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>The Friends of the Duluth Public Library held their annual meeting in **May**. We learned a bit about the history of the Library in its current location from Dennis Lamkin when he presented "From Bowery to Bookshelves".

>We held our annual book sale in **June**. 59 individuals put in 675 hours over a 2 1/2 week period set up, sale, take down. This does not include the other 50 weeks of the year when the sorting crew is in action looking at all of the materials that are donated and withdrawn, sorting by subject, boxing, labeling, and pricing. 10 folks have put in over 343 hours since the first of the year. Many thanks to Roseann, Rose, Pam, Karen, Ellen, Linda, and Martha who account for most of that time. We made over \$15,100 which is up from last year. Way to go!

>**July** found us on Superior Street partnering with Library staff during the Sidewalk Days festivities. Families stopped by and put their hands in the snow to find small plastic animals and take away prizes as well as being able to help themselves to free books.

>Turn the calendar to **August 1**. We were at the West Duluth Library on parade day of Spirit Valley Days where we held a 1-day book sale. We made over \$370; but more importantly we made friends.

>The month of **August** was the Whole Foods Co-op GIVE! (a.k.a. Round Up at the Till) where the Friends of the Duluth Public Library was their chosen non-profit. Thanks to community support, the Friends received \$6,337.34.

>Chester Bowl Fall Fest was **September 21**. It rained then continued to "drip" on folks who stopped by the Duluth Public Library table to spin the wheel for prizes - worms, fancy pens, bookmarks, stickers, or choosing from the treasure box. After the rain stopped the sun came out. The Friends and Foundation were there partnering with Library staff.

>**November 21** is Give to the Max Day. Consider making a donation to the Friends.

>The Littlest Holiday Book Sale will be held in **December** at the Mount Royal Library on the Tues-Wed-Thurs, 3-4-5.

Thank you everyone for all of your support, membership, book sale and tote purchases, volunteering at the DECC with your "paychecks" going to the Friends, shopping at Whole Foods.

We gave the Library \$25,000 in August.

Marcia K. Semerau, President

Friends of the Duluth Public Library



Carla's Corner October 2024

As part of our effort to serve the community in new and different ways, the Duluth Public Library recently launched a community pass program. Free passes to the Duluth Zoo, the Great Lakes Aquarium, and Minnesota State Parks are now available to check out with your library card. Community passes for the William A. Irvin will resume next spring when the regular season starts, and discussions are underway with other venues. Community passes are available to all DPL cardholders. They check out for one week on a first come, first served basis. Passes expire after one week and do not need to be returned to the library. For more information, call your favorite Duluth Public Library location.



Sidewalk Days

This year volunteers from the Friends of the Library partnered with library staff to organize a fun, interactive booth at Sidewalk Days in downtown Duluth. The Little Library Go van provided visibility, drawing more than 1500 people to the library booth over the three-day event. Thanks to support from the Friends, participants received prizes and free books. Over 100 brand new books were given away to kids of all ages. Adults browsed carts of donated books, which they could take home for free. The event was a great “friend-raiser” for the Friends and an opportunity for library staff to connect with community members.

give TO THE **MAX**
Nov. 21, 2024





**Thank you
Linda, Ellen
and Pam for
all of your
hard work on
the Book Sale.
You are so
appreciated!!!**

We are proud to host the Littlest Holiday Book Sale at the Mount Royal Branch Library 2024.

**If you are interested in volunteering, please contact
Dick or Cathy @ 218-724-2185.**

Tuesday, Dec. 3

10 am—4:30 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 4

10 am—7:30 pm

Thursday, Dec. 5

10 am—2 pm

Three days of book sales for the
holiday season at the Mount Royal
Library!

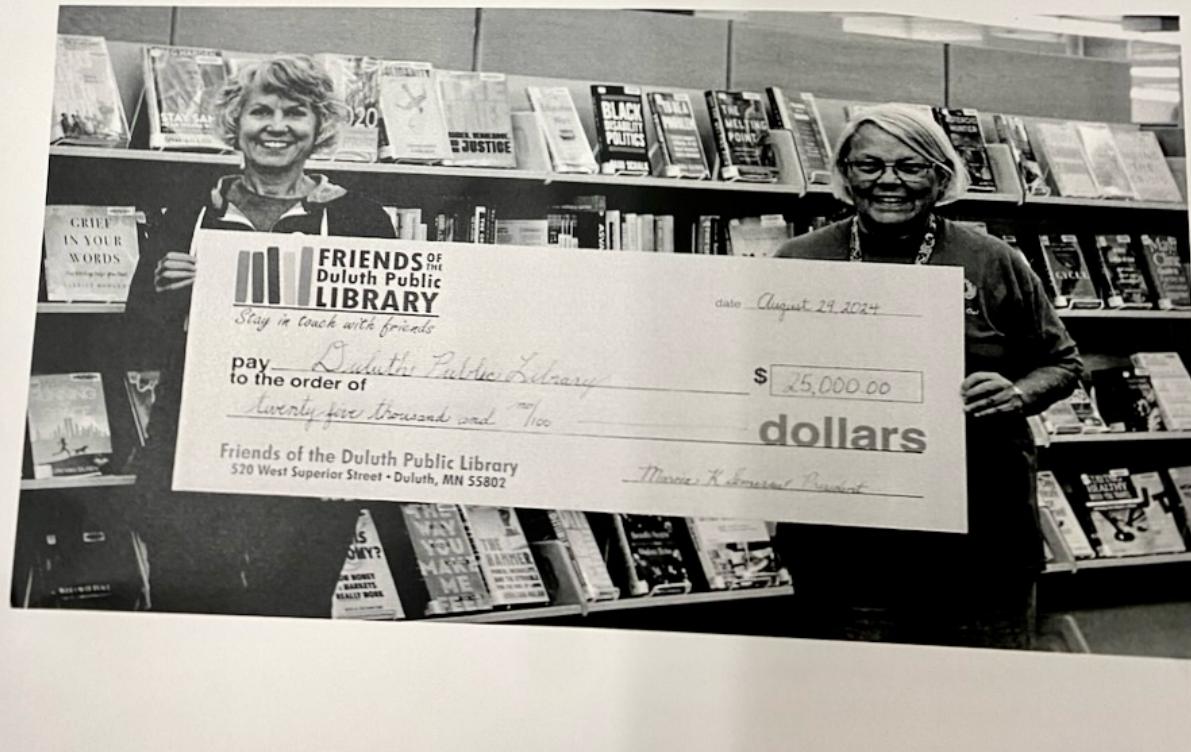
Proceeds from the sale support free
library events and programming
for all.





From left to right: Carla Powers, Duluth Public Library Manager, Wendy Williamson

The Friends of the Duluth Public Library donated two hundred-fifty dollars to the Duluth Public Library in honor of Wendy Williamson. Williamson served on the Friends Board of Directors for many years. She held the office of Secretary, and was an essential member of the following committees: "Fund Raising", "Membership Perks" and "Constitution/Bylaws" during her tenure on the Friends Board. Williamson also represented the Friends on the Northeast Minnesota Book Award Team and the Duluth MN Poet Laureate Boards of Directors. Williamson and her husband relocated to Moscow, Idaho, where she has already joined the Friends of the Moscow Public Library. We wish Peter and Wendy Williamson well as they experience new adventures in Idaho.



Round up at the Register at the Whole Foods Co-op

The Friends of the Duluth Public Library extends a huge thank you to the Whole Foods Co-op and WFC customers who chose to round up at the register at the Hillside and Denfeld stores in August. The Friends, recipient of the WFC "Round up at the Register" program in August, was awarded \$6,337.34. This amount will be donated to the Duluth Public Library to fund future library programs.

Andre LeTendre-Wilcox, WFC Education and Outreach Coordinator, made a youtube video of Carla Powers, Duluth Public Library Manager, describing the mission of the DPL, and Marcia Semerau, President of the Friends of the Duluth Public Library, describing the function of the Friends. Check out the video on the Whole Foods Coop website <https://wholefoods.coop/npsp-grantees/friends-of-the-duluth-public-library/>

Tabling to increase the visibility of the Duluth Public Library and the Friends of the Duluth Public Library took place at the Denfeld and Hillside WFC stores in mid-August. At the tabling events, Friends' members, Dawn Conlan, Rose Drewes and Theresa O'Gara distributed Library and Friends information, gave away free children's books, collected names for a free raffle, and encouraged customers to spin the table spinner for prizes. A sincere thank you goes to The Bookstore at Fitger's, Zenith Bookstore, Duluth Public Library and the Friends of the Duluth Public Library for contributing items for the raffle.



Pictured above is Dylan Savall, recipient of the raffle.



Pictured above from left to right: Andre LeTendre-Wilcox, WFC Education and Outreach Coordinator, Carla Powers, Library Manager, Marcia Semerau, Friends of the Duluth Public Library



Pictured left is Rose Drewes, Friends' Member, tabling at the Denfeld WFC store

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