



FRIENDS OF THE RUTH CULVER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Spring 2023

Letter from the President of the Friends

Greetings Friends!

Are you looking for a way to give back to the community? There are many great organizations in the area and you can support them through donations, volunteering your time, or simply joining and being involved.

Every year charitable people in the Sauk Prairie community donate their time and money. Recently the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library received a very generous donation from the Florence Sprecher estate. This donation, as well as all donations to the Friends, is deeply appreciated!



Funding for the return of Teen Late Night is just one of the ways the Friends supported the library in 2022.

Save the Date! The Friends are holding their annual Golf Outing Fundraiser again in 2023. This year the Golf Outing will be earlier in the summer, July 19, at the Lake Wisconsin Country Club. The annual golf outing is the Friends primary fundraiser for the year. Mark your calendars and make plans to come out for a round of golf at the beautiful LWCC. Planning for the event will start in April. If you are interested in helping plan the outing contact the Library or any Friends Board member.

Thanks to donations and fundraising efforts the Friends have again provided almost \$9000 in monetary support this year for programs and improvements to the library.

The Friends Annual Membership meeting is coming up in March and is open to all members of the community. Members present at the meeting can nominate and vote on the Friends Board Officers and Directors. The Officers serve a one year term and Directors serve a two year term. All Officer positions and four Director positions are open for election at the March meeting. If you are interested, I encourage you to attend the March 22 meeting at 6:30 pm in the Community Room of the Ruth Culver Community Library. If you would like more information about the Friends or being a Director or Officer feel free to contact the Library or any Friends Board member.

As springtime approaches make plans to support the community, whether shopping local or donating talents. Be a friend!

Thank you for being a Friend!

Carl Hoffman
Friends President

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Friends Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library Spring Book Sale will be held in the library community room **Friday, May 19, and Saturday, May 20**. All sales are by donation and proceeds will go to the Friends' support of the library.

Donations of gently used materials are accepted, with a limit of 2 boxes per person (sorry, no encyclopedias, magazines, or nonfiction more than 5 years old). Donations can be dropped off at the library at any time.

Volunteers are also needed! Opportunities include helping unpack boxes and setup Thursday, May 18 (1:00pm), staffing the sale for a 2-hour shift Friday or Saturday, or helping with clean-up Monday, May 22 (10:00am). Contact Meagan at 608-643-8318 or mstatz@pdslibrary.org if you are interested.



New Streaming Service

The Ruth Culver Community Library is excited to offer a brand-new service called Kanopy to our patrons! This streaming service allows you instant access to hundreds of movies on your



computer or mobile device. Kanopy has a strong collection of independent, international, document-

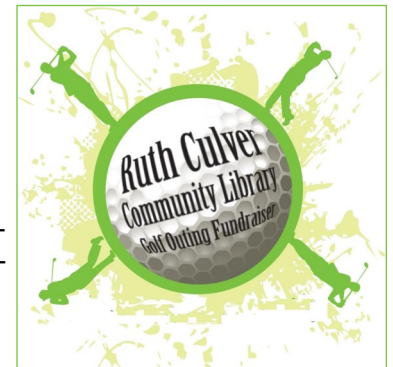
tary, and early films from providers like Criterion, PBS and Kino Lorber. You'll have 6 credits available every month and you'll have 72 hours to finish your title once you've hit "play."

Get started at <https://pdslibrary.kanopy.com>.

(You must have a library card and your library account home library set to Ruth Culver!)

Save the Date: 2023 Golf Outing & Dinner

Mark your calendars for the 13th annual golf outing and dinner to be held at Lake Wisconsin Country Club on Wednesday, July 19, 2023. Volunteers are needed to help plan, publicize and run the outing, prepare mailings, and more. Meetings will start in April. Please contact a Friends Board member or Meagan at the library at 608-643-8318 or mstatz@pdslibrary.org if you are interested in volunteering in any way. Sponsorship opportunities begin at \$100. Further information will be available on the library website (pdslibrary.org) in May.



Friends Fund Library's Annual Wish List

The Friends Board of Directors approved the annual contribution to the library at their meeting held January 25. Among the items funded from the library's wish list are:

- Planting and care of perennial and annual flowers
- Lucky Day collection of popular book titles
- Updates for AV equipment in community room
- Support of the summer reading program for all ages
- Programming for school-age children
- Summer Late Night and other teen programming support
- Adult event support
- Take & Make bags for children, teens and adults
- Community Sweet Treat Walk sponsorship



Thank you, Friends, for making this contribution possible!



What is the purpose of the Friends?

- To promote and improve library services, materials and facilities for the community
- To stimulate gifts and bequests to the library
- To provide volunteer support in strengthening the library's programs
- To encourage the broadest possible use of its facilities, materials and services

2021-2022 Friends Board of Directors

- CARL HOFFMAN, PRESIDENT
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2023 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library will be held in the library community room **Wednesday, March 22 at 6:30pm**. Election of Officers and Directors will take place. We are looking for a few good Friends to help fill openings on the Board, which meets 6 times per year and makes important contributions in a multitude of ways including fundraising and volunteering. Please contact Meagan Statz at mstatz@pdslibrary.org or 608-643-8318 if you are interested in learning more.



2023 Meeting Dates

The remaining 2023 meeting dates for the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library are:

- Wednesday, March 22 (Annual Meeting)
- Wednesday, May 24
- Wednesday, July 26
- Wednesday, September 27
- **Thursday, November 16**

All meetings are held at 6:30pm in the library community rooms. All are welcome to attend. Contact Meagan at 608-643-8318 or mstatz@pdslibrary.org or with questions.

Yes! I'd like to support the Friends of the Library!

Thank you for your gift to support the Friends of the Library and the Ruth Culver Community Library. Please share your intentions for your gift:

☐ A one time gift of \$ _____

This gift is:

☐ In Memory of _____

☐ In Honor of _____

Please make checks payable to:
Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library
540 Water Street
Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

Donations may also be made online at www.pdslibrary.org/friends-library

Name(s) _____

☐ I prefer for my generosity to remain anonymous

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

The Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library is a 501(c)(3) organization. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.



Upcoming Library Events for Adults

Find out about upcoming library events through the online calendar at <https://ruthculver.librarycalendar.com>. Many events require registration when space is limited, and you can register online through the calendar too! Contact the library at 608-643-8318 with questions.

Family Paint Night

Tuesday, March 7, 6:00pm

The library's annual family art night is back in person! We'll have blank canvases and plenty of paint for everyone in your family to create their own art! (No instruction will take place, but inspiration will be provided.) Open to all ages. Space is limited. Registration is required and can be done by calling the library at 608-643-8318 or online at <https://ruthculver.librarycalendar.com/event/family-paint-night>. Please register each family member.

Intro To Fly Fishing & Fly Tying

Tuesday, April 18, 6:30pm

Learn the basics of fly fishing and fly tying from experienced fishermen Don Glanzer and Mark Winscher. No registration required unless you want to receive email reminders about the event.

Terra Cotta Pot Craft Night

Monday, May 8, 6:00pm

Registration is required and will open April 17. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library.

David Schweitzer as August Derleth

Wednesday, June 28, 6:30pm

David Schweitzer will speak as August Derleth. Schweitzer has been a Derleth reenactor for over 20 years. No registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library.

Author Christine Hawkinson

Wednesday, August 23, 6:30pm

Christine Hawkinson, local author of *50 Years in the Bleachers: What modern sports parents can learn from a Title IX Pioneer*, will speak at the library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library.

Tailspin Author John Armbruster

Tuesday, October 17, 6:30pm

Wisconsin author John Armbruster will discuss his book *Tailspin*, the true story of Gene Moran, a World War II tail gunner who survived a four-mile fall without a parachute only to land in Nazi hands. Books will be available for sale and signing. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library. No registration required unless you want to receive email reminders about the event.



More craft events and Make & Takes to come! Check the library calendar at ruthculver.librarycalendar.com For most up-to-date information.



We ended 2022 with a popular painted porch signs workshop. Thank you to the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library for sponsoring!