



Letter from the President of the Friends

Greetings Friends!

A new year is upon us. And with it comes hope and optimism.

Last year was difficult for everyone including the Library and the Friends. The library staff safely provided limited services but cancelled much of its programming. The Friends cancelled our normal fundraising including the Golf Outing, our major fundraiser. So we had to pivot to other fundraising options. In July the Friends partnered with John Joseph Coffee for the



Bibliophile coffee fundraiser. And to celebrate the Library's 120th anniversary, the Friends offered library bags for sale with artwork featuring the four buildings that housed the library over the past 120 years. But through the difficulties we were still able to provide requested funding for the library with over \$10,000 in support. A big heartfelt thank you to our generous Friends in such a trying year!

Looking forward, we hope to get back on track with our activities and fundraising. The Friends have scheduled the Golf Outing for September 8. Mark

your calendars! We hope to have our Spring and Fall Book Sales. And, there are still library bags available. They make great gift bags. Hopefully we will come out of our isolation this year and I encourage you to volunteer for your favorite organization or cause. We would love you to help with our Golf Outing or our beautiful flower gardens.

The Friends Board of Directors annual membership meeting will be held virtually March 24 at 6:30 pm. Directors and Officers are nominated and elected at the meeting. The Board has four officers and can have seven directors. There are currently only four directors with two joining recently. Thank you to the current officers and directors, especially the new directors, for your commitment to supporting the Friends. If you are interested in becoming a Director or Officer feel free to contact the Library or any Board member for more information.

Stay safe and thank you for being a Friend!

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Save the Date!



Wednesday, September 8, 2021



2021 Golf Outing: Volunteers Needed

Mark your calendars for the annual golf outing and dinner to be held at Lake Wisconsin Country Club on Wednesday, September 8, 2021.

Volunteers are needed to help plan, publicize and run the outing, prepare mailings, and more. Meetings will start in April/May. Please contact 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 in the summer newsletter and on the library website in June.



Book Bags Still Available



The Friends book bags are still available for purchase for \$10 each. The special 120th Anniversary artwork was designed by Sophie Hoffman and features images of all four library buildings. They would be great to use as Easter baskets!

Bags can be purchased at the library. Please call the library at 608-643-8318 to make an appointment to stop in.

All proceeds from bag sales go to the Friends' support of the library.

Go Paperless!

The Friends' group has started to send their newsletter by Email. If you received this issue by mail and want to receive future issues by Email then please send your Email address to Meagan Statz <mstatz@pdslibrary.org>. You will also receive the monthly newsletter of the Ruth Culver Community Library which will help keep you up to date on upcoming library events and happenings.

Included on the wish list funded by the Friends in 2020 were light therapy lamps. They are back in circulation at the library! You can find them on the shelves across from the circulation desk. Loan period is 2 weeks.



Friends Help Support Students

Thanks to your generous support and contributions, the Friends were able to make two donations to allow the Ruth Culver Community Library to help support students in the Sauk Prairie School District:

- \$500 to purchase books to give to 4K-5th grade students choosing virtual instruction
- \$1,000 to the high school English department to purchase classroom books as a way to continue teen literacy

These donations allow the library to continue reaching students at a time when it is more difficult to physically visit the library. Thank you!





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

2020-2021 Friends Board of Directors

Thank you to our 2020-2021 Board of Directors!

- CARL HOFFMAN, PRESIDENT
- LYNN ESSER, VICE-PRESIDENT
- BILL CAMPBELL, TREASURER
- LORIN WEILER, SECRETARY
- MARY BRENNAN, DIRECTOR
- JOHN DOMAGATA, DIRECTOR
- AMANDA DULEY, DIRECTOR
- LISA SCHWARZ, DIRECTOR

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library will be held virtually via Zoom **Wednesday, March 24 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. Meeting link will be available on the library website (pdslibrary.org).



2020 Meeting Dates

The 2021 meeting dates for the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library are as follows:

- **Wednesday, March 24** (Annual Meeting)
- **Wednesday, May 26**
- **Wednesday, July 28**
- **Wednesday, September 22**
- **Thursday, November 18**

Meetings will be held at **6:30pm** virtually via Zoom until the library community room is again available. 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.



Library Open by Appointment

The Ruth Culver Community Library is currently open for browsing the collection, computer use and other basic services by appointment. Appointments are on the hour and can be made by calling 608-643-8318. In most cases, you will be able to come the same day and even name the hour you'd like to come. Evening appointments are especially easy to get. Please maintain social distancing and remember **masks are required** to enter the building, even if you are only briefly in the lobby.

Computer Use

Two computers are available in the library for 45-minute appointments made on the hour. You may also schedule an appointment to enter the library for printing and copying. If you wish to bring in your own laptop, our express station will continue to be available as well with a 45-minute limit.

Upcoming Virtual Events for Adults

The library is not yet able to resume in-person events, but events for adults continue as Take & Makes and/or virtual presentations. All are sponsored by the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library.

Take & Make: Washer Necklace



This Take & Make bag will have the supplies needed to create your own unique scrapbook paper washer necklace. Bags will be available for pick-up beginning on March 8, 2021. **Supplies are limited; registration is required.** Call the library at 608-643-8318 to reserve your supplies. There will not be a Zoom meeting for

this craft, but your bag will include easy to follow instructions. Contact Charlene or Meagan at 608-643-8318 with questions.



Photos shown are for example only; actual designs in the bag will vary.

Lobby Pickup

This service remains available to those that wish to utilize it. We will gather your items, bag and label them, and then place them on a table in the lobby for pick-up. No appointment needed; just call the library before you arrive. Curbside service is also available if you do not wish to enter the building or are unable to wear a mask.

Tax Forms

Tax forms have arrived and are available in the lobby for pickup during regular library hours, no appointments required. We receive only the most popular forms, but many can be printed online. Visit www.irs.gov/forms-instructions (Federal) or www.revenue.wi.gov/Pages/Individuals/income.aspx (State) to find your forms.

Virtual Author Visit: Patricia Skalka

Patricia Skalka, author of the Dave Cubiak Door County Mysteries, will speak virtually via Zoom **Monday, April 26 at 6:30 pm**. The Zoom link will be available on the library website (www.pdslibrary.org) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/pdslibrary). Contact Meagan at 608-643-8318 or mstatz@pdslibrary.org with questions.

The Dave Cubiak Door County Mysteries pit a former troubled Chicago cop against a roster of clever killers on the Door County Peninsula in the heart of the Midwest. Books in the series are:

- *Death Stalks Door County*
- *Death at Gils Rock*
- *Death in Cold Water*
- *Death Rides the Ferry*
- *Death by the Bay*

The next book in the series will be released April 20!



Take & Make Options for Children and Teens

Maker Monday bags for children in preK-K and grades 1-5 continue this spring! The library will offer new crafts every other week (February 15, March 1, March 15 and March 29). Ask for bags when you request curbside pick-up, or grab a bag from the table in the library lobby. Bags are available while supplies last. Contact Heather Phelps at 608-643-8318 or hphelps@pdslibrary.org with questions.

Monthly **Teen Tuesday at Home** bags are available for grades 6-12. Each bag has 3 to 4 different activities to choose. Online registration, available at www.pdslibrary.org, is required. Contact Meagan at 608-643-8318 or mstatz@pdslibrary.org with questions.

Take & Make bags for children and teens are funded partially by donations to the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library.