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Message From the President

Do you know of all the ways you can help out the Friends of the Duluth Public Library? No? Well. We have some work to do then!

Become a board member: The Friends organization is currently seeking volunteers to serve as board members. Our board meets at 4 p.m. on the third Tuesday, 10 months of the year. Board members brainstorm fundraising ideas, serve on event committees and help us bring awareness to the community. If you're interested in helping the Duluth Public Library behind the scenes, please call me at (218) 723-5384 for more information!

Attend Friends' events: Everyone knows the Friends' annual book sale is in the early summer, but did you know we also have smaller fundraisers we organize throughout the year? Our annual Littlest Holiday Book Sale will be held Dec. 1-3 at the Mount Royal branch library. Hours are listed on page 2 of the newsletter. **We hope to see you there!**

Just two days after that sale we also host a book fair at **Barnes & Noble**. From 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, a percentage of the sales at Barnes & Noble that day will be given to the Friends' organization. **There's a catch though.** When you make a purchase at Barnes & Noble that day you need to either hand the cashier the voucher inside this newsletter, or tell him/her that you'd like your purchase to support the Friends' group. Make copies of the voucher and hand them out to your family members and friends. Every penny earned is another penny that benefits the Duluth Public Library in some way.

We'll have Clifford the Big Red Dog there for photos with the kids and some of our board members will also be gift wrapping just outside the mall entrance to Barnes & Noble. If you're at the Miller Hill Mall that day, be sure to stop by our table for a quick chocolate pick-me-up!

Friends' memberships: Many of our Friends renew their membership at our annual book sale, which is absolutely great! We both benefit from every membership that comes in. This year consider giving a Friends' membership to someone on your holiday gift list. For as little as \$15 a year, Friends' members get early access to our annual book sale, four newsletters packed with ways you can help the library and advance notice of upcoming Friends' events. Pick up a Friends' membership brochure at any of the library branches, or email info@friendsofdpl.com to have one mailed to you.

Happy and safe Holiday Wishes to each and every Friend of the Duluth Public Library!

Tina Gajda



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SAVE
THE DATE

Friends of the Duluth Public Library

Barnes & Noble Bookfair

Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015
Barnes & Noble
Miller Hill Mall

Help support the Duluth Public Library!

- Get your holiday gifts wrapped by our volunteers
- Get your photo taken with Clifford the Big Red Dog



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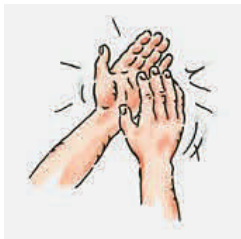
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THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!!

Once again our annual book sale was an amazing success. We raised over \$23,000 in funds for library programming!!! We could never have done it without all the fantastic volunteers. First, the year-round sorters who keep this show rolling - you are too numerous to name individually, but without you this book sale would not happen! Second, over 65 people volunteered for 110 shifts during the sale! Thank you for all the counting, the bagging, and the lugging, and more importantly, your kind smiles and generous hearts! You are appreciated more than you know! We hope you had such a great time that you'll be willing to do it again next year. Watch your newsletter for the Book Sale 2016 announcement! (Don't forget to tell your friends!)

2015 ANNUAL BOOK SALE RECAP

Setup began May 28 and went through June 5. It took 42 volunteers putting in 210 hours 7 days to get ready for the sale, not including the 50 weeks when folks are at the Library at least one day a week to sort through the donations and Library withdrawals to save all those treasures people find. This also doesn't include the help we received from the City's Properties and Facilities maintenance staff who put up most of the shelving units. Our volunteer crew consists of a dozen "regulars" doing multiple shifts, Harbor City International School students helping out two mornings and Optum staff joining us one afternoon.

The sale was from June 8 to 11 for a total of 29.5 hours. It took 76 people (membership, cashiers, shelvees, security, floaters) putting in 498 hours to host this successful event. Over 30 of the 76 volunteers did multiple shifts and over half of the 30 did 3-4 shifts.

Items that don't sell are moved to shelves along one wall of the green room, and in the hallway outside the green room, and are labeled free. We also have a "free cart" upstairs and donations are very much appreciated! (The free cart brought in over \$1,400 over the past year.)

It takes less time to take things down than to put them up. A dozen folks put in 51 hours over 3 days to accomplish this task. The maintenance crew was there again to take the shelves apart and put them away. Most of the volunteers were there every day shifting books out of the green room to empty space on the shelves in the hallway. In a week's time the shelves in the green room were clear.

Thank you everyone!

Our hard work helped us raise \$23,210 for the Friends of the Duluth Public Library; that's \$200 more than last year's sale.! Those funds will help the Library purchase materials, provide services and sponsor programs.

Special thanks to the staff at the Library for their willingness to work with us as we disrupt their routines for this annual event; and, to Roseann, Duluth Public Library Librarian, for all of her help. Again, thank you everyone for all of your many hours and hard work!

Marcia Semerau, first-year Chair for the Book Sale



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