

The Friends of the Paul Sawyer Public Library

Newsletter

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FRIENDS NEWS

Annual Membership Meeting and Evening with Dr. Gene Burch. Our Annual Membership Meeting is coming up, and we hope you will join us on **Monday, October 11, at 6:30 P.M.** at the Women's Club Building at 200 Washington Street—site of Frankfort's first library. This will be an opportunity for those of you have not yet joined *Friends* to do so and for our current members to renew their memberships.

Dr. Burch, who has taken some wonderful photographs of our current library, will be presenting a program that evening on "Collecting Pictures of Yesterday's Frankfort."

We are very excited about arrangements we have made with Dr. Burch to offer his photographs as a special incentive for renewing and enrolling members. The incentive print that will be available is "Three Towers." (One of the towers is the current library.) A different size of this print will be offered at each level of enrollment. We very much appreciate Dr. Burch's support and hope you will be able to join us October 11.

During our annual meeting, we will also elect new officers and board members for next year. The nominating committee has a slate of officers to recommend for the 2004-05 year:

President—Mary Lynn Collins;
First Vice President—Joe Johnson;
Second Vice President—Mimi Gosney;
Secretary—Mary Cheek; and
Treasurer—Jules Delambre.

In addition, the Board is recommending the following as directors: Carol Baughman, Libby Cwiak, Chris Evans, Ann Howard, and Rebekah Schillhahn. Directors already elected and who will begin serving the second year of their term are: Mildred Browning, Mike Embry, Amy Hodge, and Marguerite Wordell. Cecilia Broadwater, as Immediate Past President, will also continue to serve on the board.

FALL BOOK SALE

It is time to prepare for the Fall Book Sale! That sale starts October 14 (see insert). It will be a FRESH START. The books left over from the last sale have been cleared away. We donated many of them to local groups here in town. This will an important sale. We plan to donate all proceeds to help meet the needs of the New Library. So, please do what you can to help us:

- **Donate** books and other materials. You can bring items to the library at any time. Just mention at the library's front desk that you have items to donate. Please make sure that the books are clean and free of mold and mildew!
- **Volunteer** to work at the sale. We need plenty of volunteers. If you can help us shelve the books or work a couple of hours during the sale, please contact Cecilia at 502-695-2793 or rbroad0224@aol.com.

Also, we will be working to prepare for the booksale:
Thursday mornings from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon
and Sunday afternoon from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Help would be greatly appreciated.

- **Spread the word.** Please post the enclosed flyer.
- **Shop the sale.** Some of our very-gently used books would make good Christmas gifts.

November Board Meeting. The *Friends* of the Paul Sawyer Library Board will host a Volunteer Appreciation Pot Luck in honor of our Fall Book Sale volunteers on **Monday, November 8, at 6:00 P.M.** at the Frankfort Plant Board Clubhouse, located at the intersection of Louisville Road and Tanglewood Drive. There will be a brief board meeting in conjunction with the potluck.

Children's Author in the Public Schools. The *Friends*, in partnership with the Kentucky Book Fair, is arranging to bring a noted children's author to the 23rd Kentucky Book Fair on November 13. We are in the process of selecting an author who will not only be available to children during the Book Fair but will also spend time in our local schools the day prior to the Book Fair.

SPRING BOOK SALE

The Spring Book Sale was a success. We earned over \$4,800, gained 37 new **Friends** (memberships), and found new homes for lots of books. We want to thank all of those who donated books and the many who helped during the sale.

There were so many people that helped, and we know we will probably miss a few folks, but here are some of the people that helped: Rob Abbott, Carol Baughman, Cecilia and Richard Broadwater, Mary Cheek, Mary Clay, Mary Lynn Collins, Libby Cwiak, Alice and Jules Delambre, Arlyn Dusso, Colleen Dusso, Mike Embry, Chris Evans, David Grayson, Gina Hagan, Desiree Hall, Gina and Chris Helvey, Amy and Thomas Hodge, Ann Howard, Bill Holmes, Joe Johnson, Stacy Klink, Anne Wesley Mays, Rob McCoy, Carole Moore, Judy and Rich Rydman, Donna Seals, Walter Smith, Richard Taylor, Anne Ueltschi, Jackie West, Chlotine Whitten, Marguerite Wordell, and Mary Wordell.

The **Friends** hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Picnic at East Frankfort Park in June in honor of these book sale volunteers who helped to make our Spring Book Sale such a success.

(Pictures are from the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic this summer.)

Others we need to thank for donations to Book Sale:

- **Comley Carpets**
for donating carpet for the Children's Corner
- **Phil Case and *The State Journal***
for advertising the sale
- **The Kentucky Book Fair**
for providing sturdy shopping bags
- **And a big thank you to Kentucky Coffetree Café and Poor Richard's Books** for giving coupons to Second Street School students for FREE BOOKS. Seventy-four students took advantage of this great opportunity. Those of us who worked the sale really enjoyed watching the students carefully select their free books!



Friends Purchase Book Shelf for the Library. We recently purchased the oak book shelf beside the elevator on the first floor of the library. This shelf is being used to highlight books the librarians particularly want to call to your attention. So, the next time that you visit, be sure to take a look!

Friends Board Members

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First Vice President—Joe Johnson

Second Vice President—Mimi Gosney

Secretary—Rebekah Schillhahn

Treasurer—Jules Delambre

Directors

Carol Baughman

Mildred Browning

Mary Cheek

Mary Lynn Collins

Mike Embry

Amy Hodge

Ann Howard

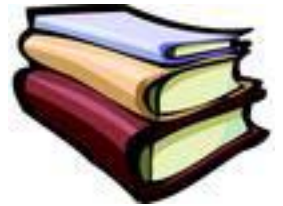
Rich Rydman

Marguerite Wordell

FALL 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

Thursday, Oct. 14	4:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.*
Friday, Oct. 15	10:00 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.
Saturday, Oct. 16	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 **Thursday, October 14.**

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



*Paperback books are 25 to 50 cents;
hardback books are \$1 and \$2.*

*On Saturday, October 16, after 3:00 P.M.,
the price goes down to
a **WHOLE BAG** of **BOOKS** for only **\$1!!!***

**All materials were RECENTLY donated—
nothing held back from last book sale.**

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

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

FOCUS ON THE PAUL SAWYIER PUBLIC LIBRARY AND STAFF

—TECHNICAL SERVICES AND ACQUISITIONS DEPARTMENT—



There is so much that happens at Paul Sawyer Public Library that we patrons never see. The staff of the Technical Services and Acquisitions Department stay busy upstairs in their offices ordering, cataloguing, and processing books and materials that we will eventually take home and enjoy. In this brief focus piece, we hope to shed a bit of light on this work and the dedicated group of folks that are responsible for the new materials that are always there on the shelves waiting for us.

Nancy Rice is the Coordinator of Technical Services and Acquisitions, and she has five assistants (some part-time) to help her. Every item purchased and every item discarded goes through this office. Orders for new materials for the library are placed two or three times a week, based on recommendations from various staff members. Deliveries are made daily. While most acquisitions are purchased, the library typically leases additional copies of bestsellers (books and audio tapes) to assure that patrons do not have to wait too long to have an opportunity to borrow them.

After delivery is made, **Shirley Eckels, Alice Johnson, and Joanne Mattingly** go to work cataloguing the acquisitions and assigning call numbers. Currently, the library has 123,000 items in its inventory, including books, audio tapes, video tapes, DVDs, and magazines.

Once the materials are catalogued, materials are passed to the processing clerks: **Priscillia Van Meter and Nataliya Kokhavnovaboth**. They attach labels and bar codes and activate the security system. They place jackets on the new books, tape the paperbacks for added support, and place the videos in plastic boxes with covers. At that point, the items are placed on shelves.

You might have noticed just how creative the librarians have been in recent months to get more shelving in every nook and cranny. Nancy and her staff are very excited about moving to the new library and having more shelving and storage space. A lack of space for shelving and storage has actually caused the library to reduce the purchasing budget the last two years.

Since storage is tight, the library staff is also vigilant in weeding items not being used. Any items removed from circulation must also come through Technical Services and be taken off the catalogue data base. As a general rule, books that have not been checked out for over three years are removed. Effort is made to remove books on health, computer, tax laws, and similar subject matter when the information they contain becomes outdated—regardless of their circulation record. Encyclopedias are withdrawn after eight years. Many of the books that are weeded out are given to the Friends for their book sales. Some items, particularly reference books, are given to smaller libraries in the state.

Nancy, who has a Masters degree in Library Science from the University of Kentucky, has been with the Paul Sawyer Public Library for 18 years. Before that, she worked at the Louisville Public Library and the Kentucky State University Library. In addition to her acquisition and processing duties, Nancy leads the mystery reading group which meets at the library on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M.

Nancy would like to call your attention to the **SUGGESTION BOX** on the first floor of the library. If you have a suggestion for a new acquisition or a suggestion on how the library could better serve you, be sure to drop the suggestion in the box the next time that you visit the library. The staff meets once a week to discuss the suggestions and would like to hear from you!

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Paul Sawyer Public Library has 23,665 registered borrowers!
- Library patrons checked out 408,882 items this year!
- The number of children who participated in this summer's reading program reached 2,189!

LIBRARY NEWS

Mary Greathouse has retired. If you are a regular visitor to the Children's Library, you already know that Mary Greathouse, Youth Services Coordinator, has retired. Mary came to work at the Paul Sawyer Public Library in 1986 and was responsible for many of the improvements the library made in youth programs over the years. The *Friends* wish to thank her publicly for the many years she devoted to the youth of this community and to wish her the best.

Congratulations to Erinn Haynes, who has been promoted to Youth Services Coordinator! Erinn joined the staff last spring as a Youth Services librarian, and hit the ground running. We look forward to working with Erinn in the coming months, particularly on our "Children's Author in the Public Schools" program planned in conjunction with the Kentucky Book Fair.

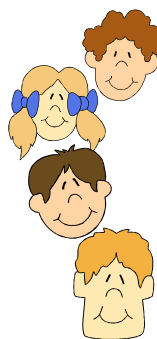
Speaking of retirement. Kayla, the Library Rabbit, also has retired. Kayla had been with the library since 1998, but decided that she would like a change of scenery. It is lonely being all by yourself in the library at night when everyone else has gone home. . . . Kayla brought a lot of joy to the children of this community, and we are delighted that she has found a home of her own. She is now living in the country with a pet nurse that works in a veterinary office.

UPDATE ON NEW LIBRARY

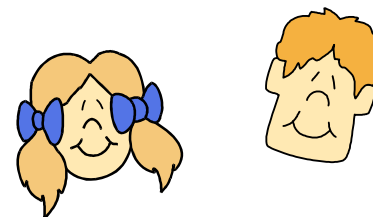
The Library Board and Staff are continuing to work with architects from Woolen, Molzan and Partners, Inc. of Indianapolis to finalize design for the new Paul Sawyer Public Library to be located on Wapping Street next to the existing library. The next step is preparation of construction bid documents and award of a construction contract. Construction should start by the beginning of January!

The Library Board Chairman Bill Kirkland appointed Board member Celeste Moore to chair a committee to make recommendations to the Board concerning art work for the new library. In September, following the committee's recommendation, the Library Board agreed to allocate money to the art committee to conduct a competition for art glass to appear in the east-end windows of the new library.

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.



Friends Web Site Update

A big Thank You to Jonathan Vaught of McAllen Solutions for donating the server space to host our new Web site. His generosity will make it easier for us to keep you up-to-date on news about *Friends*. Also, thanks to Amy Hodge for maintaining the site. Be sure to visit us at www.psplfriends.org.

If you have questions or comments about *Friends*, you can drop a note in the *Friends* mailbox at the library's circulation desk or contact us at our new e-mail address: Members@psplfriends.org. We look forward to hearing from you.

MEMBERSHIP

Current *Friends* memberships now total 245, in the following categories:

Individual	124
Family	73
Senior	30
Student	5
Patron	8
Benefactor	5

*If you have ideas about what to include in future 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, Mimi Gosney, Mitzi Gray, Amy Hodge, Ellen Raine, or John Rucker. You may e-mail us at friends@pspl.org.*

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305 Wapping Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

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“Perhaps no place in any community is so
totally democratic as the town library.
The only entrance requirement is interest.”
—Lady Bird Johnson—

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 plus
Benefactor	\$100.00 plus

Make checks payable to:
“**The Friends of the
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