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# The Friends of the Paul Sawyer Public Library

## Newsletter

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Spring 2004 Volume 2, Number 2



### MUCH ADO ABOUT GIANT BOOK SALE (MAY 12-15)

**Donations are needed.** To date we have received some really great materials, but we could use more. Please make sure the books are clean and free of mold and mildew. We especially need children's books, gardening books, cookbooks, sports books, and "fairly new" novels. We can also use videos, DVDs, CDs, software, cassette tapes, and magazines. You can bring items to the library at any time. Just mention at the library's front desk that you have items to donate.

**Special Drop-Off Date.** A special drop-off date has been established for **May 8** from **10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.** On this date, a *Friends* member will be at the back door of the library to receive items. Receipts for tax purposes will be available upon request. For those unable to drop off books on this date, a pick-up service will be provided by calling Rebekah at 502-696-9818.



(photo from previous *Friends* book sale,  
<http://www.pspl.org/friends/FriendsPhotos.html>)

**Volunteers are needed.** We have had a great response from members in the past to help with the book sales and will need your help once more. If you can work a few hours during the sale, please contact Cecilia at 502-695-2793 or Cbroad0816@hotmail.com.

If you can volunteer to help get ready for the sale, please join us at any of the following times:

April 29	4:30–7:00 P.M.
April 30	9:00–11:00 A.M.
May 3	9:00–11:00 A.M. 4:30–7:00 P.M.
May 4	4:30–7:00 P.M.
May 5	9:00–11:00 A.M.
May 6	9:00–11:00 A.M. 4:30–7:00 P.M.
May 8	10:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M.
May 9	2:00–4:00 P.M.
May 10	9:00–11:00 A.M. 4:30–7:00 P.M.
May 11	4:30 P.M.–Whenever

**Shop the sale.** Once you have made your selections, purchase one of our special "Friends of the Paul Sawyer Public Library" book bags to carry your purchases home. They are \$3 for *Friends* members and \$5 for non-members.

**Spread the word.** Be sure to tell your friends and neighbors about the book sale. And post the enclosed flyer where it will be seen.

**Sign up for a Committee.** In the coming months, we hope to "jump start" our committees and hope that while you are at the book sale, you will sign up for one: *Book Sales, Publicity, Fund-raising, Children's Programs, Special Programs, Newsletter, and Membership*. Look for our sign-up "spot" at the book sale! If you cannot attend the book sale, but would like to volunteer for a committee assignment, please contact Cecilia (see above for contact information).

## BOOKNOTES by Jules Delambre

We continue to ask folks what they are reading. Those of you who know Jules Delambre, *Friends'* Treasurer, know he is a big science fiction fan. We asked him to share with us some of his favorite science fiction writers, and his comments follow below.

I have been reading science fiction and *Analog Science Fiction and Fact Magazine* since the 1950s. The current trend that most impresses me is the Web sites that allow you to sample chapters of science fiction books. Three sites I would recommend to science fiction readers are: (1) the Baen book site, <http://www.baen.com/> under "schedule"; (2) the Tor SF and Fantasy books site at <http://www.tor.com/samplestor.html>; and (3) Del Ray books at <http://randomhouse.com/delrey/chapters/>.

Baen is also republishing the career works of James Schmitz, a favorite author of mine who began publishing in the 1940s and published through the 1970s. Our library has a number of these books. However, those who have read science fiction as long as I have are likely to have some problems with the current trend of combining and republishing books under different titles. On the one hand, it is good to have some of our old favorites republished; on the other hand, people have to look carefully to avoid buying books that are already part of their collection.



There have been a number of science fiction trends over the last 30 years. Some authors have created new "worlds" and had a human colony land or crash on them, challenging the travelers in unique ways, i.e. Marion Zimmer Bradley's *Darkover* Series and Anne McCaffrey's *Pern* Series. In these two cases, there are differences of opinion as to whether they should be classified as fantasy or hard science fiction. Personally, I reserve the fantasy label for books that use magic and draw their characters from earth folklore. I enjoy good stories that extend science, weave in ESP, or otherwise explain any departures from science and social reality as we understand them.

Other authors develop in-depth characters and build a series around them. I have long enjoyed Alan Dean Foster's series of stories involving a character named Flinx. David Weber has a well-developed character, Honor Herrington, whose adventures in some ways parallel Horatio Hornblower's British navy adventures. I would also like to mention Michael Flynn's four-book series starting with *Firestar* that focuses on one woman's determination to push mankind into space using her inherited wealth and business empire.

### *Friends'* Board Members

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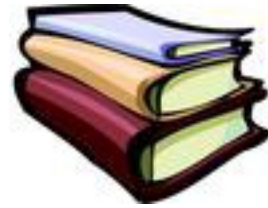


Friend board member  
Michael Embry reports on  
**the First Author's Forum**

Author Crystal Wilkinson spoke to about 25 people at the *Friends'* of the Paul Sawyer Library's first Author's Forum on Sunday, April 18, at the Frankfort Women's Club. Wilkinson talked about the early influences on her life that impacted her writing. She also read a passage from her upcoming novel, *Opulence*.

Following her remarks, she took questions from the audience and signed copies of her two short-story collections: *Blackberries*, *Blackberries* and *Water Street*. The next Author's Forum is scheduled in the fall.

# Third **GIANT** BOOK SALE



in the Basement of the Paul Sawyer Public Library (PSPL)  
305 Wapping Street, Frankfort, Kentucky

Just follow the GIANT book steps to the back entrance of the  
Library basement!



Sponsored by The Friends of the PSPL

**Thursday, May 13**

**10:00 A.M. – 7:30 P.M.**

**Friday, May 14**

**10:00 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.**

**Saturday, May 15**

**10:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.**



**PREVIEW SALE for Friends & K-12 Teachers Only**

**Wednesday, May 12 from 4:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.**

*Friends Memberships will be available at the door.*



*Items for sale include used books,  
magazines, videos, CDs, DVDs, and  
software.*



*Paperback books are 25 to 50 cents;  
hardback books are \$1.*

*Proceeds from the sale will be used  
to support PSPL programs and services.*



For additional information, please  
call Joe Johnson at 502-695-4560.

## FOCUS ON THE PAUL SAWYIER PUBLIC LIBRARY AND STAFF YOUTH SERVICES

Many of us who are passionate about books have fond memories of the libraries we visited as we were growing up and the library staff we got to know on those visits. This community is fortunate to have a great group of people working in the Youth Services Department of the Paul Sawyer Public Library creating similar experiences for our youth. Mary Greathouse is the Youth Services Coordinator, and the rest of the staff are: Marion Neal, Penny Thompson, Janey Smith, Saroja Malyavantham, Nataliya Kokhanova, and Erinn Haynes. Saroja is from India, and Nataliya is from the Ukraine. Both are willing resources for the multicultural themes that have been and continue to be part of youth programming.

Just a few weeks ago, Erinn joined the library staff as a Youth Services Librarian. She will be developing new youth programs, including the reactivation of the Teen Advisory Board. She recently received a Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Kentucky. While in school, Erinn took several children's literature courses. She sees Youth Services as a good fit for her and an opportunity to pass on her love of books.

We would be remiss not to mention the staff member who donates her time for free room and board at the library—Kayla, the library rabbit. Kayla is nearly nine years old and has been roaming the children's section of the library since 1998. Young or old, if you have not met Kayla, you need to come upstairs and make her acquaintance.

The library facilities have changed a great deal since Mary joined the library staff in 1986. At that time, the Youth Services were located in a corner of the first floor of the library where the reference section is today. The Youth Services moved to the beautiful old court room on the second floor of the library as a result of a major fund-raising effort by the *Friends* in 1987–88. Since that time, the program has spread into the upstairs hallway.

Mary and the rest of the Youth Services staff are looking forward to the new library that is soon to be under construction. The Youth Services will be located on the second floor of the new building—with more tables and chairs, more computers, and lots more space. There will be a much-needed separate teen area and a programming room just for the youth programs.

Over the years, new services for youth have been added, including a special outreach effort. Marion and Penny regularly go to child-care facilities in the community to tell stories and drop off library materials. One of the newest offerings at the library are Kids Kits. The library staff assembled theme-related groups of books, videotapes, music, and other activities and put them into kits. Parents and people involved in children's programs are encouraged to ask about Kids Kits on their next visit to the library.

One of the most successful family events planned by the Youth Services section was last fall's celebration of the Indian Festival of Lights, Diwali. Over 200 people attended this event, sampling Indian food and learning more about the Indian culture. In February, over 135 children helped to celebrate the 100th birthday of Dr. Seuss, an event that the *Friends* co-sponsored. (Marion does a great Dr. Seuss.) And over 200 children participated in the Rabbit Reader Club program this winter. Participants who read five books received a Rabbit Reader mug, courtesy of the *Friends*.

The Youth Services staff is planning an exciting summer reading program that will continue the international theme: World of Readers. There will be a regular weekly program for children ages one and up. Also, several special family events are planned in addition to the regular weekly program. (For more information on these special events, see the box in this newsletter.)

The Youth Services staff very much appreciates suggestions on ordering library material or on future youth programs. If you have a suggestion, please let them know!

**PSPL Summer Reading Program**  
—*World of Readers*—  
**Special Events**

The **Madcap Productions Puppet Theater**, the resident theater company of the Cincinnati Art Museum, will be visiting the Paul Sawyer Public Library this summer for two shows. Madcap features giant puppets—up to 12 feet tall.

Our wonderful **local storyteller, Mary Hamilton**, will be doing a program: *Stories the World Over*.

**Michael Stearns, a storyteller**, will do a special program about Australia: *Stories from the Dreamtime*.

And **Scott Kelley, from the Natural History Educational Company**, will be presenting a program called *Animals Around the World*. Scott will be bringing with him several real, live animals including an arctic fox, a python, and a tarantula.

*For more information on these free programs,*  
call 502-223-1658  
or check the library's Web site: <http://www.pspl.org/>.

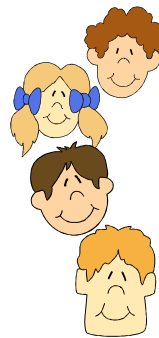


Kayla, the library rabbit  
(picture found at <http://www.pspl.org/kids>)

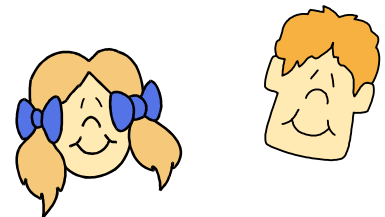


For more information on **Friends** or the PSPL,  
check out <http://www.pspl.org/> and  
<http://www.pspl.org/friends/>.

**Friends**,  
Please share this newsletter with your friends,  
neighbors, relatives, and co-workers . . . and  
anyone else who may be interested.



**Not yet a member of the**  
*Friends* ?  
**Please join us now!**  
**See the application on back.**



## MEMBERSHIP

The membership of **Friends** now numbers 193 in the following categories:

Individual	88
Family	61
Senior	27
Student	3
Patron	9 (\$50 contribution)
Benefactor	5 (more than \$50 contribution)

If you have ideas about what to include in future quarterly newsletters or want to post a notice about a **Friends** or library activity, please contact a member of the Newsletter Committee: Mary Clay, Mary Lynn Collins, Astrid Garrison, Diane Garrison, Mimi Gosney, Mitzi Gray, Ellen Raine, or John Rucker. You may e-mail us at [friends@pspl.org](mailto:friends@pspl.org).

The **Friends** of the Paul Sawyer Public Library  
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• *Be an advocate for our library.* •  
• *Let your friends and neighbors* •  
• *know how wonderful the Paul* •  
• *Sawyer Library and staff are!* •  
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**Membership Application**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle programs which you might like to help.**  
**Some of the FRIENDS programs, activities, and committees include:**

**Book fairs and used book sales,  
Special programs, Newsletter, Publicity,  
Children's programs, Fund-raising, and Membership.**

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*After completing this application, please cut it out and mail it to:  
The Friends of the Paul Sawyer Public Library,  
305 Wapping Street, Frankfort, KY 40601.*

**Recommended  
Membership**

Individual	\$5.00
Family	\$10.00
Senior	\$3.00
Student	\$3.00
Patron	\$50.00
Benefactor	\$50.00 plus

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