creek Lodge, Advanced Printing, Lori's Hallmark Card & Gift, WOJB, Kwik Trip, Marketplace, L&M Farm & Fleet Supply, Hayward Gourmet. Programs were developed by Ann Larson, Community Enrichment Program Coordinator.

Next year's theme is Adventure and the slogan is "Adventure Begins at Your Library."

➤➤➤ THURSDAY THEATRE: 2023 - 2024

Once again the library is offering free films and popcorn in the Community Room on Thursdays at 1 p.m.

- Nov. 2 Where the Crawdads Sing
- Dec. 7 Sully
- Jan. 4 Barbie
- Feb. 1 Selma
- March 7 Book Club The Next Chapter
- April 4 TBD*
- May 2 TBD*

*Please check the library's website for the movie: <https://weisscommunitylibrary.com>



Families having fun at the library!

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