

FRIENDS OF THE ONALASKA LIBRARY



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Movie Update--- We had a total of 437 patrons that attended the seven movies this spring. The fall session of movies are scheduled to start Sept 13, 2018. Bookmarks and information on our facebook page and web site should be available end of August. ---Larry Pohja



Book Sale Update---The Friends are lucky to have two dedicated members who coordinate and organize our ongoing booksales in the library. Brenda Wackerbarth and Margie Sheppard can be found sorting through public donations to see if they would be eligible for possible circulation in the County System. If the County does not need them, the books, magazines, CDs or DVDs will find their place in our bookcases by the circulation desk or by the meeting rooms. When we receive a lot of a particular theme (i.e. biographies, youth nonfiction, sports, cookbooks, or paperback fiction), they set up a table between the meeting rooms for a special sale. We are also lucky to be able to sell County Library discards.

In the past, we budgeted about \$100 a month from this sale. The last year, it is not unusual to earn between \$200 and \$300 a month. When your inventory sells for only ten cents to one dollar, that means a TON of books, magazines, CDs and DVDs have to be sorted and shelved.

We accept donations throughout the year, but our storage space is limited. The weeks before our big meeting room sale, we put out a special call for donations. Sometimes branch manager, Sherri Sinninger's office is bursting with boxes of donations. The next big sale is October 26 and October 27, 2018.

Next time you're browsing at the library, checkout our ongoing sale. Membership forms and funds can also be placed in our big brown cash boxes. Thanks to Margie and Brenda for all their efforts!! ---Kathy O'Driscoll



Use smile.amazon.com site for shopping---instead of shopping the regular site, go into Amazon from the following link <http://smile.amazon.com/39-1597865> to place your order. 0.5% of the price will be donated to Friends of the Onalaska Library. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know.



What happened when a hundred hares got loose on Main Street?
The police had to comb the area.

Summer Library Youth Program---a reminder that two youth programs the Friends are sponsoring are coming up in July. "Truly Remarkable Loon" is set for July 11th at 3:30 PM and "Hurray for Science" with Steve Belliveau at 6:30 PM on July 18th. These are programs that kids and grandkids would enjoy. For more info on the program series, check at library.



Floyde's Senior Moments is back for a summer session!
Wednesday Mornings 10:00 AM

As you know, this series is generously funded by the Ben and Floyde Sias Foundation. The Onalaska Public Library is proud to present a short summer series of learning, entertainment, fun and friendship for adults over age 50. The programs start July 11 and run thru August 1.

Senior Moments Programs---Summer Series

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| July 11 th | Armistice Day Blizzard with John Steffes |
| July 18 th | Cheyenne Valley Early African American Settlers in Vernon County with Kevin Alderson |
| July 25 th | The Wegner Grotto The Glass Church with Norma Schmig |
| Aug. 1 st | Falcons of the Driftless with River Valley Raptors |



"There are only two tragedies in life: one is not getting what one wants and the other is getting it."
Oscar Wilde

Chicken Q---Plans are finalized for our annual Chicken Q Fundraiser

The Friends and the Onalaska Area Historical Society will co-host a Chicken Q dinner by Pogy's in the Onalaska Library's Parking lot on **Thursday, September 6, 2018, from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM, or until sold out.**

Presale cost per dinner: \$9.00 Walkup price: \$9.50

Please get your tickets early, as we have to give them a number by August 30, 2018. Volunteer signup sheet and tickets will be available in the library about August 6th. Volunteer times are two or three hours. We always have fun serving the meals up and time goes fast.



**Why did the bird ask the plastic surgeon for a new nose?
The old one did not fit the bill.**

**What weighs twelve thousand pounds and is covered with lettuce
and special sauce?
A Big MacElephant.**



Retirement for Lynda Mueggenborg is drawing near. After twenty-three years with the LaCrosse County Library System Lynda will be retiring on September 7, 2018.

Lynda had been working in retail for a number of years and decided she would like a nicer job, one more career oriented and with better pay. At her last retail job, she had been working at Kohl's. She started working for Kohl's when they opened their store in Onalaska and worked there for five years when she was hired for the library position. She started working part time at the West Salem Library in March 1995 as a library clerk and

worked there for twelve years. In 2007, she began working fulltime at Onalaska Library. Some of her duties at the Onalaska Library included implementing the SLP program (Summer Library Program), getting other Youth Service Programs set in motion, ordering tax forms, donations, doing delivery, set up display on rotation basic, being in charge of the volunteers and of course you saw her working the circulation desk.

Lynda was born in Oak Lawn, Illinois a suburb of Chicago. When she was in the sixth grade, her Dad decided he wanted to get out of the big city and raise his family in a small town. Since Lynda's Mom was from the Bangor area, relatives back there suggested her Dad could manage the local pool hall. The family moved back to the Bangor, Wisconsin area. Her Dad had worked for a phone company in Illinois and

was able to obtain employment with a local phone company along with managing the Bangor pool hall. They also farmed. Lynda mentioned that her Mom milked the cows. Lynda said she was very glad that her family moved out of the big city and to a small town when she was a child.

Lynda enjoys hiking, bicycling, canoeing/kayaking, camping and of course reading. Her favorite author is Liane Moriarty. Her favorite book is "Winter Garden" by Kristin Hannah.

Lynda's husband, Steven, is retired and they have three grown children, Jackie, 34, Rachel, 32 and Brock, 27. They also have two granddaughters. Lynda and Steven reside in the West Salem area.

The Friends wish Lynda a long and happy retirement. Thank you for all you have done through the years for the Library.

What animals are the most computer literate? *Spiders. They practically live on the web.*

How does a dentist fix a dragon's teeth? *With a fire drill.*



The City of Onalaska has installed a new drinking fountain (one on right) in the library. There is a place on the new fountain to fill water bottles. Stop down, get a cool drink, and refill your water bottle if needed.

Question for You---Do you call the fountain a drinking fountain or do you call it a Bubbler? Some Wisconsinites (and some people in other states) refer to the fountain as a Bubbler. **Do you know why?** A quick search of the internet

left me still wondering. It's a question a lot of Wisconsinites don't know the answer to, and those who think they know have often fallen prey to the myth of Harlan Huckleby, supposedly an employee of Kohler Water Works, who designed the Bubbler in 1888. It was then patented by the company, which trademarked the name .

However---Beth Dippel, executive director of the Sheboygan County Historical Research Center, along with the help of the archivist at the Kohler Company says "They did a bunch of research over a number of years, gone through their company records and have never been able to find a Harlan Huckleby working for Kohler period. Then you get little bit deeper and years are incorrect, Kohler didn't really exist at that time. Kohler was part of Kohler, Heissne & Stein downtown in Sheboygan in the city. But they weren't making anything like bubblers, they weren't making plumbing products like Kohler is now."

While there is no way of being sure Dippel has her own theory on how the term "bubbler" came to be. In the late 1800s, Wisconsin was home to thousands of one-room schoolhouses. Many of them featured a relatively new bit of technology: a water container made by the Red Wing Company. They were pretty similar to modern water coolers. "But there was also an attachment that you could lean over, just like you do now. And they called that the bubbler," says Dippel. "And I'm thinking that's where that came from."

<http://wuwm.com/post/why-do-wisconsinites-call-bubbler-anyway> is a link to this story. There are other stories out there. The water cooler story is a theory. If you have any comments regarding why some people call it a bubbler, send me an e-mail and I will share comments in next newsletter. ---Ramona K. rkiehne@centurytel.net



Bookmarks---After many years of providing patrons with beautiful bookmarkers, Pat Blanchard is retiring from that task. If anyone is interested in assuming this responsibility, Margie Sheppard has a large amount of Christmas cards, which were given to her by a patron. You may call her at 783-6361, and she will gladly bring them to the library.

Friends Upcoming Meetings---

No Monthly Meeting in July

August Mtg---Thursday, August 23rd, 6:30 PM Library

2018 Friends Paid Membership List

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| Akeson, Rhonda | Ihle, Irene | Saltz, Gail |
| Bardelmeier, Denis/Jean | Key, Pam | Schellpfeffer, Mara |
| Barker, Dolores | Kiehne, Ramona/Fred | Schultz, Karen |
| Bartz, Jackie | Linder, Rose/Merl | Schultz, Sharon/Mark |
| Beane, Kathi | Mahlum, Sharon | Sharp, Jeff |
| Bell, Sophie | Maringer, Linda | Sheppard, Margie/Bill |
| Benusa, Bii/Joyce | McGuire, Georgia | Sill, James A. |
| Bichel Karon | Mulroy, Judy | Solberg, Winnie |
| Blanchard, Pat | Nick, Charles/Nancy | Staats, Don/Nancy |
| Brady, Judy | Niedzwiecki, Cheri | Stevens, Russ/Jennifer |
| Briggs, JoAnn | Odahl, Sharon | Stodola, Judy |
| Duffrin, Trudy | O'Driscoll, Bill/Kathy | Storm, Gerald |
| Dwyer, Betty | Olson, Mary/Jim | Thurston, Carl/Peg |
| Finn, Donna | Ostlund, Wendy | Treglowne, Jane/Tom |
| Fleming, Pat/Maria | Otto, Hedy | Wackerbarth, Cle/Brenda |
| Fuhrman, Beverly | Peplinski, Marcee | Whiteman, Sandy |
| Go, Ron/Julie | Pischke, Larry | Wiesjahn, Naomi |
| Gobel, Jessica/Matt | Pittman, Rita | Wirkus, Lois |
| Growt, Dave/Audrey | Pohja, Larry/Terry | |
| Hanson, Mike | Pollert, Clay/Ginny | |
| Hardiman, Millicent | Ramsay, Candy/Marv | |
| Heisler, Caroline | Rasmusson, Julie | |
| Hiser, Vona | Russell, Mary Jo | |

Above is the listing for our paid memberships for 2018. I will be updating the newsletter mailings shortly and will be **taking off anyone without a current paid membership**. If you have not renewed for the current year, you can pick up a renewal form from library or print one off our website. Please leave renewal form and dues at the library or mail directly to Kathy O'Driscoll at 704 Parkridge Pl, Onalaska 54650. --Ramona K.

2018 OFFICERS OF THE FRIENDS OF THE ONALASKA LIBRARY:

President ---Larry Pohja

Secretary ---Jackie Bartz

Treasurer ---Kathy O'Driscoll

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY EVERYONE!

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Newsletter Editor ---Ramona Kiehne

Book Review on local author's book on following page.

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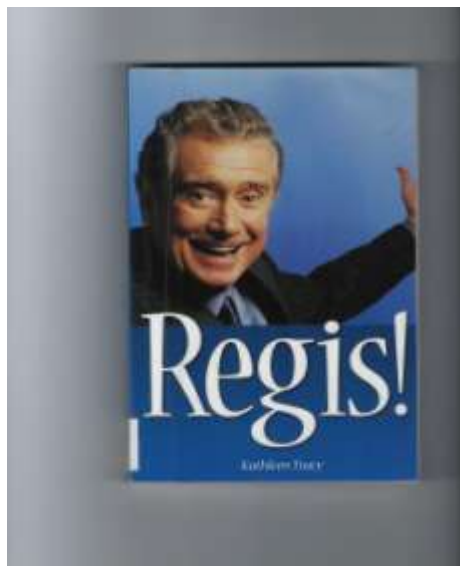


“One Small Yes” By Misty Lown

Small decisions that Lead to Big Results

Forget about complicated calendars or excessive goal setting exercises. Following your calling is about moving forward one small yes decision at a time. No matter the size of your dream or the difference, you feel called to make, your journey starts with One Small Yes.

Misty Lown is a sought after speaker who shares her business methods and humor with audiences around the world. She is from this area and recently built a new dance studio in Onalaska. Non-Fiction



“Regis!” By Kathleen Tracy

The Unauthorized Biography

Regis Philbin is a fascinating character, and a man whose “final answer” fans have yet to hear. In this telling biography a glimpse into the life of the man behind the schtick. Interviews with friends, family, business associates and media professionals reveal Regis Philbin the way television audiences rarely saw him: as a husband, a father, a borderline workaholic, a poor Catholic kid from the Bronx. Non-Fiction