



Letter from the President of the Friends

Greetings Friends,

Fall means leaves crunching under foot, warm apple cider, and pumpkin spice everything. The Friends have been busy all year and are not slowing down.

The 16th annual Friends golf outing fundraiser was held July 16. It was quite the day to remember; two inches of rain and three tornado warnings!



*Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library
Board of Directors*

We were able to get in the Putting Challenge, and we almost had a winner with the putt coming inches from the hole. During the stormy weather the Lake Wisconsin Country Club kept everyone safe and issued rain checks to the golfers. The dinner and silent auction were held early so golfers didn't have to sit in wet clothes for too long. Thank you to all the sponsors, golfers,

diners, and volunteers for a memorable day!

October 19 through October 25 is National Friends of the Library Week. A pop-up book sale will be held in the library lobby that week. Show your support for the Friends by stopping in and picking up some winter reads. Interested in becoming a Friend? Join with an annual membership or renew your current membership. Individual and family memberships are available. Another way to support the Friends is through monthly and annual giving. Already a Friend? Thank you for your support!

Coming up soon, get your trivia team together! The Friends have partnered with Water Street Social Club for another Trivia Night fundraiser on Tuesday, October 21. The event starts at 6:30 pm at the Water Street Social Club but be sure to get there early to enjoy the WSSC's food and drinks. Tickets for trivia are \$10 per person.

Finally, I would like to thank Laurel Sampson for her past dedication as a Friends director and flower garden volunteer. We are grateful for you and your work.

Thank you for being a Friend,

Carl Hoffman

President, Friends of Ruth Culver Community Library

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2025 Golf Outing Sponsors

Thank you to all the supporters of our 16th annual golf outing and dinner held July 16. While tornado warnings meant the day didn't go quite as planned, we still had a successful event. Thank you to the golfers and dinner guests for going with the adjustments and the Lake Wisconsin Country Club for working to move the dinner up! A HUGE thank you also goes to the wonderful golf outing committee for months of hard work planning the outing!

Thank you to our 2025 Sponsors!

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Celebrate Friends of Library Week with Trivia

Tuesday, October 21, 6:30pm

Hosted by the Water Street Social Club, 550 Water Street, Prairie du Sac

The Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library and Water Street Social Club are hosting a Trivia Night Fundraiser in celebration of Friends of Libraries Week! Gather up your friends, family, neighbors, coworkers, strangers off the street, whoever you can to pull a team together - and come test your trivia knowledge! The event will also include door prizes and a 50/50 raffle.

Tickets are \$10 per person and are available at the Ruth Culver Community Library (cash or check only). Maximum team size is 8 people. Food and drink will be available for purchase.

FRIENDS of the RUTH CULVER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Trivia Night!

October 21st at 6:30 p.m.

Hosted by the Water Street Social Club

\$10 per person

Advance tickets for a reserved table available at the Ruth Culver Community Library OR Water Street Social Club



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

2025-2026 Friends Board of Directors

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National Friends of Libraries Week

October 19-25, 2025 is National Friends of Libraries Week, and it's the perfect opportunity for the staff and trustees of the Ruth Culver Community Library to give our Friends a big shout out for all you do to make a positive impact on us every single day. Take a look at the display in the library lobby to see examples of just a few of the MANY contributions the Friends have made to support our library over the past year.

The Friends are always looking for new members and volunteers. They have so much fun while working to make our community better. Joining is just a click away--visit <https://www.pdslibrary.org/friends-library> to learn more or to renew your membership.

Lobby Book Sale

Another great opportunity to support the Friends is to shop the pop-up lobby book sale that will be held **Monday, October 20 through Saturday, October 25**. All sales are by donation and will go towards the Friends' support of the library.



2025-2026 Friends Meeting Dates

The remaining 2025-2026 meeting dates for the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library are:

- Thursday, November 20
- Wednesday, January 28

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 \$_____

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WISH LIST SPOTLIGHT

In this final newsletter of 2025, we're taking a look at some of the library wish list projects funded by the Friends this year. Thank you, Friends, for making them possible!

Summer Reading Challenges for ALL Ages

The library had great participation for all of their reading challenges this year, including record numbers for teens! Congratulations to all the winners of the grand prizes for children, and thank you to all the participants.



COMING UP: Halloween Candy Buy-Back

Monday, November 3 - Saturday, November 8

Do your kids have a surplus of candy and want to trade it in? Kids can bring extra candy to the library and trade it for stickers, jibbitz, crafts and more!

Events for Adults

The Friends funded a variety of craft events and speakers for adults throughout the year.



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.

The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald: The Ship, the Storm, and the Song

Thursday, October 16, 6:30pm

Steve Ackerman will present the Badger Talk "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald: The Ship, the Storm, and the Song." This talk will explore the wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald from perspectives of the weather, the ship and the song by Gordon Lightfoot. Badger Talks are presented in partnership with UW-Madison.

Steve Ackerman served as Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education at UW-Madison between 2019-2023. He, along with Professor Jonathan Martin, is one of the 'weather guys', who appear monthly on Wisconsin Public Radio to discuss the weather and climate.



Meet the Artist Event: Christopher Sweet

**Thursday, November 6,
6:30pm**

Christopher Sweet, an accomplished multi-media Ho-Chunk and White Earth Ojibwe artist, will discuss his artwork including the mural "Connectedness", commissioned for the Great Sauk Trail and "Raising Our Sisters", commissioned for the 2022 Farm/Art DTour. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library.

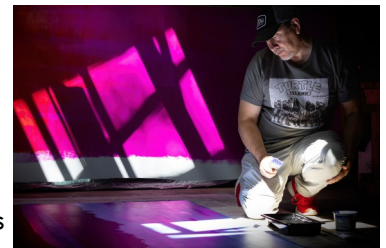


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Holly Jolly Sauk Prairie

Saturday, December 6

Stop by the library for a gnome ornament craft while you're out and about for Holly Jolly Sauk Prairie. All ages!

Save the Date:

December Craft Event

Monday, December 8, 6:00pm

Save the date for a seasonal craft event for adults age 18 and up. Space will be limited. Registration is required and will open November 10.