



## Letter from the President of the Friends

Greetings Friends!

Do you ever wonder what the Friends do with the generous donations received from the community? Each year the library presents a Wish List to the Friends with items to enhance the library experience. This year the Friends have once again fully funded the library's Wish List. It includes money for Adult and Teen programming, Children's Summer Library Program Support, Lucky Day Books, and library building improvements such as painting the Community Room and bathrooms, new shelving, and teen space enhancements.



*Friends President Carl Hoffman presents a check funding the library's wish list to library staff member Meagan Statz*

The Friends rely on the community's support to raise money for the library. Monetary donations can be made by renewing your Friends membership, making a donation to the Friends, or remembering the Friends in your estate planning. The Friends also conducts fundraising throughout the year. The annual Spring Book Sale will be held May 17-18. Stop in to pick up some fabulous reads. Another

fundraiser is the annual golf outing. The 15th Annual Friends Golf Outing will be held July 17 at the Lake Wisconsin Country Club. The annual golf outing is the Friends primary fundraiser for the year. 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.

On March 27, the Friends will hold our Annual Membership meeting. The meeting is open to all members of the Friends. Members present at the meeting can vote for 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 meeting. If you are interested, I encourage you to attend the 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.

Take advantage of all the community has to offer and remember to shop local and support your favorite causes.

Thanks for being a Friend!

Carl Hoffman, Friends President

Friends of the Ruth Culver  
Community Library  
540 Water St.  
Prairie du Sac, WI 53578  
**Like us on Facebook!**  
[www.facebook.com/  
friendsoftheruthculverlibrary](http://www.facebook.com/friendsoftheruthculverlibrary)

## Inside this issue:

SPRING BOOK SALE	2
15TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING & DINNER	2
FRIENDS FUND LIBRARY WISH LIST	2
2024 ANNUAL MEETING	3
BOARD OF DIRECTORS	3
UPCOMING EVENTS	4





## Spring Book Sale & Craft Supply Exchange

The Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library will hold their Spring Book Sale in the library community room **Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18**. All sales are by donation. Donations of gently used materials are appreciated (sorry, no nonfiction more than 5 years old).

New this year, we will also have a craft supply exchange during the sale. Bring in your unwanted (but still usable) craft supplies and swap them for new (to you) supplies! Craft supply donations can be dropped off in advance at the library circulation desk.

Volunteers are needed! Opportunities include helping unpack boxes and setup Thursday, May 16 (1:00pm), staffing the sale for a 2-hour shift Friday or Saturday, or helping with clean-up Monday, May 20 (10:00am). Contact Meagan at 608-643-8318 or [mstatz@pdslibrary.org](mailto:mstatz@pdslibrary.org) if you are interested.

## 15th Annual Golf Outing & Dinner

Mark your calendar for the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library 15th Annual Golf Outing, Dinner, and Silent Auction to be held **Wednesday, July 17** at Lake Wisconsin Country Club.



We hope to make this 15th outing the best yet! 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](mailto:mstatz@pdslibrary.org) if you are interested in volunteering in any way.

Sponsorship opportunities will begin at \$100. Further information will be available on the library website ([pdslibrary.org](http://pdslibrary.org)) in May.



### New! Puzzle Swap

Did you know the library now has a Puzzle Swap collection located on the lower level? Feel free to grab a puzzle to take home and complete. Donations of puzzles are also accepted. (Please see the guidelines posted with the collection or ask staff if you have questions.)

## Friends Fund Library Wish List

Thank you to all our Friends! Your support allowed the Board to make the annual donation to fund all the items on the Ruth Culver Community Library's wish list presented at the January 24th meeting.

The wish list included:

- Funding for adult events
- Summer reading challenges for all ages
- Teen programming and space enhancements
- Lucky Day book collection
- Fresh paint in the community room, kitchen and bathrooms
- Additional shelving on the lower level
- Replacements for circulating toy kits
- Supplies for a new preschool process art program

If you would like to make a donation to support a specific item, please contact Meagan Statz at [mstatz@pdslibrary.org](mailto:mstatz@pdslibrary.org) or 608-643-8318.





### 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

- CARL HOFFMAN, PRESIDENT
- LORIN WEILER, VICE-PRESIDENT
- BILL CAMPBELL, TREASURER
- MARY BRENNAN, SECRETARY
- LYNN ESSER, DIRECTOR
- NANCY MASCHMAN, DIRECTOR
- MARAGARET MAUCH, DIRECTOR
- KRIS RILLING, DIRECTOR
- LAUREL SAMPSON, DIRECTOR
- LISA SCHWARZ, DIRECTOR

### Friends Annual Meeting

The 2024 Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library will be held **Wednesday, March 27 at 6:30pm** in the library community room. The meeting is open to all Friends members. Election of Officers and Directors will take place, and all members present may vote. Contact Meagan at [mstatz@pdslibrary.org](mailto:mstatz@pdslibrary.org) or 608-643-8318 if you would like to attend the meeting virtually via Zoom.

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 reach out to a Friends Board member or contact Meagan Statz at [mstatz@pdslibrary.org](mailto:mstatz@pdslibrary.org) or 608-643-8318 if you are interested in learning more.



### 2024 Meeting Dates

The 2024 meeting dates for the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library are:

- Wednesday, March 27 (Annual Meeting)
- Wednesday, May 22
- Wednesday, July 24
- Wednesday, September 25
- Thursday, November 21

Meetings will be held at **6:30pm** in the library Community Room. All are welcome to attend. Contact Meagan at [mstatz@pdslibrary.org](mailto: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 make online at [www.pdslibrary.org/friends-library](http://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 5, 6:00pm**

Our annual family paint night is back! We'll have a variety of 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.** Please register each family member.

### Drop-In Jewelry Making

**Monday, March 11, 6:00pm**

Drop in and create your own jewelry! We'll put out our stash of beads and you can make whatever you'd like. Basic instruction will be available. Open to ages 18+. **Registration** is appreciated but not required. Thank you to the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library for sponsoring this event.

### Free Yoga

**Wednesday, March 13, 10:30am**

Stretch, breathe, repeat.

Instructor Brittney Ricks of Peak Yoga Wellness will lead a free monthly yoga session in the library community room. Please bring a mat and/or towel. *Yoga is held at 10:30am on the second Wednesday of the month.*

### Silent Book Club

**Tuesday, March 19, 6:45pm**

Join the Silent Book Club trend! We'll meet monthly in the

library's lower level reading room to briefly share about what we're reading and then enjoy some quiet reading time in good company. Beverages will be provided by the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library. *Held at 6:45pm on the third Tuesday of the month.*

### Genealogy 101

**Thursday, April 18, 6:30pm**

Learn the basics of genealogy research from Ally Grigg of the Dane County Area Genealogical Society.

### Georgia O'Keeffe: Her Life and Art

**Monday, May 6, 6:15pm**

Georgia O'Keeffe researcher Joe Chase, who lives in Sun Prairie where the artist was born, will speak on the many facets of O'Keeffe's life and art and her connection to Sauk Prairie. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library.

### Researcher & Author Chad Lewis

**Tuesday, October 1, 6:00pm**

Chad Lewis, researcher, author, and lecturer on topics of the strange and unusual, returns to the library with a new presentation. More details to come!

Sponsored by the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library.



## Looking Back at 2023

Thanks to funding from the Friends, adults enjoyed a variety of events in 2023!

