



Letter from the President of the Friends

Greetings Friends!

What a spring it has been. Or hasn't been! I hope you are safe and healthy. While we were waiting for spring to arrive a pandemic came instead and has led to many changes in our world. Many local businesses, individuals, and organizations have been greatly affected by COVID-19 over the past few months. The Friends are no exception.

After postponing the March Friends Board meeting for the annual election of officers and directors the Friends were finally able to hold a virtual meeting in May. Thank you to the Directors and Officers who were elected for one year terms. In May, the annual Spring Book Sale was cancelled due to the closure of the library. The Friends have also decided to cancel the annual golf outing and dinner fundraiser scheduled for September 9th this year.

But alas, all is not lost! The library flower garden is as beautiful as ever. Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who lovingly plant and tend to the flowers. And, the Friends are partnering with John Joseph Coffee to offer a specially blended roast available only the month of July. This fundraiser offers for sale 1 lb. bags of "Bibliophile" whole bean or ground coffee. The Friends board is also investigating other fundraising opportunities to be held later in the year. If you are able, please help support these activities of the Friends.

And through it all, the library staff has shown perseverance, dedication, and innovation in continuing to provide programs and materials to the community.

So as we navigate through this new normal together please keep safe, keep healthy, and keep being a Friend.

Thank you for being a Friend!
Carl Hoffman

Coffee Fundraiser in July

Coffee & Books! The Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library are excited to partner with John Joseph Coffee to bring you a new, specially blended roast - Bibliophile, available only for the month of July. This delicious roast will be sold in 1 lb bags (whole bean or ground) for \$15. Coffee can be ordered at johnjosephcoffee.com, and picked up at the Ruth Culver Community Library or John Joseph Coffee, 112 Van Buren St., Sauk City. There will also be limited supply available for purchase at the Ruth Culver Community Library in Prairie du Sac and at the coffee shop.

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Available in July Only!





Golf Outing Cancellation

Written by Bill and Helen Campbell, 2019 Golf Outing Co-Chairs

Each year at this time we have been excited to announce the upcoming Friends' Golf Outing and Dinner. This year businesses, individuals, and organizations have been greatly affected by the COVID-19 health crisis. With that in mind the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library has canceled the 12th Annual Golf Outing and Dinner scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, 2020.

We concur with this decision. However, we do have sadness in our hearts that there will be no outing this year. For 11 years library supporters have joined together for a day of golf and fun. Golfers have hit marshmallows off of tees and spotted flamingos on the course. Guests have generously bid on silent auction items and participated in raffles. We have enjoyed the delicious dinners prepared by the Lake Wisconsin Country Club. We have had good weather and bad but never canceled the event. We even have had a euchre tournament instead of golf. Many volunteers have spent their summers making the day special for our guests while raising funds for the library. Over the years those funds have helped build the Ruth Culver Community Library, enhanced programming, and purchased materials and equipment for the library.



When this event was canceled the Board knew that the need for funds for the library would still continue to be there. All of us as library friends have the responsibility to make sure those funds are available in the future. To those of you who can still support the Friends this year we openly ask for your help. Those that can not help this year we understand. We will all get through this together.

Right now we are planning to continue to have our traditional golf outing again in 2021. We hope to see you there. Together we can make it the best outing ever.



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 2020:

Library enhancements

- Lucky Day collection of popular books
- Water bottle filling station
- SAD lamps for patron checkout

Program support

- Support of the new 2020 summer reading challenges for all ages
- Programming for school-age children
- Summer Maker Mondays take-home activity kits
- Summer Teen Tuesdays @ Home





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



Library Gardens

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who are making sure the library gardens look beautiful again this year!

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
- CHRIS JUNKINS, DIRECTOR
- MARY BRENNAN, DIRECTOR
- JOHN DOMAGATA, DIRECTOR

2020 Meeting Dates

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

- 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. If in-person meetings are not yet possible, meetings may be held virtually. 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.



Summer Reading Challenges

Summer Reading Challenges began Monday, June 15 and continue through Saturday, August 22. This summer the Ruth Culver Community Library encourages EVERYONE to participate in our new summer reading challenges! All you have to do is read whatever, wherever and whenever you like! All reading will be logged online through Beanstack. *If you would like to participate but can't use an online version, please contact Meagan at mstatz@pdslibrary.org.*

Visit the library's Beanstack page (<http://pdslibrary.beanstack.org>) to get started in three simple steps.

1. Create an account.
2. Register yourself and/or additional family members for reading challenges.
3. Start reading to earn badges and enter to win prizes!

Adult Challenge

Each minute you read will earn you an entry in our prize drawing for a \$50 Sauk Prairie Chamber gift certificate good at many area businesses. ANY reading counts...print books, eBooks, magazines, audiobooks, newspapers. Three winners will be chosen at the end of the challenge.

Library Open for Express Service

As of Monday, June 8 the library is open for Express Service, with Curbside Service available by request. It goes against our very nature to ask you to limit your time in our stacks, but we believe that the safety of our patrons and staff is paramount. So we ask that you treat your library visit as you would a trip to the grocery store and limit your time in the library to the time necessary to conduct the



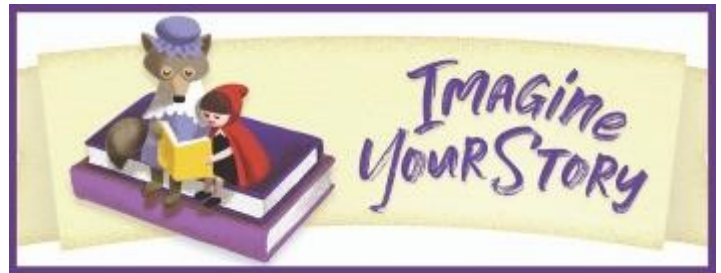
business you are there for. We ask that you do not congregate or participate in conversations not related to your transaction and maintain 6 feet of social distancing at all times. Thank you for your

Children's Challenge

Log the time you spend reading this summer to earn tickets to enter in our monthly grand prize drawings! You'll also win small prizes along the way and a free book once you've read 1,000 minutes! Don't stop reading after you earn the completion badge - reading beyond the final badge still earns entries in the grand prize drawings!

Teen Challenge

Each minute you read will earn you an entry in our grand prize drawing at the end of the challenge. You'll also win free books along the way. Don't stop reading after you earn the completion badge - reading beyond the final badge still earns entries in the prize drawing!



understanding and cooperation.

Wearing a mask and practicing good hygiene is strongly recommended. Staff are wearing masks and practicing frequent hand washing to keep our patrons safe. Please return the favor!

The following areas of the building will remain closed at this time: bathrooms, community room, study rooms, and reading room.

Hours of Operation

Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-8:00pm

Friday: 9:00am-4:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am-12:00pm

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 4 days.

Events for Adults

All in-person events at the Ruth Culver Community Library are currently on hold. Follow the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library on Facebook (facebook.com/friendsoftheruthculverlibrary) for announcements when events return.