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Dear Friends,

There were several changes to the Friends of the Duluth Public Library Board as we said goodbye to Lucie Holzemer and Judy Peterson.

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors go to our website at [friendsofdpl.com](http://friendsofdpl.com) to the “about” tab and click on the letter of interest.

The 46th book sale took place in June. We raised just over \$15,000.

We hosted a one-day book sale at the West Duluth Library during Spirit Valley Days.

We continue to volunteer to fundraise through the DECC, Winterfell, and the Heritage Center.

We value all of our members. Your membership is very important to this organization.

And, because of all of these efforts, in August we gave the Library \$20,000. This money helps the Library fund a variety of programs on—Oreo taste challenge, Zen garden creation, block printing bandanas, paper quilling, book bingo and so much more.

**Dates to note**

>Give to the Max Day Thursday, November 20th

>Books & Buzzers Bash by the Duluth Library Foundation on Thursday, November 13 at the DECC—look for more information on their website at [duluthlibraryfoundation.org](http://duluthlibraryfoundation.org)

>Littlest Holiday Book Sale at the Mount Royal Library the first week in December (look for more information in this newsletter or on our website at [friendsofdpl.com](http://friendsofdpl.com)). If you would like to volunteer to help, contact Cathy and Dick Andree at 218-724-2185 or [rjacia@yahoo.com](mailto:rjacia@yahoo.com).

**NOTE: Next year’s annual book sale will be held in August.**

Hope to see you at the Library—at programs, at book sales, at other Library related events.

Stop by, say hi, introduce yourself.

Marcia K. Semerau, President  
Friends of the Duluth Public Library



# Carla's Corner

## Fall 2025



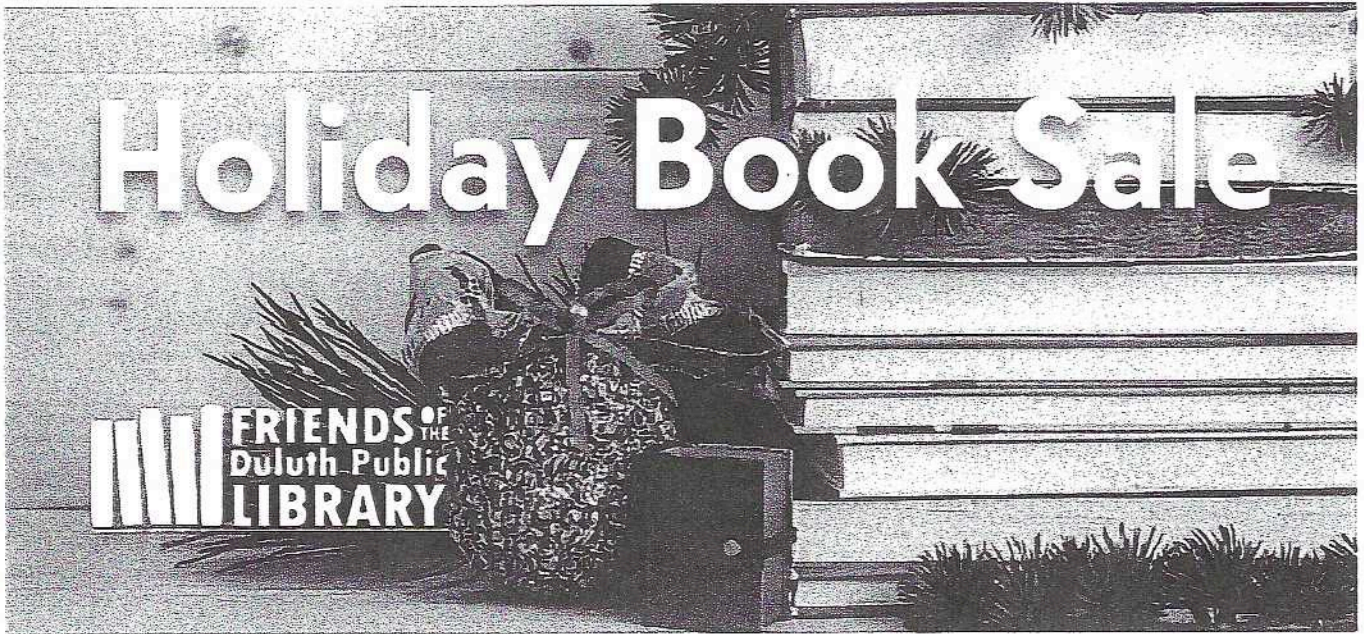
As I waded through my email recently, catching up after being out of the office for a conference, I was delighted to hear from a patron who attends library programs with her kids. She wrote:

*"I wanted to express my appreciation for the lovely children's classes our local library offers. My children are homeschooled, and these classes are fun and valuable enrichment as well as the opportunity to be around other children and make connections. I hope we can keep these up as I know they are valued by other homeschool families as well!"*

If you read this newsletter regularly, you probably know that the bulk of the money for library programs comes from the Friends of the Library. By renewing your Friends membership and shopping at the various book sales throughout the year, you are helping to make our programs possible for this family and others.

Programs and events add incredible value to the Duluth Public Library's services. While our overall usage still continues to climb out of its pandemic lows, attendance at programs has already surpassed 2019 levels and keeps growing. People want to spend time in community with others. Social connections are crucial for our health and wellbeing. The public library is one of the only places in town where everyone is welcome and there is no cost for admission.

Thank you for supporting the Friends! Because of you, homeschool students can attend children's events, adults can meet others with common interests at a crafting program, families can enjoy book bingo together, and so much more. Because of you, the Duluth Public Library is a vibrant, busy center of community life.



# Holiday Book Sale

 FRIENDS OF THE  
Duluth Public  
LIBRARY

**Three days to shop for the holiday season!**

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

**Tuesday, December 2**

10:00 am to 4:30 pm

**Wednesday, December 3**

10:00 am to 7:30 pm

**Thursday, December 4**

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

With the proceeds of the book sale, the Friends of the DPL were able to give a check for \$20,000.00 to the Library. Board members pictured below are:

Sarah Culver

Carla Powers

Sheri Olson

Milissa Brooks-Ojibway


June Kreutzkamp

Jose Gonzalez

Marcia Semerau



# give

TO THE  
**MAX** 

**Nov. 20, 2025**

Please consider making a donation to the Friends of the Duluth Public Library on Give to the Max Day, November 20, 2025! All contributions given on Give to the Max Day and throughout the year benefit our three library locations. The Friends provides the majority of funding for programs and events for community members of all ages. Popular programs include the summer and winter reading programs, scavenger hunts, craft programs, game nights and the summer Kaleidoscope series for kids that takes place in the Main Library plaza. Donations are also used to purchase books and other items to further enhance the library's collection. All donations are tax deductible.

<https://www.givemn.org/organization/Friends-Of-The-Duluth-Public-Library>



Renew your membership and make a donation using the form below.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

- Good Friend \$15
- Family Friend \$30
- Best Friend \$50
- True Friend \$100
- Loyal Friend \$200
- Valued Friend \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- DONATION \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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Make checks payable to / Mail to:  
Friends of the Duluth Public Library  
520 West Superior Street  
Duluth, MN 55802

