
The Friends of the Paul Sawyer Public Library

Newsletter



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FRIENDS NEWS Briefs

The **Spring Book Sale will be held May 11–14!!!**

We are busy getting ready. Here are several ways that you can help:

1) Donate Books! As always, please be sure that the books are clean and in good condition, without mold or water damage. We are in particular need of children's books, recent novels, cookbooks, and gardening books. We also accept new and used videos, DVDs, CDs, software, cassette tapes, and magazines. Donations are tax deductible. **Drop-off days and times** for book donations will be **10 A.M.–2 P.M. on Saturday, April 23, and Saturday, April 30, in the basement of the Library.** Friends members will be on hand at that time to accept your donations. Or, you may leave your books on the table in the handicapped-entrance hallway (basement) of the Library at any time. If you are unable to transport the books yourself (homebound), please call Cecilia at 502-695-2793.

2) Help Us Sort! Friends volunteers are needed to help sort and shelve books in preparation for the sale. Designated sorting days and times are 9:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.–7:30 P.M. on the following Mondays and Thursdays: April 18, April 21, April 25, April 28, May 2, May 5, and May 9. An experienced sorter will be on hand during these times to provide guidance to anyone willing to help.

3) Mark Your Calendars for May 11–May 14 and come to the sale prepared to shop! Don't forget that, as always, the first day of the sale will be a preview day for Friends members only!! K-12 teachers and librarians are also invited then. See the flyer in this newsletter for details on the actual sale.



DON'T FORGET!! The PSPL and Friends are hosting **mystery writer Susan Wittig Albert** on Monday, **April 25**, at the Library. She will be speaking with us and promoting her newest novel, *Dead Man's Bones*, copies of which will be available for purchase and signing by the author. Come join us for herb-themed refreshments at the Library from 2:00–4:30 P.M. and meet one of your favorite mystery authors!



Check It Out! The Friends recently purchased for the Library a lighted display case, now located by the elevator on the main floor. Check it often for interesting and educational exhibits. Currently on display is a collection of **decorated Ukrainian Eggs**. This ancient art is known as Pysanky. The colors and symbols used represent the seasons, celestial bodies, emotions, and ideals. More information about Pysanky is available at the case.



If you have a Paul Sawyer Public Library card and a computer with Internet access, you have a wealth of information at your fingertips—information that is not available through routine surfing of the Web. And that is why on February 15 of this year the PSPL staff, with support from the Friends, hosted a Dessert and Database evening at the library. Attendees were given an opportunity to explore the databases that can be found at <http://www.pspl.org>. The evening was part of a concerted effort by the PSPL staff to get the word out about this important resource. Thanks to Friends members Mildred Browning and Ann Howard for organizing the “dessert” portion of this evening!

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FRIENDS NEWS Briefs (cont.)

Did You Pig Out?? The Library's winter reading program, "Pig Out With a Good Book," was a great success! The program ran from January 18 through March 31. Every adult and child who read 5 books or more received a Paul Sawyer Public Library piggy bank, donated by The Friends. Around 270 children and 584 adults participated in the program and received banks. Names were also drawn from among the participants for a number of pig-related prizes. Winners and prizes were:



Christene Sparks—\$25 gift certificate from Pink Pig,
Carol Smith—a country ham donated by Pic Pac,
Lynn Russell—*Complete Book of Pork* cookbook,
Freda Tackett—*The BLT Cookbook*.

Thanks to Pink Pig and Pic Pac for their sponsorship of the Library's Winter Reading Program.



National Library Week Contest. A contest was held in early April at the Library in honor of National Library Week. Whoever came closest to guessing the number of library cards in a bowl by the circulation desk won the right to be first in line at the Spring Book Sale and also received a \$10 gift certificate to purchase books at the sale. Congratulations to the winner!



Library Volunteers. Volunteers hold a special place in the hearts of the Library staff. They are the dedicated few who help prepare books to be checked out, check in/out materials at the front desk, and assist with various tasks in the Youth Services Department. For the many hours and often thankless tasks they help us accomplish, we say, "Thank you!" In fact, the staff regards the volunteers so highly that they host an annual recognition dinner every year in April. In addition, the Library presents the **Volunteer of the Year** with a special gift for working so hard assisting staff. Past winners of the Volunteer of the Year award are:

2004—Kathy Cloyd,
2003—Mark Overstreet,
2002—Anne Sullivan,
2001—Carolyn Moore,
2000—Celeste Moore.

The 2005 Volunteer of the Year will be announced at the Volunteer Recognition Dinner on April 29. **If you are interested in volunteering some of your time to the Library, we would be delighted to speak with you about your interest.** Contact Jaci West, Adult Services Librarian; or Donna Seals, Circulation Manager.



New-Building Update

The PSPL groundbreaking ceremony was held on April 11, 2005. The weather was marvelous, and the attendance was large, including numerous state, county, and local officials, enthusiastic children from various schools around the city, interested citizens, PSPL staff and board members. Speeches were made, the ground was dug . . . and the project is underway!



And the building begins NOW!



*County Judge-Executive **Bob Roach**, Gov. **Ernie Fletcher**, and PSPL Board President **Bill Kirkland***

Stay tuned for future updates. . . .

Spring ²⁰⁰⁵ BOOK SALE

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



Enter through the back entrance of the Library basement!

Sponsored by The Friends of the PSPL



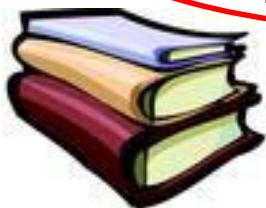
Wednesday, May 11	4:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.*
Thursday, May 12	10:00 A.M. – 7:30 P.M.
Friday, May 13	10:00 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.
Saturday, May 14	10:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

***PREVIEW SALE for Friends,**
with memberships available at the door.

A Special Invitation is extended to **K-12 Teachers & Librarians** to join us
on **Wednesday, May 11.**

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

**Paperback books are
25 cents and up;
hardback books are
\$1 and up.**



**On Saturday, May 14, after 2:00 P.M.,
the price goes down to:**
–\$1 for a small bag,
–\$2 for a large bag,
–\$5 for a box.

Bags and boxes will be provided.



**Proceeds from the sale will be used
to support PSPL programs and
to help meet the needs of the NEW LIBRARY.**

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

FOCUS ON THE REFERENCE SECTION/STAFF @ THE PAUL SAWYIER PUBLIC LIBRARY

They are the **ultimate in search engines**—**Glen Lewis, Stacy Klink, and Mark Kinnaird**. They are the core of the Paul Sawyer Public Library's reference staff. They are ably backed by other staff members who have other primary job responsibilities in other areas of the library: **Jaci West** (Adult Services Librarian), **Mary Clay** (Circulation), **Janice Osborne** (Outreach), and **Nancy Rice** (Technical Services and Acquisitions).

When you head toward the Reference Section of the Paul Sawyer Public Library (PSPL), a very busy place these days, you will find one of them sitting at the desk, ready to assist anyone who needs information or guidance on how to research a topic.

If you have a question whose answer is brief and factual, the Reference Section will quickly find the answer to your question. For most questions, the staff will have an answer for you within two business days. However, some questions may take longer. The staff is very thorough in their research and goes to great lengths to get patrons accurate, reliable responses. **You have to love a challenge to sit at the Reference Desk!** Approximately 258 questions are answered each week.

In addition to encyclopedias and atlases located in the Reference Section, this corner of the library is filled with up-to-date reference books on a wide variety of subjects such as medicine, art, music, history, science, animals, and plants. There are a number of books providing current values of antiques and collectibles. In addition to the Kentucky Revised Statutes and other legal materials, there are reference books that can help you create your own legal forms. Students can find the latest scholarship opportunities and information about colleges and universities. Some of the more interesting titles in the Reference Section are *Divorce Yourself*, *Index to Fairy Tales*, and *Golden Oldies*.

If PSPL does not have the reference materials you are seeking, be sure to ask for help. The Reference Staff will know where that information can be found.

With the increased use of Internet for information, **the Reference Staff has taken on the mission of educating patrons about the careful use of the Internet**. For example, they have compiled a list of **recommended Web sites** that can be found at www.pspl.org. In addition, they try to discourage students



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from simply surfing the Internet when working on research papers and steer them to quality journals and newspaper articles available on **PSPL databases**. Patrons can access these databases anywhere by using their library card and computer.

In addition to finding journal and newspaper articles, patrons can use these databases to learn about auto repair, practice taking tests, including the GED and GRE, learn a foreign language, or conduct genealogy research. PSPL is very interested in promoting the databases. With the help of The *Friends*, the Reference Staff recently hosted a Desserts and Databases evening at the library to showcase them, and the staff emphasized this resource with school librarians at the recent Librarians' Tea.

An increasingly important part of the reference section these days are the computers. Since these computers are in such demand, time limits must be assigned. **Approximately 370 patrons sign in to use these computers every week**. In addition, patrons can use the express computers, without signing in, to check their e-mail and do quick information searches. The Reference Staff is also available to help with computer questions.

When you have a research question, keep in mind the very resourceful Reference Staff at PSPL! And even if you do not have a question, we recommend an **actual visit** to the Reference Section or a **virtual visit** to the PSPL Web site to see the **wealth of information** that is now available @ your library.

Librarians' Tea

The Friends recently hosted their Second Annual Librarians' Tea. This is an effort initiated by the Friends to develop a dialogue among the school librarians, the PSPL staff, and the Friends on ways the three groups can work together to encourage our youth to utilize our libraries. Donna Gibson, PSPL Director, and Erinn Haynes, PSPL Youth Director, talked about the services the PSPL staff can provide to the schools. Jaci West, Adult Services Librarian, stressed the academic databases that PSPL now has that can be accessed via a computer and library card. Mary Lynn Collins, Friends President, said the Friends are very much interested in supporting youth library programs and services and talked about the Friends-sponsored author visit by George Ella Lyon to five elementary schools this past February. In addition to presenting each guest librarian with a Friends book bag, mug, and Gene Burch print, the librarians were given a special invitation to attend the May 11 preview book sale. During the discussion, the librarians decided that it would be beneficial to meet quarterly to share information about books and programs. Erinn agreed to organize this effort. The nine school librarians who attended were:



Jeannie LeBeu, Elkhorn Middle;
Glenda Lynn, Bondurant Middle;
Kaye Arnold, West Ridge;
Carolyn Lynch, Peaks Mill;
Becky Nelson, Hearn;
Norma Allen, Elkhorn Elementary;
Sherry Kozenski, Collins Lane;
Melissa Cordier, FCHS; and
Mary Payne Coblin, Capital Day.

A special thanks to Friends member Carol Baughman who organized the tea.



Donna Gibson, PSPL Director, at the Librarians' Tea

Author's Visit

as reported by Becky Nelson
Librarian, Hearn Elementary

Nationally acclaimed children's author, **Dr. George Ella Lyon**, gave a presentation to Hearn Elementary 4th and 5th graders on Wednesday, February 23, in the Media Center. Using examples from her latest picture book, *Weaving the Rainbow*, Ms. Lyon spoke about the writing process, providing motivation and encouraging students to write. George Ella, originally from eastern Kentucky, now lives in Lexington. She has written 21 picture books for children, 5 novels, 2 autobiographies, and a biography. Her books have won many awards and special citations.



George Ella Lyon

To enrich the experience for the students, Erinn Haynes, children's librarian from the Paul Sawyer Public Library, read *Weaving the Rainbow* to them before Ms. Lyon's visit. She told them about Dobrey Adams, local weaver, whom George Ella visited before writing her book. Students were able to hold and feel a piece of woven sheep's wool. As the librarian at Hearn, I followed up Ms. Haynes' visit, familiarizing students with Ms. Lyon's other books. Hearn students were able to preorder their choice of three of Ms. Lyon's books. She autographed these copies personally. Two of the books, *Weaving the Rainbow* and *Mother to Tigers*, are beautifully illustrated picture books for all ages. *Borrowed Children* is a chapter book for grades 5–8.

George Ella read *Weaving the Rainbow* to one group and *Mother to Tigers* to another. She showed slides of herself growing up along with slides about making the books. Most memorable during the presentation was when Ms. Lyon unrolled all of her drafts of *Weaving The Rainbow* taped end to end. The students held the papers which circled more than twice around the perimeter of the students. It was an unforgettable visual of how much prewriting and editing must be done before even a picture book is considered ready for publication. This is a timely reminder, as 4th grade students are currently working on their writing pieces for their portfolios—a component of the Kentucky achievement test (CATS) taken in the spring.

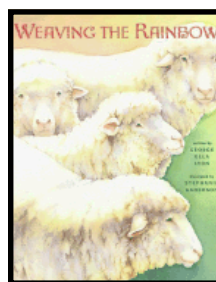
Students were touched by Ms. Lyon's visit and wrote her thank-you notes. One Hispanic student made a bookmark

to be given to Ms. Lyon. Another wrote, "The writing skills you taught us really help! I used them in English Composition when competing in academic team competition. I won first place. Thanks to the great tips!" Alexa wrote, "I didn't know writers had so much to write to get to the final piece that becomes the book. I thought it only took a couple of days to make a book." Justice wrote, "I kind of, sort of want to become an author when I grow up!" They all mentioned the signed bookmarks that Ms. Lyon brought so that each child could have a souvenir of her visit. It was a visit the students will never forget!



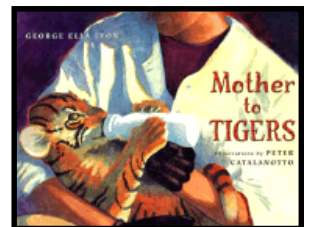
Friends President **Mary Lynn Collins**,
PSPL Children's Librarian **Erinn Haynes**,
and author **George Ella Lyon**

Note: Dr. Lyon's presentation to Hearn Elementary students as well as similar presentations at four other elementary schools in the community was made possible through the Friends of the Paul Sawyer Public Library. Over 800 children participated in this author-in-the-schools initiative.



Weaving the Rainbow is a story about a young woman who raises sheep, shears them, cards and spins the wool, dyes the yarn, and weaves it into a picture of the Kentucky pasture where her lambs were born. Gloriously illustrated by Stephanie Anderson.

Mother to Tigers is the true story of Helen Martini. Her husband was a zookeeper who brought home lion and tiger cubs for her to raise in their New York City apartment. She volunteered to set up the Bronx Zoo's animal nursery in 1944 and became the zoo's first woman zookeeper. Illustrated by Peter Catalanotto.



Friends POLL

We recently posed the following question to our members via e-mail:

“If your friend were going to fly to the other side of the world, what book(s) would you recommend the friend take to read on the long flight?”

The Results:

From 21 respondents, the most popular answers were: *The DaVinci Code* (4 votes) and *Angels and Demons* (3 votes), both by Dan Brown. Other books receiving multiple mentions were *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee and *The Bible* (2 each). Three votes were made for any book by John Grisham. One member recommended a good crossword puzzle book, while another suggested leaving the book behind once you had read it to make room in your luggage on the way back for purchases made on the trip!

Other Suggested authors:

David Baldacci

Mary Higgins Clark

Patricia Cornwell

Anne George

Sue Grafton

Georgette Heyer

James Patterson

Other suggested reading:

The Stand by Stephen King

Prodigal Summer by Barbara Kingsolver

The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver

Obsessive Genius: The Inner World of Marie Curie
by Barbara Goldsmith

Big Russ and Me: Father and Son—Lessons of Life
by Tim Russert

Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson, and the Opening of the American West
by Stephen E. Ambrose

Lonesome Dove by Larry McMurtry

Outlander by Diana Gabaldon

Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren

Homegrown Democrat by Garrison Keillor

Praying for Sheetrock by Melissa Fay Greene

A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens

Don Quixote by Miguel de Cervantes

Les Misérables by Victor Hugo

Advise and Consent by Allen Drury

The World According to Garp by John Irving

Her Father's House by Belva Plain

Clay's Quilt by Silas House

Dune by Frank Herbert

MEETING CALENDAR

The Friends Board is scheduled to meet the second Monday of each month at 5:45 P.M. at the Paul Sawyer Public Library as follows:

May 9 June 13 July 11



Please be sure to look for upcoming events announced in *The State Journal* and on the Friends Web site at <http://www.pspfriends.org>.



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