



## 2020 Support for Library

At the January 22, 2020 Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library Board meeting, the library's wish list was presented. After review, the Board approved the amount of \$10,000 to be given to the library for a variety of needs for the upcoming year, including programming for adults, summer reading for all ages, and support for the new weekly Bookmobile service to Bluffview. Your support makes this annual contribution possible. Thank you!



At left: Friends President Carl Hoffman presents a check to library staff member Meagan Statz

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## Letter from the President of the Friends

Greetings Friends!

Springtime! A time of renewal when we wake from hibernation, shake off the winter blues, and notice the early flowers breaking through the last remnants of snow. OK, so we're not there yet but it is coming. Soon we will transition from curling up with a good book in front of a fire to sitting in the outdoors with a good book in the warm sunshine. And maybe make good on that resolution to volunteer in the community. As we look forward I want to take a moment to look back.

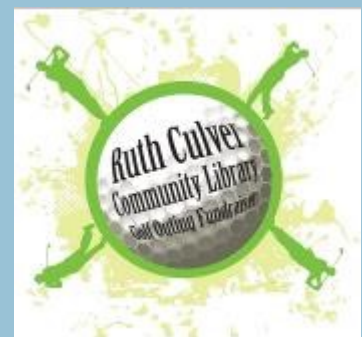
The Friends had another successful year of fundraising and volunteerism. You provided the Ruth Culver Community Library with over \$12,000 in funding in 2019. This helps support children, teen, and adult programming, just to name a few. In addition to the monetary donations there were hundreds of hours of volunteer work for the Book Sales, the Golf Outing, and the care of the beautiful flower garden. A big, heartfelt thank you for the generous donations of time and money! Let's keep it going for this year.

And now, looking ahead, the Friends Annual Membership meeting will be held in March and is open to all Friends. At the meeting we will nominate and vote on the Board Officers and Directors. The Board meets six times a year, every other month, for about one hour each meeting. The Officers are elected for one year terms and Directors are elected for either one year or two year terms. If you are interested in being on the Friends Board I encourage you to attend the March 25 meeting at 6:30 pm in the Community Room of the Ruth Culver Community Library. If you would like more information on being a Director or Officer feel free to contact the Library or any Board member.

Thank you for being a Friend!  
Carl Hoffman

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**Wednesday, September 9, 2020**





## 12th Annual Golf Outing and Dinner

Mark your calendars for the 12th annual golf outing and dinner to be held at Lake Wisconsin Country Club on Wednesday, September 9, 2020. Volunteers are needed to help plan, publicize and run the outing, prepare mailings, and more. Please contact the library at 643-8318 or mstanz@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.

At right: Curt and Sue Culver and Tom and Christine Irgens heading out on the course at the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library Golf Outing held at Lake Wisconsin Country Club.



## Library Gardens

The library had beautiful gardens again in 2019. Special thank you to Joe LaCour, Edward Jones Financial Advisor, for providing funding for the gardens for the past five years!

Thank you to volunteers Frank and Deanna Haselwander and Nova Mijal for their dedication in maintaining the gardens. Help this coming spring/summer would be much appreciated. Contact the library at 643-8318 if you are interested.



The Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library have supported numerous enhancements to the library over the past year. Here are just some of the highlights from 2019:

### Library enhancements

- Lucky Day collection of popular books and movies
- New books on CD
- Replacement copies for worn classics
- Spanish language materials to enhance collection
- Sensory-sensitive programming supplies



### Program support

- Support of the 2019 summer reading program for all ages
- Programming for school-age children
- 2019 adult event support
- Maker Mondays summer club for children & teens





**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

**2019-2020 Friends Board of Directors**

Thank you to our 2019-2020 Board of Directors!

- *CARL HOFFMAN, PRESIDENT*
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- *LORIN WEILER, SECRETARY*
- *CHRIS JUNKINS, DIRECTOR*
- *MARY BRENNAN, DIRECTOR*
- *JOHN DOMAGATA, DIRECTOR*



**Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library will be held Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30 PM. 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](mailto:mstatz@pdslibrary.org) or 608-643-8318 if you are interested in learning more.

**2020 Meeting Dates**

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

- **Wednesday, March 25** (Annual Meeting)
- **Wednesday, May 27**
- **Wednesday, July 22**
- **Wednesday, September 23**
- **Wednesday, November 18**

Meetings will be held at 6:30 PM in the Community Room at the Ruth Culver Community Library. All are welcome to attend.

**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:  
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540 Water Street  
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Donations may also be made online at [www.pdslibrary.org/friends-library](http://www.pdslibrary.org/friends-library)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Events for Adults

### Candle Making

**Monday, March 9, 6:00 p.m.**



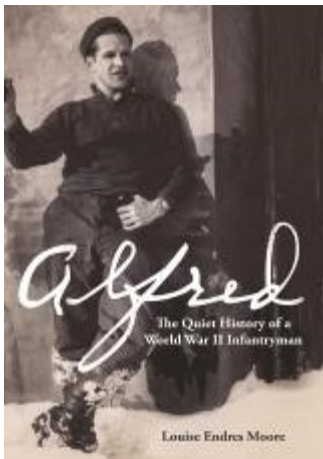
Learn how to make your own candles at the library Monday, March 9 at 6:00pm. All supplies will be provided. Open to ages 18 and up. **Registration is required** and will open

February 10. Contact Charlene at 643-8318 with questions. Thank you to the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library for sponsoring this event.

### Author Louise Endres Moore

**Tuesday, April 21, 6:30 p.m.**

Louise Endres Moore, Lodi native and author of *Alfred: The Quiet History of a World War II Infantryman*, will speak at the library Tuesday, April 21 at 6:30pm. 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 experi-

ences, 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 will be available for purchase. Contact Meagan at 643-8318 with questions. Thank you to the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library for sponsoring this event.

### Lotion & Scrubs for Adults

**Monday, July 13, 6:00 p.m.**

Make your own lotions and scrubs at the library Monday, July 13 at 6:00pm. All supplies will be provided. This event is open to ages 18 and up. Space is limited; **registration is required** and will open June 1. Contact Charlene at 643-8318



with questions. Thank you to the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library for sponsoring this event.

Events for May and June are coming! Check the library's online calendar at [pdslibrary.org](http://pdslibrary.org) for updates.

## Coming soon to your email inbox...

The Ruth Culver Community Library's monthly newsletter recently became available via email. Beginning in April, if you have a valid email address on file with the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library you will also receive the library's monthly email newsletter. You can opt out of this email at anytime by following the link at the bottom of the message or contacting Meagan at [mstatz@pdslibrary.org](mailto:mstatz@pdslibrary.org).



## Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library Spring Book Sale will be held in the library community room **Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16**. All sales are by donation and proceeds will go to the Friends' support of the library. Donations of gently used materials are appreciated (sorry, no encyclopedias, magazines, or nonfiction more than 5 years old).

Volunteers are also needed! Opportunities include helping unpack boxes and setup Thursday, May 14 (1:00 p.m.), staffing the sale for a 2-hour shift Friday or Saturday, or helping with clean-up Monday, May 18. Contact Meagan at 643-8318 or [mstatz@pdslibrary.org](mailto:mstatz@pdslibrary.org) if interested.