



FRIENDS OF THE RUTH CULVER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Fall 2020

Letter from the President of the Friends

Greetings Friends!

This year has been like no other in recent history. Our normal activities have been disrupted and this has affected all of us greatly. But to the extent that it is able, the library has continued to provide valuable services to our community. I would like to thank the library staff for their dedication and commitment.

The Friends were not able to have our usual fundraising activities this year so we tried a few new ideas. In July, John Joseph Coffee partnered with the Friends for the "Bibliophile" coffee fundraiser. It was a tremendous success raising \$1000. Thank you to John Joseph Coffee for your generous support and to all who purchased the coffee.

Unfortunately, we were not able to have the Friends annual golf outing, our largest fundraiser. But some wonderful Friends still gave generous donations in support of the library. Other Friends gave generous donations for the beautiful flower garden or as memorials to loved ones. Thank you to all the Friends who made donations of time and money in this unusual year.

We were not able to hold our Spring Book Sale but we are going to try to have our Fall Book Sale. Its format will be a little different. It will start in October and run for a series of weeks in the lobby of the library.

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NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK



The Library Board of the Ruth Culver Community Library is very thankful for all the support given to the Library by the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library. All the assistance given by the Friends and their Board is invaluable to the success of our wonderful community Library.

Happy National Friends of Libraries Week!

--Helen Campbell, Jeff Virchow, Sue Lloyd,
Jim Witecha, Chris Bender, Stephanie Judge &
Abby Howell-Dinger

Ruth Culver Community Library Board

NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK

Oct. 18-24, 2020



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for Libraries
Association of Library Trustees,
Advocates, Friends and Foundations
A Division of the American Library Association

www.ala.org/united/events_conferences/folweek



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When you visit the library, check out the table with the books for the Fall Book Sale.

And did you know this is the 120th anniversary of the Prairie du Sac library? Imagine that, 120 years of books containing knowledge, adventure, mystery, and romance. The Friends are celebrating this milestone with a Book Bag fundraiser. The cotton canvas bag is available starting in October with beautiful artwork highlighting the four different buildings that have housed the Prairie du Sac library over the past 120 years. These bags are great for carrying home your books from the library and would make fantastic Christmas presents! I hope you are able to show your support of the library by purchasing a book bag or two.

As we finish out 2020 I would like to thank you for your continued support. If you can, please consider a donation to the Friends. Keep safe, keep healthy, and keep being a Friend.

Thank you for being a Friend!
Carl Hoffman

National Friends of Libraries Week



October 18-24 is National Friends of Libraries Week. We are so grateful for our fabulous Friends! There are two ways you can share your appreciation for the Friends this fall.

Book Sale Kick Off

We haven't been able to hold our books sales as usual this year, but we are bringing you a smaller version! An ongoing mini book sale will launch in the lobby of the library October 19. All sales are by donation and will go to the Friends' support of the library. As you browse, please maintain social distancing and follow all safety measure put in place by the library staff. While very much appreciated in "normal" times, donations of used books are currently not being accepted due to lack of storage space.

Book Bag Sale

The Friends will be selling book bags for \$10 each. The special 120th Anniversary artwork was designed by Sophie Hoffman and features images of all four library buildings. They are a great size for filling with books from the sale! Watch for them to be available for purchase at the library soon!

Supporter Spotlight

This summer the Friends received donations from two of our frequent, and generous, supporters.



Thank you to **John Joseph Coffee** for donating the Bibliophile July sales (and then some) to the Friends for a total donation of \$1,000! And thank you to all of those that purchased this special library blend.

Thank you to **Edward Jones Financial Advisor Joe LaCour** for another \$200 donation for the library gardens. This donation, and our wonderful and talented volunteers, keep the gardens looking their best!





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

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.

2020 Meeting Dates

The remaining 2020 meeting dates for the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library are as follows:

- **Wednesday, November 18**

Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM virtually via Zoom. All are welcome to attend. Contact Meagan at mstatz@pdslibrary.org 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 Virtual Events for Adults

The library has cancelled all in-person events for the remainder of the year, but events for adults are returning virtually. All are sponsored by the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library.

Take & Make: Button Pumpkin Art

Adult craft projects are back! We will provide a Take and Make bag with supplies needed to create your own button pumpkin art. **Quantities are limited; registration is required.** Please call 608-643-8318 to reserve your bag. Bags will be available for pickup beginning on October 12. An optional Zoom event will be held on Monday October 19 at 6:30 pm. Zoom meeting link will be available at pdslibrary.org. Contact Meagan or Charlene at 608-643-8318 with questions.

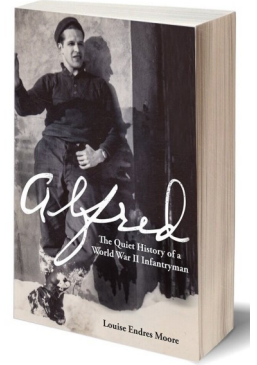


Zoom Author Talk: Louise Endres Moore

Louise Endres Moore, Lodi native and author of *Alfred: The Quiet History of a World War II Infantryman*, will speak virtually via Zoom **Wednesday, November 11 at 6:30pm**. The event link will be available on the library's

website (www.pdslibrary.org).

Moore's book tells her father's story. For 57 years, Alfred told his family he had been a barber, chauffeur, and German language translator during World War II within the U.S. Army. But following the death of his wife, Alfred started sharing with his daughter Louise a glimpse into his actual experiences. What began as a weekly napkin-capture of stories during nursing home visits with her dad became a nearly two decade deep dive into his true role in the war as a reluctant front-line machine gunner in Europe 1944-1945. Intensely researched and thoroughly human, Alfred compiles a lifetime panorama of the experiences, emotions, and character of one infantryman who never wanted a part of the war but accepted it. He returned home, discernibly the gentle Wisconsin farmer he was when he left, to a family unaware of what he had done. And what he had survived. Books are available for purchase for \$20 at the library. Contact Meagan at 643-8318 with questions.



Library Open for Express Service

Thank you to all the wonderful patrons who have been so understanding! The library remains open to patrons, with masks required. Curbside service is also available.

Returning Library Materials

To ensure everyone's safety, no indoor returns will be accepted. However, you may return any and all items in

our outside book drop. Returns will be quarantined and will not be checked in for several days.

Current Hours of Operation

Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-8:00pm
Friday: 9:00am-4:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am-1:00pm

Celebrating 120 Years of Service

The Library celebrates 120 years of service this year! Join in the celebration October 19-October 31.

Bookmark Design Contest

Using the 120th Anniversary as a theme, design a bookmark using any medium you'd like! The contest kicks off October 19 and deadline for submission is October 31. Prizes will be awarded in 3 age categories (0-10, 11-17, and 18+) and winning entries will be made into bookmarks for our patrons. Entry forms can be printed from the

library's website (www.pdslibrary.org) or picked up at the library's front desk.

Top 120 Picks

We are compiling a list of the Top 120 Books according to our patrons, and we want you to share your favorites! All ages are encouraged to participate by filling out the online form linked on our website or by filling out a slip at the library's front desk. You can submit more than one response! The final list will be available in November.

