

Friends of the Kraemer Library Newsletter

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Message from the president

November 2011

Dear Friends,

Since our last newsletter, the library has been a busy place, and I'd like to take this opportunity to bring you all up to date.

As you may already know Library Director Jeff Harrison has accepted a position at the UW-Richland Library. We wish him well in his new direction. Following his resignation, the Library Board formed a search committee consisting of board members Katie Erb, Becky Zwettler and Merry Lynn Riek and Friends' board members Joy Bettinger and me to interview and recommend a new director. That process was completed in late October, and our new director, Carolyn Forde joined our library on November 7th. If you haven't



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already done so, please read Carolyn's introduction under "News from the Director" and stop in soon to welcome her and introduce yourselves. Carolyn is very interested in learning how she can make your library the best it can be.

The electronic sign I mentioned in my last newsletter, which was made possible through a gift from the estate of library patron Margaret Hayes was finally installed in October. Better late than never!! It's going to be a great way to publicize what's happening at the library!

The Friends' 2nd annual "Thank You to the Commu-

nity" Concert in the Park was very well attended by over 100 adults, children and even a few pets! The weather cooperated and Solstice Jazz again did a great job of providing an entertaining program. While the event was a free gift to the community, our generous supporters contributed \$257.00 to be used by the Friends' to support the library.

Our 10th annual Pies, Pages (and now) Pottery Sale was once again a successful event, adding almost \$2300 to our coffers.

(As a reminder, all funds raised are used to provide materials, programs and equipment based on requests from our library director.) This event takes a lot of pre-planning and I'd like to thank Pam Bettinger, and the rest of the

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Special points of interest

Preschool Story Time

Friday mornings 10:30 am

Each story time consists of a little action, a story while eating a snack and an activity/craft of some sort.

Holiday Hours

Closed 12/24—12/26 for Christmas

Closed 1/2/12 for New Year's

Patrons are welcome to return items to the book drop on days that the library is closed.

News from the Director

Dear Friends,

My name is Carolyn Forde and I am honored to be your new Library Director! I am a native of Wisconsin who was born in Woodruff and raised in Wausau. I

received my M.L.S. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I have held a variety of positions throughout my career including Reference Librarian, Youth Services Librarian, and

Branch Manager. Most recently, I served as the Library Director of the Rusk County Community Library in Ladysmith, WI. Using my

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Summer Art Series

This summer the Friends of the Library joined in with Sauk County Arts & Humanities in hosting an interactive Summer Art Series which focused on giving kids of all abilities tools to help them express themselves. Each month we explored new techniques of self expression. Exploring music, movement and art as ways to convey their feelings, kids were able to take their new "tools of expression" home in the form of tambourines, maracas, hula hoops, balls, and finally their own 16"x16" canvas masterpiece. With 74 participants throughout the summer, we played and celebrated the voice that everyone brings to our beloved community. Special thanks go to facilitators: Jennifer Snow, Amy Mills, Marcia Miquelon and Pat Scofield for all of their work in making these sessions so successful. We look forward to renewing the Summer Art Series next year with a different focus, and hope you are able to join in the fun!

Submitted by Beth Ferstl



Plain Page Turners Book Club

December Selection

Tuesday Dec. 20

"Best in Show" by Laurien

Berenson and "Blue Christmas" by Mary Kay Andrews

Hosted at Sharon Bettingers house

RSVP to Sharon at 546-3781 or skbettinger@gmail.com

January Selection

Tuesday Jan. 16

"Full of Grace" by Dorothea Benton Frank

Hostess: Gwen Kraemer

The Plain Page Turners book discussion group is held on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm in the library's community room, unless otherwise noted. Members each take a turn choosing a book and hosting the meeting at the library. Anyone is welcome to join! Interested members should contact Sharon Bettinger at 546-3781 or skbettinger@gmail.com.

Library Hours
 Monday—Thursday: 1-7:30 p.m.
 Friday: 9-5 p.m.
 Saturday: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
 Sunday Closed





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professional expertise, I seek with my library team, to enhance and grow library service units. I love the land and people of Wisconsin and I am passionate about libraries. I feel that all of my loves come together in Plain: beautiful landscape, friendly people, and an exceptional library facility. Some of my favorite writers include Willa Cather, Wallace Stegner, James Lee Burke, father and son writers Michael and Jeff Shaara, Andrew McCall Smith, and Polly Horvath. My pastimes include cooking, hiking, and gardening- which I like to refer to as "dirt therapy". I love movies and the theatre. I am impressed with the community of

Plain and its support of the public library. It is a great pleasure and privilege to be an intimate part of the community of Plain in which you serve the needs of others and they in turn look out for you. I can't wait to give the community of Plain a big hug!

Carolyn Forde

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For the most up to date information about events at the library:

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board for their efforts in making it a success. In planning for next year, we're particularly excited that ceramic artist Dick Woppert who added the additional "P" this year has already signed on for next year. His display of hand made pottery allowed us to informally tie into the area Fall Arts Tour and draw in visitors from outside the immediate area. An example of these visitors were the 5 women from St. Charles, Ill., all members of the "Unabridged Book Club" who had read the book Loving Frank and were in the area to visit Taliesin and enjoy a fall week-end in the area. The women stopped into our sale; purchased books, pies and made generous donations to our library. **As you can see from the attached picture they couldn't wait to enjoy their homemade pies, and started eating them in the library parking lot!** We look forward to welcoming them back at next year's sale.

At this quarter's board meeting we will say goodbye to Joy Bettinger, who has served as board secretary since the inception of the Friends' in 2002.

Joy has been a very committed member of the Friends and we all thank her for her involvement. We feel certain that it will continue even after she leaves the board. Succeeding Joy is Beth Ferstl, another strong supporter of the library, who brings energy and creativity to the task. Welcome Beth!

As I close, I have two reminders:

>The boards will always consider new

ideas for the benefit of our library and community center. Feel free to talk to anyone on the Library or Friends' Boards.

>With the winter approaching, keep in mind that elderly or home-bound residents who live within 5 miles of Plain can have books of their choosing delivered to their homes. If you know of anyone who could benefit from this service, let Carolyn know so she can

make the appropriate arrangements. Also, if you are interested in doing the deliveries, let her know as well.

Stay warm, count your blessings.....and see you at the library!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Kraemer,
President
546-4141

Pictured to the left are members of the "Unabridged Book Club" from St. Charles, Ill.

