



## Friends Make A Difference in 2016

The Friends of the Library is proud to have recently made a \$10,000 gift to support the Ruth Culver Community Library. Chris Junkins, Friends Board member, presents a \$10,000 check to Library Board members Cheryl Sherman, Jeff Virchow and Stephanie Judge. See page 3 to learn more about how your support will make a difference.

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## Get Involved

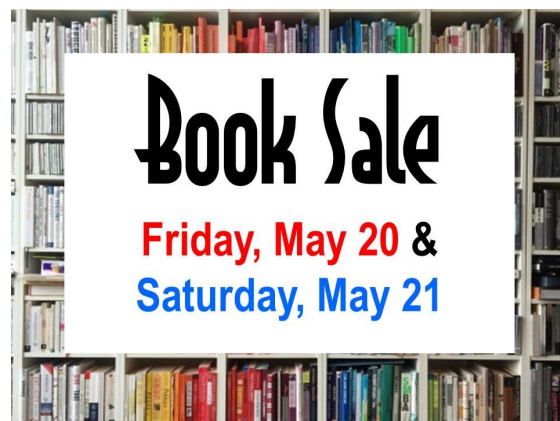
We are looking for two individuals to serve on the Board of the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library for the coming year. This is a meaningful volunteer experience. Board meetings are held six times per year and typically last an hour and a half. Friends activities include two book sales, spring Trivia Contest and Golf Outing; Board members are encouraged to volunteer to help with one of these events and there are a variety of ways to help. Contact Jennifer Endres Way at 643-8318 or [jway@pdslibrary.org](mailto:jway@pdslibrary.org) if you would like to learn more about this opportunity to serve on the Board or other ways to get involved. The Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library makes a significant impact on the library in a multitude of ways including sharing suggestions, volunteering, holding events, sponsoring library programs and supporting library enhancements and more.





## Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library will be held on **Wednesday, March 30 at 6:30 PM** in the Community Room at the Ruth Culver Community Library. All members are welcome to attend. Election of officers will take place. All members are able to vote in the election for officers and directors. Board members are elected for one year terms. Contact Jennifer Endres Way at 643-8318 if you would like to learn more.



## Trivia Contest: Saturday, April 30

It's time for our annual Trivia Challenge, open to those ages 14 and older. Join us on Saturday, April 30 starting at 6 PM (checkin begins at 5:30 PM). This team competition is hosted by the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library and will be held in the St Aloysius School Gym, 608 Oak Street, Sauk City. The event will include a silent auction, 50/50 raffle, concessions, prizes, team table decoration contest and, new this year, a pie auction.

*Presented by the  
Friends of the Ruth Culver  
Community Library*  
*The evening also includes:*

**Pie Auction**  
**Silent Auction**  
**50/50 Raffle**  
**Concessions**  
**Prizes**  
**Table Decoration Contest**

### Register to Participate

Registration forms are available in the library and online at [www.pdslibrary.org/trivia\\_challenge](http://www.pdslibrary.org/trivia_challenge). Cost is \$15 per person if registered and paid by April 25 and \$20 per person after April 25. Maximum team size is 8 members. Registration forms and payment can be returned to the library. Contact Meagan at the library at 643-8318 with questions. (Last year's 1st place team won't be competing this year so it's anyone's contest!)

### Sponsorship

Special opportunities to support the event as a sponsor, event partner, or silent auction donor are also available. Sponsors at all levels will receive recognition on the event website, posters, volunteer t-shirt, and other publicity. Sponsorships must be received by March 4th to be included on the event poster and all publicity. Sponsorships of \$100 or more also include a free team entry in the contest. Sponsorship levels are as follows:

- **\$500 Summa Cum Laude** (includes an 8-member trivia team)
- **\$300 Magna Cum Laude** (includes a 6-member trivia team)
- **\$100 Cum Laude** (includes a 4-member trivia team)

Many thanks to those who support this event!

## 2016 Meeting Schedule

The Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library Board will meet on the following dates in 2016. Members are welcome to attend all meetings. Meetings are held at 6:30 PM and meet in the Community Room at the library unless indicated otherwise:

- Wednesday, March 30  
Annual Meeting
- Wednesday, May 25
- Wednesday, July 27\*
- Wednesday, September 28
- Wednesday, November 16

\* The July 27 meeting will be held at the Prairie du Sac Village Hall at 335 Galena St., Prairie du Sac, WI 53578.

### **OUR PURPOSE:**

*“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 program; and to encourage the broadest possible use of its facilities, materials and services.”*



## Make a Difference in 2016 (continued)

Thanks to the generosity of our Friends, many programs, collection enhancements and other needs are being supported by the Friends of the Library in 2016.

This year, the Friends are providing support for the following programs including:

- Adult speaker and class series featuring speakers Curt Meine, Chad Lewis and Terese Allen
- Summer Reading Program for Children, Teens and Adults

This year's gift will provide for the purchase of new titles to expand and enhance the following collections:

- **Lucky Day Books:** This collection features new best-sellers and popular titles and allows us to have additional copies available only to visitors of our library.
- **Nonfiction Books for Teens:** This will provide for the purchase of new nonfiction books for teens allowing us to keep our collection current and relevant to our community's teens.
- **Books on CD for Adults:** This is a popular collection and we look forward to being able to add more new titles for the many people that enjoy listening to books.
- **Playway Collection for Children:** This recent format for kids is increasingly popular. These small audiobooks are compact and can be used with headphones, making them a great choice for students.

This gift will provide for a variety of other needs and initiatives this year ranging from a new board book cart to participation in the Chamber's Welcome basket program. Thanks to the Friends all the upholstered furniture in the library was deep cleaned this month!

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to Lorin Weiler and Bill Campbell for serving on the Database Committee in 2015. Thanks to their



expertise, time and hard work, we were able to maintain our Friends database while moving it to a new format that better fits our needs and provides many opportunities moving forward. Thanks Lorin and Bill!

## Upcoming Events for Adults

### ADULT PROGRAMS & EVENTS

The following programs for adults are free and will be held in the Community Room at the library unless otherwise noted. All are sponsored by the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library.

### Spring Cleaning

**Tuesday, March 22, 6:30 PM**

Make your own cleaning products at the library! All supplies will be provided. Registration is appreciated.

### Aldo Leopold and Wisconsin's Conservation Tradition by Curt Meine

**Thursday, April 21, 6:30 PM**

Curt Meine will talk about his background as a student of Aldo Leopold's life, work and writing, and what lessons Leopold's legacy hold for Wisconsin today.

### Team Trivia Challenge

**Saturday, April 30, 6:00 PM**

Get a team of family or friends together for an evening of fun! This fundraising event will be held in the gym at St. Aloysius School. Visit [www.pdslibrary.org/trivia\\_challenge](http://www.pdslibrary.org/trivia_challenge) for event information and registration form.



### Card Making for Adults

**Tuesday, May 24, 6:30 PM**

Use the supplies provided to make your own unique cards. Registration is appreciated.

### Spring Book Sale

**Friday, May 20, 9 AM to 5 PM**

**Saturday, May 21, 9 AM to 1PM**

Shop for used books, audiobooks, movies & more in the Community Room at the library.

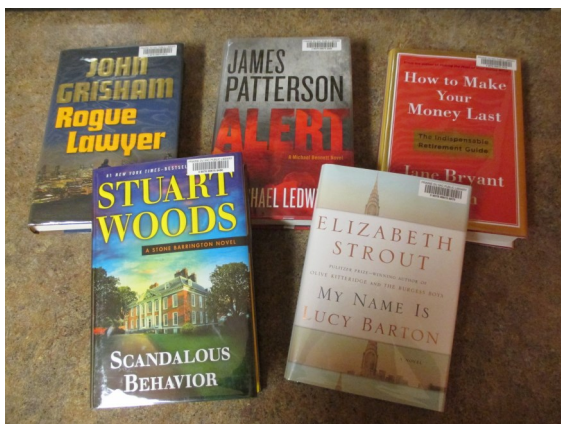
We welcome your suggestions about adult programming topics and speakers of interest to you. Contact Meagan at 643-8318 or [mstanz@pdslibrary.org](mailto:mstanz@pdslibrary.org) to suggest a program or class.





### Bestsellers Thanks to Friends!

Do you like new books and bestsellers? \$1,000 of the Friends gift to the library this year will be used to purchase new "Lucky Day" books for the library. This collection features recent bestsellers and popular books that are in high-demand. This collection allows the library to have an additional copy of these books available only to those visiting the library in person. Visit the Lucky Day collection to see what great new titles await you—if it's your Lucky Day! This collection is located next to the new books across from the customer service desk (ask staff if you don't see it!).



### Have You Seen This...?

Have you seen this recognition label on anything you've taken home from the library? Watch for this "Purchased by the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library" sticker on titles throughout the library.



This recognition label will appear on all titles purchased through the generosity of the Friends. These titles are often popular so they may be hard to find on the shelves!

Did you know you can honor or remember a loved one by purchasing titles in their honor? A personalized recognition label with their name will appear in all titles purchased in honor or memory of your honoree. Visit the Friends of the Library at [www.pdslibrary.org/friends-library](http://www.pdslibrary.org/friends-library) and select the Friends of the Library donation form to make a gift to honor or remember someone special.

## Support the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library

### Member Information

Select a membership level:

- Individual Friend—\$5
- Family Friend—\$10
- Business Friend—\$10
- Lifetime Friend\* —\$100
- I wish to donate a different amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

May we add you to our Friends e-mail list for occasional news?

- Yes—please!
- No thank you!

Please return to:

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The Friends of Ruth Culver Community Library is a 501(c)(3) organization. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Yes, I would like to help! Contact me about opportunities to:

- Serve on the Friends' Board (6 meetings per year).
- Attend some Friends meetings to share my ideas/feedback.
- Help with the Book Sale
- Help with the Golf Outing
- Help with the Trivia Contest
- Help host library events & serve refreshments
- Provide refreshments for library events

\*Lifetime Membership: Those who have made a single gift of \$100 or more are already considered lifetime members; this includes gifts made to the "Be Part of the Story" capital campaign. Lifetime members do not need to renew their membership on an annual basis; however, we are always happy to accept additional support from lifetime members.