



Significant Contribution Thanks to You!

Thanks to the generosity of your financial support of the Friends of the Library, the Friends started 2015 by making a significant and lasting contribution to enrich the library. The gift of \$21,000 will support enhancements to both the library space as well as a variety of operating needs. The gift will support library programming including the sponsorship of adult programming in 2015 along with the summer reading program for all ages. New titles will be added to the books on CD collection, the popular Lucky Day book and DVD collections, and the Blu-ray collection. Enhancements to the library space will include sign holders to label the shelves, a table, a digital sign for the adult area, step stools for children washing hands, as well as needs like trash cans, clocks and floor mats and MORE! Additional information about the impact this makes will be included in upcoming newsletters.



Thanks to your support a check of \$21,000 was presented to the library by the Friends. Bill Campbell, Treasurer, presents the check to Jennifer Endres Way.

Trivia Challenge - Saturday, April 25

It's time for our annual Trivia Challenge, open to anyone ages 14 and older. This team competition hosted by the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library moves to a new venue this year: the St. Aloysius School Gym, 608 Oak Street, Sauk City. The event will also include a silent auction, 50/50 raffle, concessions, prizes and team table decoration contest. Registration forms are on page 4 of this newsletter and are also available online and in the library. Cost is \$10 per person if registered and paid by April 18 and \$12 per person after April 18. Maximum team size is 8 members. Registration forms and payment can be returned to the library.



More info is available on the registration form enclosed or online at www.pdslibrary.org/trivia_challenge. Contact Meagan at the library at 643-8318 with questions. Special opportunities to support the event as a sponsor, event partner or silent auction donor are

Did You Know...

February is Library Lovers' Month. We'd love to hear what you love about your library! Fill out a note at the front desk and let us know why you love your library!



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I Love My Library Because...

February is Library Lover's month. In celebration, visitors to the library are invited to share why they love the library. Here are just some of the first responses shared in the Children's Area.

I Love My Library Because...

"My grandson Kohl loves it so much. He learns a lot here about legos, animals, sharing and reading."

"I love books!!" – Madilyn (3 yrs)

"Of all the wonderful programs for my children."

"My library makes boring time exciting time!"

"Because they have legos and Gilbert and fish. It has lots of books." - Corbin

"The great staff! The beautiful river view. The special programs for all ages."

"It's full of wonderful books. It's full of wonderful and helpful people. Thanks!"

"It allows me to pass on my passion of literature and books with the children I care for!"

"There's toys and Batman movies."

"There are soooo many books about sooo many subjects."

"I like to read books."

"Fire truck books"

"Of the amazing storytime, the great projects they organize. So many wonderful books to rent. Very nice and kind librarians."

"My baby and I love to sing and bounce at "Bouncing Babies."

"People are nice here. Love, Emily"

"We stay in this area because we love the Village, people, river, natural beauty...AND THE LIBRARY!"

"They are always helpful and kind."

"There are TOYS! And many books." – Jackson

"Staff offers suggestions when I'm out of ideas."

"I like the toys." - Conner

"I like to read."

"It has great books and staff."



Resources for Your Mobile Devices

Did you know the library has resources intended to be used on your mobile devices? Contact Meagan at 643-8318 if you'd like help getting started with any of them.

Flipster

Read digital editions of popular magazines for free courtesy of your library! Currently the app is only available for iPads and iPad minis, but you can read magazines using the web browser on most mobile devices. Go to www.pdslibrary.org/databases to access Flipster.



LINKcat

Get the LINKcat App from your device's app store and you'll be able to look up books and place holds on the go. You can even use the app to scan and search by a book's ISBN!



OverDrive

Check out FREE ebooks and audiobooks from Wisconsin's Digital Library, powered by OverDrive. There are also now streaming videos available for checkout!



Collecting for the Summer

The library is busy planning for summer events and needs help saving the following items. You can drop them off whenever it's convenient! Contact Beth Hays, Children's Librarian at 643-8318 with any questions.

- Empty 2-liter plastic soda bottles
- Colorful adult-size t-shirts (the plainer the better)
- Ribbon or webbing (to be used as shoulder straps)
- Cheap throw-away type chopsticks
- Surplus craft supplies

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library is Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30 PM in the Community Room. The election of officers and directors for the coming year will take place. It is a general membership meeting, which means that each member present is entitled to one vote. This is a great chance to learn more about the Friends or to share an idea for the library.

Get Involved!

Looking for a way to get involved and make a difference? The Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library has a variety of opportunities. There are many options for ways you could help with our Golf Outing or Trivia Events from helping plan to volunteering during the event to helping hang up posters. Volunteers are also needed to hold our book sale as well as setup and clean up for these sales. Contact Jennifer at 643-8318 if you are interested in learning more.

Volunteers Help!

Volunteers made a significant impact in 2014 by sharing more than **325 hours** of time helping to make the library a better place. This total is in addition to countless hours contributed by those attending Board meetings and helping with Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library events. Thanks to all our volunteers for sharing their time and talents to make a difference. Thank you!

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Upcoming Events

ADULT PROGRAMS

The following programs will be held in the Community Room at the Ruth Culver Community Library. All programs are FREE. Additional programs are being planned—so watch for more!

Gardening with Phyllis Both Tuesday, March 31 at 6:30 PM

Start spring off by joining presenter Phyllis Both, to learn more about gardening. Both is the Horticulture Educator at Sauk County UW Extension. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library.

Author Jerry Apps Thursday, October 15 at 6:30 PM

Jerry Apps is an award-winning author of more than 30 books, many of them on rural history and country life. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Trivia Challenge

Saturday, April 25 at 6 PM

Get a team of friends, family or co-workers together for a fun night of trivia and more. More details and registration form on pg. 4.

Spring Book Sale

Friday, May 29, 9 AM to 5 PM

Saturday, May 30, 9 AM to 1 PM

Stop by the Community Room at the library to shop our book sale. Those interested in volunteering may contact Meagan Statz at 608-643-8318 or mstatz@pdslibrary.org.

Fall Book Sale

Friday, November 13, 9 AM to 5 PM

Saturday, November 14, 9 AM to 1 PM

Golf Outing

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Volunteer Spotlight: R.E.A.D Dog Volunteers

The R.E.A.D. Dog program is a wonderful way to get children excited about reading at the Ruth Culver Community Library. Children have the opportunity to read with Ladybug, a King Charles Cavalier Spaniel, and Eva, a Burnese Mountain dog. It is a great opportunity for children to gain confidence while developing their reading and communication skills.

Dog owners Phyllis and Nancy both volunteer their time along with their dogs to provide this meaningful experience to children. Phyllis Hazelwood (Ladybug) and Nancy Kaufman (Eva) went through certification processes with their dogs to provide this literacy support. Ladybug is certified through Therapy Dogs International while Eva is certified through the R.E.A.D (Reading Education Assistance Dogs) program. Eva and Ladybug provide a relaxing, accepting environment to read—plus they are very good listeners! Volunteer Jordan Small also works with Beth Hays, Children's Librarian, to make this program possible by greeting and signing in children when they arrive. Each dog visits the library to be read to once a month during the school year with Eva visiting on Thursdays and Ladybug visiting on Tuesdays. Contact Beth Hays at 643-8318 with questions.



Eva is shown with her owner, Nancy, and a young reader.



Saturday, April 25, 6:00 PM

Check in begins at 5:30 p.m.

St. Aloysius School Gym
608 Oak Street, Sauk City, WI

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

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

Registered & Paid by April 18: \$10 per person
After April 18: \$12 per person
(Maximum team size 8 members)

Return registration to:

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For more information go to www.pdslibrary.org or contact Meagan at the Ruth Culver Community Library at 608.643.8318 or mstanz@pslibrary.org.

Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library
Team Trivia Registration Form

Team Name _____

Team Members (up to 8 members, please print)

1.(Leader) _____ Phone _____

2. _____ 3. _____

4. _____ 5. _____

6. _____ 7. _____

8. _____

Please return registration form and payment to:
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