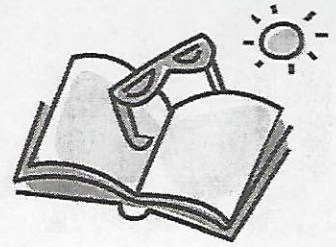


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2018 (the 39th) Annual Book Sale a Success / Goal = \$15,000

38 volunteers put in over 220 hours over eight days to accomplish the set up task in four areas (conference, gold and green rooms, and the garage). Those volunteers included a crew of regulars (you'd think they work at the Library based on the number of hours they put in) plus a phenomenal group of Harbor City International students with supervisors who help us every year. We also received great help from the City's Properties and

Facilities maintenance staff. Set up means putting shelves together, setting tables in place, moving and unpacking all the boxes of materials, labeling subject areas, "hanging" signs, preparing cashier stations and so much more.

To get to this point a group of nine came to the Library one sometimes two times a week most of the remaining 50 weeks of the year that the sale isn't happening. They sort through Library withdrawals and donations to save all the treasures that are sold.

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The sale went from June 11 to 14. We were open 29 hours during that time. 57 volunteers put in over 375 hours to cover membership and security, to cashier and shelve, and to help the book dealers. 29 of those individuals did multiple shifts; 11 of those folks took four or more shifts, some of them worked every day of the sale. It even seemed like several of them were living at the Library.

Then there is take down - many things that don't sell are moved to a section of shelves with a "free" sign posted over them. We invite people to make a donation if they take anything from these shelves. Now it's time to reverse the process - remove signage and subject labels, take the shelves apart and store them, put tables away, tidy up. Over the course of three days, 12 volunteers along with help from City maintenance put in 53 hours. It goes alot faster on this end of the sale.

Drum roll please. In spite of the Superior Street construction, people found a way to get to the us. The annual book sale surpassed the goal and made \$19,067. The money we raise helps the Library purchase materials and resources, provide services and sponsor programs.

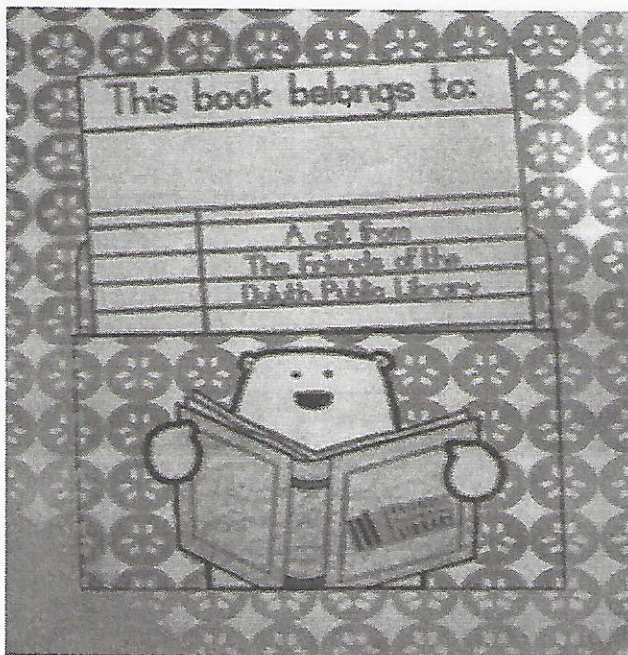
Thank you everyone for all your hard work, for joining the Friends, for donating materials, for shopping, for supporting the Library.

2019 book sale dates - June 10-13

Marcia K. Semerau, Book Sale Chair

Minnesota Association of Library Friends (MALF) along with Friends of the Duluth Public Library Board will host a workshop in Duluth on Tuesday, August 28th, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the green room at the Library (520 W. Superior St.) titled "Strengthening Friends: Fueling Relevancy and Impact" presented by long-time nonprofits coach and consultant Sandy Anderson. She explains, "We're living in a time when charities are expected to do more with less." But assuming that a fresh infusion of donors and volunteers is not forthcoming, where does that leave us? She says, "We need to shift the conversation to doing what's relevant." Naturally this pivot is easier said than done, but it is most certainly attainable. Everyone is invited to sign up for this FREE workshop (complimentary lunch included) but you must pre-register by Friday, August 17. The online registration portal is <http://mnlbraryfriends.org/index.php/what-we-provide/2018-workshop/>

The Friends had a booth at Duluth Sidewalk Days, July 11-12-13, right in front of the Minnesota Power building. If you weren't there to see us, here are some photos. Instead of our usual fund raisers, we promoted early childhood reading. "Ugly Duckling," "Jack and the Beanstalk," "Sleeping Beauty," and other classics were given away. The children loved getting new books that were their's alone. We had them write their names on bookplates and affix the plates to their books. It was a wonderfully positive experience for everyone.



Carla's Corner

July 2018



The Duluth Public Library is really fortunate to have not one, not two, but three organizations that provide support and advocate on our behalf. If you've received this newsletter you are a member of one of the groups: The Friends of the Duluth Public Library. You probably know that the Friends is a membership organization that raises money for the library by selling memberships and doing fundraisers such as book sales and the occasional author event.

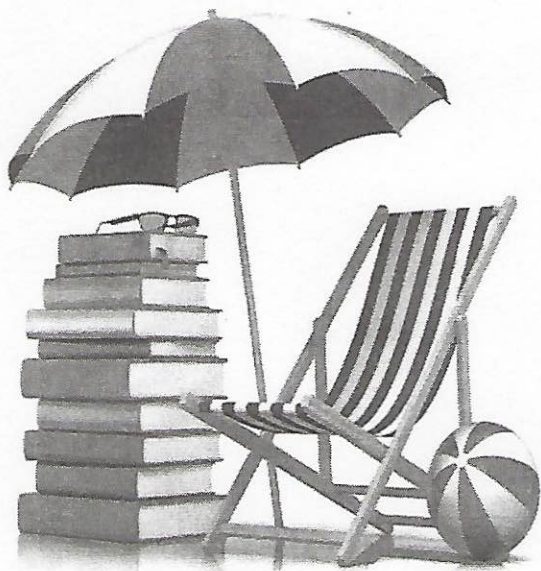
Another supporting organization is the Duluth Library Foundation. Like the Friends, it has a mission to raise money for programs and materials not provided for in the library's regular city budget. The Foundation's signature fundraising event is Learning & Libations at the Library, which takes place each September. The Foundation manages an approximately \$1.5 million endowment for the benefit of the Duluth Public Library and turns over about three percent of the value of the endowment to the library each year.

The third group is the Duluth Public Library Board, which does not do fundraising. The Library Board consists of members appointed by the Mayor. It represents citizen voices in budgeting and policy matters.

While the role of each organization is slightly different, all three have two important things in common. First, they are bound together by a love of the Duluth Public Library and a strong belief in what the library does for the community. And second, they help tell the library's story and advocate for the library's needs.

If you would like to learn more about these groups and perhaps become more involved as a library advocate, there is a joint meeting of the Friends, Foundation and Library Board planned for Tuesday, Sept. 18 at 4:30 p.m. at the Evergreen Senior Center in West Duluth (which is in the same building as the West Duluth Branch Library). The meeting will be a chance for various board members to get to know one another and to talk about how all three groups can work together to best support the library. Please come if you can!

And thank you, as always, for being a Friend of the Library. Your support makes it possible for DPL to be not just a good public library, but a great public library!



Calendar of events:

Thursday, August 2nd

10:00 a.m. - 7:00p.m.

Spirit Valley Days book sale at West Duluth
Library

Tuesday, August 21st 4:30 p.m.

Friends of the Duluth Public Library
Board meeting at the Main Library gold
room