



Letter from the President of the Friends

Greetings Friends!

A year ago I decided to be on the Friends Board as a director for a two year term. When I inquired about it, I was told all it required was 6 meetings a year, every other month, for an hour at each meeting. No big time commitment really. But then the Friends needed volunteers for the golf outing, the major annual fundraising event for the library. I have a full-time job but maybe I could put in some time for that. I volunteered a few hours of my time; what I could fit in with my job and family commitments. Others volunteered a LOT of hours to make the fundraiser a success. And then there was the Fall and Spring Book Sales. I volunteered an hour for each. Not a bad gig. Plus I could look over the books and score some really good reads. So if you are keeping score I probably put in about 40 hours for the year. And if you break it down that is less than one hour a week.

So what's the point of this? I volunteered time to support the library and yet fit into my schedule. And what's in it for me? I am supporting the library; a free institution that welcomes and benefits everyone! The Friends help to supplement financial support for the library and therefore, the community. The Friends help to support the Teen programs, the Summer programs, the Adult programs, and much more.

Have you been looking for an opportunity to volunteer some of your time for a worthwhile organization? Do you have six hours a year? Would you like to be a Director on the Friends Board? Do you have 4-20 hours in the summer? Would you like to help with the golf outing fundraiser? Do you like to weed? Would you like to help with the beautiful flower gardens at the Library? (Yes, the Friends help to support those, too!) There is no better opportunity to support your community than to help support your local library! Be a Friend! Volunteer!

Carl Hoffman

11th Annual Golf Outing & Dinner

The outpouring of support for the past 10 years of the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library Golf Outing has raised over \$89,000. What happens to this money? It goes back into the library to support you and our community.

Here are just a few of the things your generous contributions have supported: Summer Reading challenges for all ages, events for children, teens and adults, new furniture including chairs in the study rooms and adult area, and collection enhancements, especially audiobooks and DVDs.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Friends of the Library
Dinner & Golf Outing

11th ANNUAL



Wednesday, September 4, 2019



11th Annual Golf Outing (continued from page 1)

How can you support this event (even if you're not a golfer)?

While we're always looking for golfers to join this fun outing, there are many other ways to support your local library with this event.

Participation Opportunities:

- Golf! The putting contest and dinner are included with your registration.
- Not a golfer? Join us for the silent auction & dinner.

Donation Opportunities:

- Become a sponsor with monetary contributions beginning at \$100.
- Donate items for golfer goodie bags (examples include golf balls, tees, pens, etc.).
- Donate items for the silent auction (unique items

and gift cards are most desired by our bidders).

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Stuff envelopes to mail golf registration, sponsorship and silent auction forms.
- Stuff golfer goodie bags.
- Distribute posters around town to spread the word.
- Help set up the silent auction or help with registration on the day of the event.

Save the date for the 11th Annual Dinner and Golf Outing to be held Wednesday, September 4, 2019

at Lake Wisconsin Country Club. See the insert in this newsletter for more information or contact Meagan Statz, Ruth Culver Community Library, at 608-643-8318 or mstatz@pdslibrary.org.



Friends 2019 Contributions

The Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library have already supported numerous enhancements to the library in 2019! Here are just some of the highlights:

- Touch-up painting to keep the building looking bright and new
- Funds to support the library's Lucky Day collections
- Additional titles to enhance the audiobook collection
- New copies of classics in poor condition
- Sponsorship of adult special events



Library Gardens

The library has beautiful gardens again this year thanks to some great volunteers, especially Frank and Deanna Haselwander, and financial support from Edward Jones Financial Advisor -Joe LaCour. Help maintaining the gardens would be much appreciated. Contact the library at 643-8318 if you are interested.





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

2018-2019 Friends Board of Directors

Thank you to our 2019-2020 Board of Directors!

- CARL HOFFMAN, PRESIDENT
- LYNN ESSER, VICE-PRESIDENT
- BILL CAMPBELL, TREASURER
- LORIN WEILER, SECRETARY
- CHRIS JUNKINS, DIRECTOR

Thank You Past and Current Board Members

The Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library annual meeting and election of Officers was held in March. Thank you to outgoing board members Laura Netzing, Carol Gagnon, Gary Mijal and Larry Schroeder for your service.

Thank you to elected Officers and Directors Carl Hoffman (President), Lynn Esser (Vice President), Lorin Weiler (Secretary), Bill Campbell (Treasurer) and Chris Junkins (Director) for taking positions on the Board.

Get on Board!

The Board of the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library currently has openings for Directors. The Board meets six times per year and makes important contributions in a multitude of ways. Contact Meagan at 643-8318 or mstatz@pdslibrary.org if you are interested in this opportunity to help support the library.

2019 Meeting Dates

The remaining 2019 meeting dates for the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library are as follows:

- Wednesday, July 24
- Wednesday, September 25
- Wednesday, November 20

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:
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 Events for Adults

The following programs for adults (ages 18 and older) are free and will be held in the Community Room at the library unless otherwise noted. Contact Meagan at 643-8318 with questions. These programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library.

Digital Sketching

Wednesday, July 31, 6:30 p.m.



Are you curious about digital sketching? Come experiment at the library. We will have iPads and Apple pencils available for use. Registration is required.

Read, See, Discuss Movie Night

Tuesday, August 27, 6:00 p.m.

Read the book, see the movie and discuss your thoughts! Copies of the book *Big Fish: a Novel of Mythic Proportions* by Daniel Wallace will be available for checkout prior to the screening of the movie and discussion will follow at the end of the movie. Refreshments provided by the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library.

Jewelry Making

Monday, October 14, 6:00 p.m.

Make your own jewelry at the library, all supplies provided! Registration is required.

Paranormal Wisconsin

Wednesday, November 6, 6:30 p.m.

Paranormal researcher Chad Lewis returns to the library! This time he will share Paranormal Wisconsin: Tales of Ghosts, UFOs, and Mysterious Creatures. This presentation is an eerie combination of the most bizarre paranormal topics. Chad has combined his strangest cases of alien abductions, haunted places, mysterious creatures, crop circles, and everything else weird and unusual. This program covers the entire spectrum of WI's supernatural activity.



Chad Lewis is a paranormal researcher and author for Unexplained Research. Chad holds a Master's of Science degree in Applied Psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Chad has trekked across the world in search of the paranormal. From tracking vampires in Transylvania and chasing the Chupacabras in Puerto Rico, to searching for the elusive monster in Loch Ness, and pursuing ghosts in Ireland's castles, Chad brings over 18 years of research experience to his presentations.

Summer Reading Challenges

Summer Reading Challenges for all ages kicked off at the library June 7 and continue through August 17. The Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library have made significant contributions again this summer to ensure readers of ALL ages have an opportunity to participate. Register at the library or online at www.pdslibrary.org/summer-2019.

Children's Challenge

Children of all ages, including pre-readers, can participate and all you have to do is read! Yes, just read! We want to encourage you to keep reading all summer long, anytime, anywhere, anything with words! Just sign-up and read a minimum of 20 minutes per day. Play PLINKO for prizes! You can also earn bonus slips for the grand prizes by reading extra.

Teen Challenge

Read for 2 hours and you'll earn an entry into the monthly grand prize drawings. You'll also receive a scratch-off ticket for a chance to win an additional prize. Redeem 5 completed scratch-offs for a free book (while supplies last)! There are no limits on the number of entries you can have. Get a new sheet as soon as you fill one up!

Adult Challenge

Read for 2 hours and you'll earn an entry into the monthly prize drawings. There are no limits on the number of entries you can have. Get a new sheet as soon as you fill one up!

