
The Friends of the Paul Sawyer Public Library

Newsletter

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Fall Book Sale Update

The Fall Book Sale is fast approaching. We have altered the schedule somewhat for this sale, with the discount bag/box day on **SUNDAY**, so mark your calendars! Check below for ways that you can help make the Fall Book Sale a success.

Donate Books

If you have pre-read books in good condition that you no longer want or have room for, why not donate them to Friends for the next book sale? Friends eagerly accepts all types of books that are in **good condition** and **are free of dirt, mold, and water damage**. However, we are nearly always in need of recent novels (hardback and paperback), cookbooks, gardening books, books on sports and hobbies, and children's books. We also accept videos, DVDs, CDs, software, cassette tapes, and magazines. You can donate books at any time by dropping them off at the table in the basement of the library. If you are unable to transport the books yourself (homebound), please call Mary Lynn at (502) 695-5502 to make arrangements. Tax receipts for donations can be provided upon request.

Help Us Sort

We can always use more hands to help us get the books on the shelves in time for the sale. If you're interested in helping to sort and shelve books, Friends members will be working at the library **every Tuesday, starting Tuesday September 6, from 9:30 to 11:30 in the morning, and from 5:00 to 7:30 in the evening**. Just show up in the basement at any of these times in your old work clothes, ready to help, and a Friend will gladly instruct you on what to do.

Work at the Sale

We will also need help, as usual, working the sales. An e-mail notice about that will be sent to all Friends closer to sale time. Please be prepared to help during the sale.

Come and Shop!

Thursday, **October 6**, 4 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Friends Preview Day, Memberships at the Door

Friday, **October 7**, 10 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.

Saturday, **October 8**, 10 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Sunday, October 9, 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Discount Bag/Box Day, \$1/\$2/\$5

Annual Membership Meeting

Friends will be holding our Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, Oct. 13, at the Plant Board Clubhouse. We invite all Friends members and prospective members to attend. We will be having a potluck dinner, with Friends providing ham for the main course. The potluck will be at 5:30 P.M., followed by our Board meeting at 6:30 P.M. with election of officers and board members for the coming year. In addition, we are pleased to tell you that Mike Fields, President of the Paul Sawyer Public Library Board, and Bill Kirkland, Immediate Past President of the Library Board and currently a Co-Chair of the Library's Long-Range Gift Committee, will be making a joint presentation on the work of the Library Board and the plans and progress for the new library building. It promises to be a fun and informative evening, so bring a dish and join us!

Friends at the Kentucky Book Fair

Come visit Friends at the Kentucky Book Fair, November 12, at the Frankfort Convention Center. We'll be out front talking to folks, signing up new members, and selling a great 2006 Book Lover's Calendar (see page 7). This year we will also be hosting for the first time a Friends of KY Libraries Event from 10 A.M.-12 noon at the hotel.

Special Friends Project for New Library Building

The Friends Board has committed to funding a very special project for the new library building. We will be funding the installation of a large stained glass window.

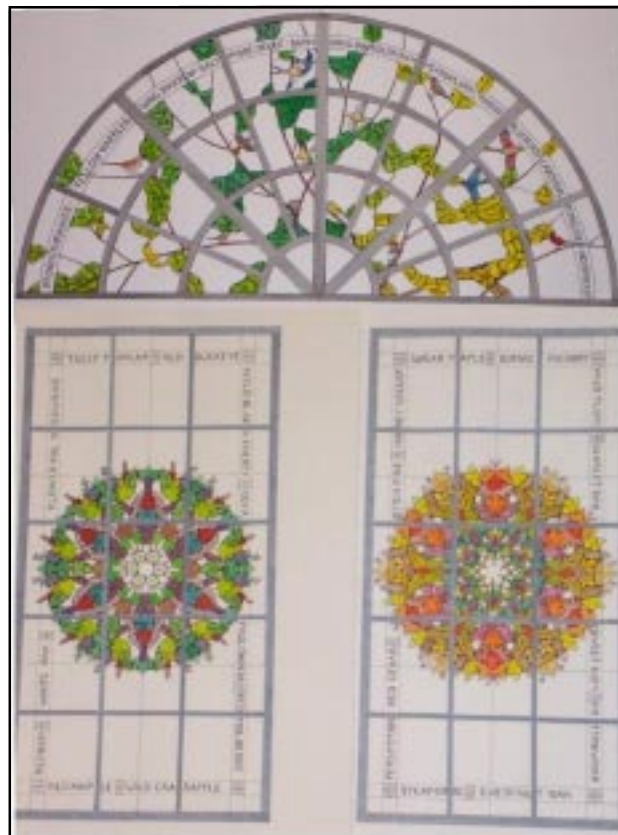
The Library Board's construction contract includes a large window on the side of the building facing the current library. This window is in three parts—two rectangular windows on the first floor, topped by a large semicircular window on the second floor. The lower two rectangular windows will be stained, designed, and created by Louisville glass artisan Laura Mentor. The windows will feature blooms and leaves of Kentucky trees, one window of the spring and one of the fall.

Friends **will be providing the funds for the large arched window at the top.** This window, also designed and created by Laura Mentor, will feature Kentucky's native birds. The widest part of the arch is nearly 15 feet wide and the height is over seven feet. Because this window is on the second floor, it will be located in the children's library, which makes it all that more wonderful a project.

This is a detailed look at part of the Friends' stained-glass window.



Current estimates of the cost are approximately \$24,500, which includes the cost of installation and the protective glass that will be placed over the window on the outside of the building. This is a major expenditure for Friends, but it is a project that we feel adults and children of the community alike will enjoy for decades to come. The Friends have available approximately half of the funds for the window now and will devote the proceeds of their next two, perhaps three, book sales to this project.



This drawing gives an idea of the design of these windows. The blooms and leaves will appear on the first-floor windows, and the birds will appear on the second-floor window, the gift from the Friends.

Ev Claffy, who chairs the Special Programs Committee that developed the project, said she hopes that once people see the design planned for the arched window, they will want to make a special donation to help pay for it. (Friends have a mailbox at the library, next to the Circulation Desk, and donations can be placed in the mail box or mailed to the library.)

If you'd like to keep tabs on how the new library building is progressing, check out the photos on the PSPL Web site at <http://www.pspl.org/building/default.htm>.



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FALL BOOK SALE



**In the Basement of the Paul Sawyer Public Library (PSPL)
305 Wapping Street, Frankfort, KY**

Enter through the back entrance of the library basement!

Sponsored by Friends of the PSPL

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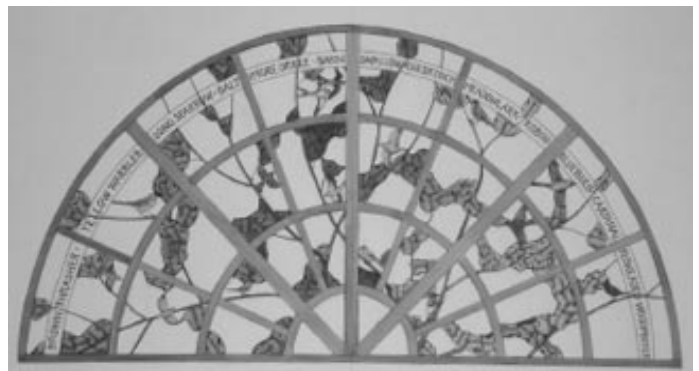


***PREVIEW SALE**

**For Friends with Memberships available at the door.
A Special Invitation is extended to K-12 Teachers & Librarians
to join us on Thursday, October 6.**

**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.**

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 On **Sunday, Oct. 9,**
 at 1:00 P.M.,
 the price goes down to:
 \$1 for a small bag
 \$2 for a large bag
 \$5 a box
 Bags/boxes
 will be provided.



All proceeds from this sale will be used to pay for a special stained glass panel in the Children's Section of the NEW LIBRARY.

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

FOCUS ON ADULT PROGRAMS @ THE PAUL SAWYIER PUBLIC LIBRARY

As you read this, **Stacy Klink, Adult Programming Coordinator**, is hard at work planning new programs and services for patrons of the Paul Sawyer Public Library. You may well have participated in one of the quality adult programs offered by the library this past year—everything from author visits, a poetry discussion, computer programs, a Christmas wreath workshop, and our favorite, the 2005 Winter Reading Program, otherwise known as “Pig Out With a Good Book.”

And there are plans for more good programs in the coming months: a financial aid planning workshop for high school students, ghost stories, a new discussion series on Southern authors, and a Kentucky Chatauqua performance featuring Ruth Hanly Booe, “a Bourbon Ball Belle.” On **November 5 at 11:00 A.M.**, the library will sponsor a program on the **craft of bookbinding and restoration**. Each person attending will be able to bring one book in to have a free consultation on what it will take to repair the book.

We have been sworn to secrecy about next winter’s reading program, but we urge you to be looking for word on this always-popular activity.

The current focus of the library’s Adult Programs is on health issues. We strongly encourage patrons to take advantage of an upcoming program: the **Health Fair** that will be held during the **month of October** at the Frankfort Regional Medical Center. This event is co-sponsored by the library, the hospital, the Franklin County Health Department, and the Franklin County Extension Office. The library will also be participating with these partners by organizing book displays for a series of forums designed to encourage regular colon/rectal screening. In addition, the library recently purchased, through a grant from the Health Department, several new cookbooks, and guides for people with diabetes.

In conjunction with the focus on health, **Mark Kinnaird, Computer Instructor** at the Library, recently added a new computer class to the series of basic computer classes he routinely offers to patrons. This class, **Online Medical References**, is designed to help patrons find reliable medical information on the Internet at the library. Mark has designed another new class that we recommend you take if you have plans to buy and sell on the Internet.

This new class, **Using EBay and PayPal**, is designed to help the beginner learn to open an EBay account, sell and buy items, and make payments using PayPal. For a full list of computer classes, please check with Mark at (502) 223-1658.

For those of you who frequent the Internet, be sure to check out the **Reading Spot** on the library’s Web site at www.pspl.org. This site is maintained by Stacy, and includes a list of books on *The New York Times* best seller list—fiction and nonfiction—as well as a list of books being discussed by the KET Book Club. At this site, you can determine if the library has acquired a book on one of the lists—and can even put a book from these lists on hold.

You may have noticed that Stacy has been keeping patrons **GUESSING** for months. Last Spring, she filled a display case (which the Friends purchased several years ago) with new library cards and asked patrons to guess how many library cards were in the display case. As the winner of this contest, Mae Belle Phipps received a \$10 gift certificate from the Friends and 30 minutes of quality time to shop our book sale prior to other Friends customers entering. Ms. Phipps enjoyed this prize so much that we have decided to offer this “gift” to one patron each book sale. **Be sure to check the display case next to the checkout counter at the library for contest information and a chance to be FIRST IN our Fall Book Sale.**

More recently, Stacy had patrons guessing how many jelly beans had been placed in the display case. Officially, it was the “Bertie Bott’s Every Flavor Bean Contest” and part of the Library’s extravaganza in honor of the much-anticipated publication of *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*. There were 630 patron bean counters, and the winner was Hal Rhorer, who guessed that there were 3,249 jelly beans. Hal was only off by 100, and for his careful calculation, he won a DVD set of Harry Potter movies.

Stacy also leads the **African-American Book Group**, which meets the third Saturday of the month at 1:00 P.M. The discussions are always interesting, and new members are welcome. The books are provided by the library—

another good deal @ the library. The group recently read *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd, and plans to read in the coming months the Pulitzer-Prize-winning *Getting Mother's Body* by Suzan-Lori, *Oxherding Tale* by Charles Johnson, *Lay That Trumpet in Our Hands* by Susan Carol McCarthy, *Only Twice I've Wished for Heaven* by Dawn Turner Trice, and *Graceland* by Christopher Abani.

Stacy is very interested in hearing from you about what types of adult programs you would like to see the library offer in the future. Also, she is always looking for special items that patrons might want to loan the library for display. You can reach Stacy by calling (502) 223-1658 or e-mailing: Stacy@pspl.org.

In the past two newsletters, we featured the Circulation Desk and the Reference Section. This newsletter we focused on Adult Programming. Jaci West, Adult Services Librarian, oversees these three sections. Friends would like to take this opportunity to say to Jaci and all of the Adult Services staff, including the volunteers, that we very much appreciate your work @ our library.

Spring Book Sale Wrap-Up

Our Spring Book Sale was a huge success! We had **record revenues** from book sales and memberships. Many thanks to all of you who donated time and books to help make this sale a success! And as usual, thanks to all of you who came and bought books. On June 13 we held a **Volunteer Appreciation** potluck dinner at the Frankfort Plant Board clubhouse to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped at the Spring Book Sale. The list of volunteers is below. We can't thank you enough, and couldn't do it without you!

Thel and June Burton
Arlyn Dusso
Diane Garrison
Gina and Chris Helvey
Bill Holmes
Joyce Honaker
Claire Horn
Tom Knight

Anne W. Mays
Carol Moore
Celeste Moore
Judy and Rich Rydman
Cheryl Sandefur
Richard and Lizz Taylor
Anne Ueltschi

Youngest Library Card Holder

April 11, 2005—the day of the groundbreaking for the new building—was a big event for the Paul Sawyier Public Library. It was a big day for Rebecca Grace Vaught as well. Rebecca is the daughter of Gretchen and Jonathan Vaught, and on that same day she received her very **first library card!** Her father Jonathan said, “I’ve been going to PSPL since



Rebecca Vaught, accompanied by her father Jonathan Vaught, proudly shows off her new library card.

I could read. . . . To me, a library and librarians are part of the intellectual property of a community. There is a wealth of information if you only tap into it, and even in our electronic age of ‘googling’ every topic known to man, there is a breadth and depth of knowledge that can still only truly be gained by cracking open a book.” We hope that Rebecca and everyone else who signs up for their first library card finds the world opened up to them.

LIBRARY CARD



Why not encourage someone you know, child or adult, to **sign up for a PSPL card today?** The PSPL is participating in the Public Library Association’s “The Smartest Card” campaign. September is “National Library Card Sign-up Month,” and the goal of the campaign is to make the library card the most valued and used card in every wallet.

We cannot think of a better deal than the one offered every day at the library: a **FREE** library card and **FREE** loan of books. And we remind parents who have shelled out a lot of money recently for school supplies not to overlook the **best school supply** your children could have **if** regularly used—a **FREE library card**.

In fact, for those with Internet access, the Library has just made it really **EASY** to get a library card. You can actually sign up for a library card without ever coming to the library now by going to the library’s Web site at www.pspl.org.

Author's Visit

On Monday, April 25, 2005, Friends hosted a visit by popular **mystery writer Susan Wittig Albert**. Ms. Albert spoke with interested readers and signed copies of her newest book, *Dead Man's Bones*. Friends assisted with providing herb-themed refreshments and decorations for the event, in honor of China Bayles, protagonist of the popular series of Albert's books, and owner of an herb shop. Friends had the chance to talk with Albert about reading, books, and libraries.



Adult Services Librarian **Jaci West**, author **Susan Wittig Albert**, and Executive Director of the Library **Donna Gibson**

Friends: Did you visit the public library when you were growing up? If you did, can you share any of your memories of those visits?

SWA: I loved going to the library on Saturdays, with my father. I read every single book in the children's section of the small Carnegie library (Danville, IL), and then "graduated" upstairs. I used to bring home two shopping bags full of books—the limit was eight books, but I always took my brother's library card and checked out books for him, too. Of course, those were books I wanted to read!

Friends: What books did you read as a child and teenager?

SWA: The usual children's books—fairy tales, Nancy Drew, *Little Women*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Water Babies*—as well as adult books, including mystery authors Agatha Christie and Rex Stout.

Friends: Who are some of your favorite authors?

SWA: I always read the latest Elizabeth George. I love all of the books by Miss Read, and I enjoy Angela Thirkell.

Friends: What are you currently reading?

SWA: Tolkien's *The Hobbit*.

Friends: How important do you think libraries are today?

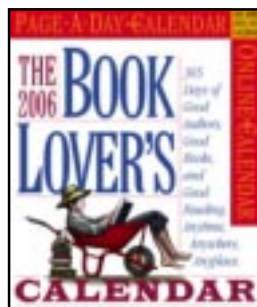
SWA: In many places, they are the center of community life. I hope that information technology doesn't overtake the library's most important function: to make as many books as possible available to as many readers as possible.

Friends: Tell us a little about your next project/projects.

SWA: I'm currently working on the third book in my new Beatrix Potter series, and looking forward to starting another China Bayles book (*Spanish Dagger*) in the fall, for publication in April 2007. This book will feature Southwestern herbs.

2006 Book Lover's Calendar for Sale

The Friends are pleased to offer for sale the "Workman's 2006 Book Lover's Page-a-Day Calendar." This handy calendar includes hundreds of recommendations, including Prize Winners, like Julia Glass's emotional and poignant debut novel *Three Junes* (National Book Award), Nella Larsen's rediscovered Harlem Renaissance classic *Quicksand*, plus Kaye Gibbons' *Charms for the Easy Life* and other reading-group favorites, Cormac O'Brien on the lives of the U.S. presidents, and P. G. Wodehouse in his own words. The calendars will be sold for \$8 (retail price is \$10.95). These calendars make great holiday gifts and are a great way to help support Friends!



FRIENDS NEWS Brief

On July 19, Friends and the PSPL participated in a **Downtown Frankfort Sidewalk Sale**. Friends offered some pre-read remainders from our Spring Book Sale for sale, as well as recently-withdrawn coffee table books from the library. We also gave away several boxes full of books that had failed to find new homes during several past Book Sales and needed to be moved to make way for new donations. We are happy to say that nearly all of these books found new homes that day! Friends also signed up new members and talked with folks about our special stained glass window project for the new library (see “Special Friends Project for New Library Building” article, page 2). We enjoyed talking with everyone who stopped by!

Shop Online and Benefit PSPL at the Same Time!

Now you can shop from more than 700 of the Internet’s best online merchants . . . **and help raise funds for your local library** at the same time. The Paul Sawyer Public Library has cut the ribbon on Shop for the Library, a huge online shopping mall featuring merchants who’ve agreed to give the library a commission on every purchase. People can shop from favorites like **Target, Macy’s, Gap, and Circuit City**, and up to 25 percent of each purchase goes to benefit the library.

Check out Shop for the Library at shopforthelibrary.net, or via the library’s Web site, www.pspl.org. You have the option to initiate your shopping via the Shop for the Library web site every time, or to download tracking software that knows when you are shopping with participating merchants and automatically counts your purchase. With the tracking software, you need only visit Shop for the Library once to select PSPL as the library you wish to benefit and download the tracking software.

“Folks pay the same price whether they go through Shop for the Library or directly to a participating merchant’s website,” said Executive Director of the Library Donna Gibson. “So, we’re hoping library supporters will use the Shop for the Library portal, and benefit the library with every online purchase.”

CRIME CORNER by Marguerite Wordell

Mysteries are one of the most popular types of books in the library. They provide a good bridge to adult reading for adolescents.

When I was ready to read adult books, Sherlock Holmes was my bridge character from children’s to adult literature. I was very surprised to read in the “adult” version, that Holmes had a drug problem. Holmes is a character for people of all ages, though, and is still appealing to me after many years.

Let me recommend a new Sherlock Holmes series by Laurie R. King. Starting with *The Beekeeper’s Apprentice*, King introduces Holmes to a new detective partner, a young girl. The series is good because of the plots, the character development, and the settings and historical details.

Would you be interested in learning more about new mysteries? We have a good Mystery Book Club that meets in the library monthly. After we read a new mystery paperback, we come together to discuss it.

If you are interested in coming to a meeting of the Mystery Book Club, please call the group’s leader, Nancy Rice, at the Paul Sawyer Public Library, (502) 223-1658.

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