



FRIENDS OF THE RUTH CULVER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Summer 2023

Letter from the President of the Friends

Greetings Friends!

The river is down and the flowers are up. The April showers, both rain and snow, have come and gone. Now it is time for the May flowers to uphold their end of the deal. Summer is fast approaching!

The Friends are busy teeing up for the 14th Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser. It is being held earlier this year to take advantage of fine summer weather. The golf outing is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19, at the beautiful Lake Wisconsin Country Club. Individual golfer rate is \$100 and includes the



dinner. This year we are having 'Early Birdie' registration. Golfers registering before June 1 receive a 10% discount on the fee. Sponsorships for the event start at \$100 for a hole sponsor up to \$1000 for a Platinum sponsor that includes four golfers and dinner. On the day of the outing two golfers chosen at random will have a chance to win \$2500 in a Putting Challenge. If you are not

a golfer you can still join us for the dinner. At the dinner there will be a silent auction and 50/50 raffle. The golf outing is the Friends major fundraising event for the year. Over the past 13 years the golf outing has raised over \$120k to promote and improve library services, materials, and facilities. Thank you to our previous sponsors, donors, and golfers. You are greatly appreciated and we look forward to your continued support!

With the warmer weather the flowers in the gardens are starting to flourish. Volunteers tend the flower garden at the library. If you have a green thumb and would like to share your talents consider volunteering to help care for the library's flower garden.

The Friends Annual Membership meeting was held March 22. At the annual meeting the Friends elected new officers and directors to the Friends Board. Thank you to the Board officers and directors for your time and effort in making the Friends a vital and successful organization in the community.

We live in a wonderful community with many opportunities and organizations. Take advantage of all the community has to offer. Be a friend!

Thanks for being a Friend.

Carl Hoffman, Friends President

Friends of the Ruth Culver
Community Library

540 Water St.

Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

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2023 Golf Outing & Dinner

The Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library are excited for the 14th annual golf outing and dinner, on a new date this year! Mark your calendars and join us **Wednesday, July 19, 2023** at Lake Wisconsin Country Club. See the insert in this newsletter for a registration form and sponsorship form or contact Meagan Statz at the library at 608-643-8318 or mstatz@pdslibrary.org with questions. Online registration and payment is also available at pdslibrary.org/golf-2023.

How can you support this event (even if you're not a golfer)?

While we're always looking for golfers to join this fun outing, there are many other ways to support your local library with this event.

Participation Opportunities:

- Get a team together and golf! The putting contest and dinner are included with your registration.
- Not a golfer? Join us after golf for the silent auction & dinner.

Donation Opportunities:

- Become a sponsor with opportunities beginning at \$100.
- Donate items for the silent auction and prizes (unique items and gift cards are most desired by our bidders).

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Join the Golf Committee to help plan the event.
- Distribute posters around town to spread the word.
- Assist with mailings prior to the event.
- Help set up the silent auction on the day of the event.
- Help with registration on the day of the event.



Summer Reading Challenges

One of the many ways the Friends support the Ruth Culver Community Library is by providing funding for the summer reading challenges and, as always, the library has challenges for ALL ages! Registration opens June 7 and challenges being June 12. Visit the library's Beanstack page (<http://pdslibrary.beanstack.org>) to get started. If you would like to participate but would prefer a paper reading log, please contact Meagan or Bethany at 608-643-8318.

Children's Challenge

For Babies and toddlers through 5th grade (those in 6th grade can choose to be in children's or in the teen program). Read or be read to and log your reading to earn badges, prizes, and entries into the grand prize drawings. Read 300 minutes for Mystery Prize 1 and entries into the Grand Prize Drawings, read 600 minutes for Mystery Prize 2 and entries in to the Grand Prize Drawings, and read 1,000 minutes to receive your free book and additional drawing entries. You can continue to read beyond the 1,000 minutes for additional drawing entries!



Teen Challenge

Log the time you spend reading this summer. Each minute you read will earn you an entry in our grand prize drawing for one of two \$50 Visa gift cards at the end of the challenge! You'll also earn a free reading journal and book along the way. As a bonus, you'll earn a small chocolate treat just for signing up! Don't stop reading after you earn the completion badge - reading beyond the final badge still earns entries in the prize drawing!

Adult Challenge

Log the time you spend reading this summer. Each minute you read will earn you an entry in our prize drawing for one of three \$50 Sauk Prairie Chamber gift certificates good at many area businesses. As a bonus, you'll earn a small chocolate treat just for signing up! You'll earn badges along the way. Don't stop reading after you earn the completion badge - reading beyond the final badge still earns entries in the prize drawing!

**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

2023-2024 Friends Board of Directors

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Friends Celebrate National Library Week

April 23-29 was National Library Week, and the Friends Board of Directors treated the library staff to surprises all week to celebrate. All treats were very much appreciated by the library staff! We'd also like to thank John Joseph Coffee for the generous donation of bags of Bibliophile to sell as a fundraiser in celebration of National Library Week.

**2023 Meeting Dates**

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

- Wednesday, May 24
- Wednesday, July 26
- Wednesday, September 27
- Thursday, November 16

Meetings will be held at **6:30pm** in the library community room. All are welcome to attend. Contact Meagan at mstatz@pdslibrary.org or 608-643-8318 for details.

**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.

Mindful Resolutions

Second & Fourth Mondays of the month, 9:15am

Join certified Mindfulness Meditation Teacher Diane Matzke for drop-in mindfulness sessions in the library's community room. No registration is required. Mindfulness has many benefits. Those benefits can be summarized into three main categories: focused attention, emotional regulation and self-awareness.

David Schweitzer as August Derleth

Wednesday, June 28, 6:30pm

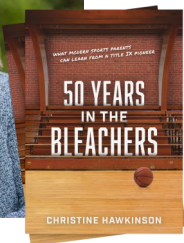
David Schweitzer will speak as August Derleth. Schweitzer has been a Derleth reenactor for over 20 years. No registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library.

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

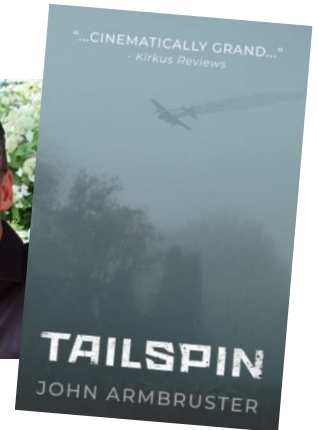
Wisconsin author John Armbruster

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.



Save the Dates for Upcoming Craft Events!

The Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library will be sponsoring two craft events for adults this summer! Mark your calendar for **Monday, July 10** and **Monday, August 14**. Both events will be held in the evening and the projects will be posted on the library's calendar (<https://ruthculver.librarycalendar.com>) June 12. Registration will also open June 12.

Spring Library Highlights



The Friends sponsored two great events at the library this spring!

First up was an Intro to Fly Fishing & Fly Tying presented by Don Glanzer & Mark Winscher April 18.

This was followed by a craft event featuring painted terra cotta pots May 8.



Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library 14th Annual

Dinner & Golf Outing

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

At Lake Wisconsin Country Club

Proceeds benefit the
Ruth Culver Community Library



Schedule of Events:

Noon—12:45 PM: Registration

1:00 PM: Shotgun Start for Scramble

6:15 PM: Dinner, Prize Presentation &
Silent Auction

Return registration & payment by July 7 to:

Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library
540 Water Street
Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

More information is available online at
www.pdslibrary.org/golf-2023.

Participation & Sponsorship Costs:

Golf & Dinner: \$100/person

Scramble Format, Includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart and dinner.

Not a golfer? Join us for Dinner Only: \$30/person

Hole Sponsorship: Starting at \$100

Silent Auction & 50/50 Raffle: During the event

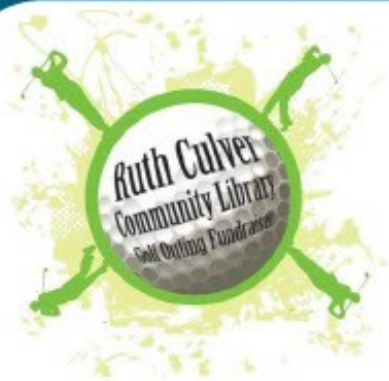
For more information contact:

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Silent Auction items would be appreciated.



*There is an
opportunity to win a
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challenge for free.
Two names will be
drawn to putt.*



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Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library
Dinner & Golf Outing Registration

Sponsors

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

By providing your email address you will receive informational emails from the Friends.

- ☐ Platinum—\$1,000 Four golfers & signage
- ☐ Gold—\$750 Three golfers & signage
- ☐ Silver—\$500 Two golfers & signage
- ☐ Bronze—\$250 One golfer & signage
- ☐ Hole—\$100 Signage
- ☐ I'd like to contribute: \$ _____

Participants

Golf & Dinner: \$90/person if paid by June 1

Name and Email

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Dinner Only: \$30/person

Name and Email

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Online registration available at www.pdslibrary.org/golf-2023.

Thank you for supporting the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library Golf Outing!



July 19, 2023

Silent Auction Donation Form

Thank you for your donation!

Donor/Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Facebook Page: _____ (for recognition on Facebook)

Items or Services Donated:

Value of Donation: _____

Donor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Keep a copy of this form for your records as your official receipt. The Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library is a non-profit 501c(3) organization. All donations are tax deductible to the extent of the law. Our tax ID number is: 39-14873770.

Please send all donated items to the Ruth Culver Community Library
540 Water St., Prairie du Sac, WI 53578
or call Meagan at 608.643.8318 for pick-up by July 7. Thank you!