
The Friends of the Paul Sawyer Public Library

Newsletter



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NEWS BRIEFS/ UPCOMING FRIENDS MEETING/ VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Changes to the Friends Board. Joe Johnson was recently elected as First Vice President, replacing Walter Smith, who has resigned. Rick Rydman and Rebekah Schillhahn have been elected to the Board of Directors to replace Mary Clay and Jenny Luscher, who have also resigned.

We Keep Growing. We now have 244 individual/family memberships!

Friends Meeting: August 11 at 6:45 P.M. at the Paul Sawyer Public Library. This will be a **VERY IMPORTANT MEETING**. We will be talking with representatives of the Kentucky Book Fair about possible co-sponsorship of several forums/events at this year's book fair. We need your input and will need volunteers for this project, so please try to attend this meeting.

Speaking of the Book Fair. The Kentucky Book Fair is set for Saturday, November 8th. Volunteers are needed for set up on Friday, November 7th, beginning at 9:00 A.M. Additionally, volunteers are needed for Saturday, November 8th beginning at 8:30 A.M. Any time that can be given is certainly appreciated. If interested, e-mail Connie Crowe, Manager, at kybookfair@kdla.net or call 502-564-8300, ext. 297.

Thousands of Books. A former resident of Frankfort has offered to donate thousands of used books, currently in his garage in Lexington, to the Friends for our next book sale. It will be up to us to load up the books, transport them back to Frankfort, and unload them for storage in the basement of the library. We have access to a large truck for a Saturday or Sunday. This will be quite an undertaking and will require a number of Friends volunteers. If you would like to help, please contact Jules Delambre at Juleswd@aol.com or 502-223-4435.

Training Session Offer. The manager of the Friends Book Cellar in the Lexington Public Library on East Main Street in Lexington has offered to host a training session for the Friends of the Paul Sawyer Public Library or to have one or more of our members "learn by doing" in Lexington. The session or training will focus on sorting and pricing of books for future book sales. Several members of the Lexington Friends group conduct training sessions or do personal training on sorting and pricing books. If you would be interested in attending the training session, please contact Cecilia Broadwater at RBroad0224@aol.com or 502-695-2793.

Friends Board Members

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

HARVARD CLASSICS FOR SALE

The Friends have a set of **Harvard Classics**, 25 volumes in good condition, that they are offering for sale. If you would like to make an offer, please contact Donna Gibson at DonnaG@pspl.org or 502-223-1658.

GIANT BOOK SALE IS A GIANT SUCCESS

It was hard work by a lot of folks getting ready for the first Friends book sale in many years, but by all accounts, the Friends' Giant Book Sale held last May was a huge success. Loads of books were recirculated, and the Friends made approximately \$4,300!

The Book Sale Committee did a tremendous job in transforming the dark, dreary basement space into an inviting world of books. The Committee, led by Carolyn Thalman, included Rebekah Schillhahn, Mary Cheek, Judy Rydman, Donna Gibson, Ann Howard, and Donna Seals. Jules Delambre donated the many book cases that fit the space so well! Rosemary Hasler created three wonderful giants to oversee the event. Scott Chalk and students from Frankfort High helped to set up, and Richard Taylor of Poor Richard's Books helped price some of the "special" donations.

Once the books were assembled but prior to the sale, the library staff was invited to review the materials donated and to select books for the library's collection. Then members of the Friends and teachers were invited to a special preview sale prior to the public opening of the sale.

Sammy, Samantha, and Heather Denney; Michelle Wagoner; and Sue Turner provided many wonderful children's activities that were offered one Saturday during the sale. A popular part of this sale that we hope will become a fixture was the two-for-one book exchange for children!

Volunteers who worked during the sale or helped in other ways included: Shawn Bowen, Cecilia Broadwater, Millie Browning, Mary and Bill Cheek, Carla Claypool, Mary Lynn Collins, Joyce Davis, Alice and Jules Delambre, Donna Gibson, Michael Grammer, Gayle Gray, David Grayson, Mary Greathouse, Scott Hankla, Rosemary and Doc Hasler, Gina and Chris Helvey, Claire Horn, Ann Howard, Joe Johnson, Mark Kinnard, Bill Kirkland, Stacy Klink, Ruby Layson, Jane Lucas, Brittany Martin, James Martin, Michelle Martin, Rob McCoy, Celeste Moore, Ellen Raine, Judy and Richard Rydman, Rebekah Schillhahn, Donna Seals, Norm Snider, Bob and Carolyn Thalman, Marshall Thompson, and Ann Ueltshi.

Special thanks to Donna Gibson and all the library staff for their support and help during this sale.

MESSAGE FROM THE GIANT BOOK SALE CHAIR, CAROLYN THALMAN

To all who helped and all who attended:

It was rewardingly successful. Many generous donations from the public in addition to withdrawals from the library provided buyers with exceptional opportunities to select a wide variety of books and other materials.

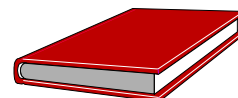
With the efforts of the cleaning committee; generous donations from businesses and individuals; more cleaning; many days of collecting; days of carrying, arranging, and sorting with the help of Frankfort High School students; and just one more cleaning; the basement was turned into a book cellar.

People came to see what we had to offer and bought much of what was available. The last two days' books were sold at a dollar per bag or five dollars per box.

The remaining books have been sorted and packed away for the next big event. We've learned from this experience, and I'm sure the next one will be even more successful for the Friends of the Library and for the community. Thanks to everyone who did what they did to make it such a great event.

It has been my privilege to serve as chairman for this event. Again, my sincere thanks to all,

Carolyn



Others we need to thank for various contributions/ services they provided during the book sale include:

Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse Store
Home Depot
Carpet Outlet Flooring Center
Franklin County Humane Society
Little Hawk Exterminating
Highbridge Spring Water
Wilson Electric
Signs Now
Frankfort Plant Board
Frankfort State Journal
Channel 10
WFKY Clear Channel Radio

FOCUS ON PAUL SAWYIER LIBRARY AND STAFF

OUTREACH PROGRAM: MILLER McKEE and JANICE OSBORNE

FITTING PEOPLE with BOOKS

It is the perfect fit: two former teachers who love books and love to talk. Miller McKee and Janice Osborne, who staff the library's Outreach Program, take magazines and books, including books on tape and CDs, to the homes of approximately 150 patrons of the Paul Sawyer Public Library who are unable to get to the library themselves because of illness, physical disability, or age. Miller, a former Montessori teacher and farmer, has been with the library since 1991, and used to be the book mobile "librarian." Janice joined the staff five years ago as a part-time employee after retirement from a teaching career.

It is not as simple as it sounds. Janice and Miller do not just deliver books—they build relationships. They get to know their patrons very well. It starts with the first visit in which they quickly learn what types of books a patron likes to read. They then go back to the library and choose books they think the new patron will like. Delivery by Outreach is not just a quick transfer of books. Janice and Miller may spend anywhere from 15 to 60 minutes at the home of a patron, talking about what the patron has just read, the books being delivered, and what books the patron wants to read next. They may sit on the porch chatting or at a kitchen table with a cup of coffee.

Miller and Janice describe their Outreach patrons as bright and articulate readers and as "dear friends"—so much so that Miller had a hard time giving up some of his patrons when Janice came on board the program. As a former English teacher who found herself "begging" many of her students to finish an assigned reading assignment, Janice says she loves going to work each day and helping folks who are so eager to read! Clearly, both Miller and Janice love their jobs.

It turns out that one patron of the Outreach Program is a critic. When she finishes a library book, she slips a review into it. She prefers to remain anonymous and uses a pen name: "Agnes." Those reviews are not removed by the librarians; they remain with the book for future readers to consider. Several patrons who have stumbled on these reviews report Agnes to be "right on the mark." So next time you check out a book at Paul Sawyer, be sure to look to see if Agnes has already been there! (We hope Agnes will share with us some of the books she has been reading in a future newsletter.)

In addition to their individual patrons, Miller and Janice also leave books every three weeks at local adult daycare facilities and assisted-living residences. This fall, Outreach will start doing prepared programs for senior citizens, which will include discussions on various topics, including books.

If you or someone you know is interested in receiving library services through the Outreach Program, you can find out more by contacting Janice@pspl.org or Miller@pspl.org or by calling the library (502-223-1658).



BOOKNOTES



What Are You Reading These Days?

At the May Giant Book Sale, we asked several of our customers for recommendations on books they have recently read.

Gina Helvey recommends *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting by in America* by Barbara Ehrenreich. “Ehrenreich works undercover as a waitress, hotel maid, house cleaner, nursing home aide, and Wal-Mart salesperson to determine how people survive on \$6 to \$7 an hour. This book was a fascinating view of America’s working poor. This book was a New York Times bestseller and Notable Book of the Year.”

Larry Arnett recommends *The Longest Night: A Military History of the Civil War* by David J. Eicher. “An excellent resource for civil war buffs!”

Richard Taylor recommends *The Map that Changed the World* by Simon Winchester. “The book is about William ‘Strata’ Smith, a surveyor turned geologist who made the first “underground” map of England. A good read by the author of *The Professor and the Madman*.”

Barbara Coleman recommended *The Arraignment* by Steve Martini. (This one is a murder mystery with a lawyer protagonist.)

Jean Ann Myatt recommends *The Purpose Driven Life: What on Earth Am I Here For?* by Rick Warren.

“My entire church is reading this book. This is a Christian book designed and written to aid Christians in finding their life’s mission. It is well written and organized with excellent multiple Biblical references and examples. A good book for all ‘searchers’ in this life.” (This book was the focus of the recent “Forty Days of Purpose,” a nationwide church program made up of various denominations.)

Robin Kinney recommends *A Painted House* by John Grisham.

“There is good development of all the characters. It keeps you turning the page to see what happens next—an easy read.” She also noted that this book is very different from other Grisham novels. She did not like the movie, which was based on this book, but recommends that Friends “definitely read the book!”

Megan Kinney recommends *Anyone but Me (Katie Kazoo, Switcheroo)* by Nancy Krulik (*recommended for ages 7–12*).

“It reminds me of me because when I have a bad day I wish I’m someone else and that is what she does.”

Megan Kinney also recommends *Bunnicula* by James Howe (*recommended for ages 9–12*).

“It had a dog, cat, and bunny in it and those are some of my favorite animals. Also it was a little SCARY.”

Raquelle Combs recommended *First Test* by Tamora Pierce (*recommended for ages 9–12*).

“*First Test* is about a 10-year-old named Keladry. She wants to be a knight, but once she gets to the palace, she thinks that she may have bitten off more than she could chew. The boys don’t associate with her, and she is getting into fights, and she is on probation. However, Kel shows courage and never gives up. I liked her personality, and really enjoyed Tamora Pierce’s *First Test*.”

If you have a recommendation you would like to see included in the next Friends newsletter, you can contact us at friends@pspl.org or by calling Mary Lynn Collins at 502-695-5502.

Friends,

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



MEMBERSHIP

The membership of Friends now numbers 244 members in the following categories:

Individual	146
Family	49
Senior	31
Student	3
Patron	14 (\$50 contribution)
Benefactor	1 (more than \$50 contribution)

So, if every family membership has at least two or more members, we have more than 300 Friends !!!

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



FRIENDS COMMITTEES

**Book Sales
Children's Programs
Fund-raising
Membership E-mail/Telephone Tree
Newsletter
Public Relations
Special Programs/Exhibits/Decorations
& Holidays**

If you have not yet signed up for a committee, you can do so by contacting us at friends@pspl.org or by calling Mary Lynn at 502-695-5502.

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, Diane Garrison, Mitzi Gray, Ellen Raine, or John Rucker. You may e-mail us at friends@pspl.org.

MEETING CALENDAR

Friends meet the second Monday of each month, alternating between Officer/Board Meetings and Full Membership Meetings. They begin at **6:45 P.M.** and are held at the Paul Sawyer Public Library.

The next meeting is:



August 11 Full Membership Meeting



Thank you to Astrid Garrison and Kelly Lightle for their assistance in folding and mailing the Spring 2003 Newsletter.

The **Friends** of the Paul Sawyer Public Library
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Frankfort, KY 40601

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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 and activities include:

**Book fairs and used book sales, Exhibits, Special programs,
Decorations, Exhibit display sitters, Newsletter, Public relations,
Children's programs, Fund-raising, and Committees.**

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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