

FRIENDS OF THE ONALASKA LIBRARY

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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**Happy
New Year!**

Note from our President---I would like to thank all the patrons who attended our movies this year. The spring session was attended by 540 patrons and the fall session was attended by 221 for a total for 2017 of 761 attendees. The 2018 spring session is set to begin March 15, 2018 depending on release dates of the movies chosen to be shown. Listing hopefully will be on our website and face book page by the first of March. —Larry Pohja

New Year/Membership Renewal Time---Its time again for membership dues. Our memberships run the calendar year...January through December. Individual --\$10 Family--\$20 Student/Senior---\$5 Our memberships are very reasonable and all the funds we make/collect go back to the Library. Stop by the circulation desk at the library and a form can be picked up and the dues paid there.



Our 2018 Officers

Left to right:

Treas.--Kathy O'Driscoll

President---Larry Pohja

Secretary—Jackie Bartz



Friend of the Year Award--goes to

Margie Sheppard

and

Brenda Wackerbarth

Forefront is Margie directly behind her is Brenda

At our annual meeting on Nov. 16th Margie Sheppard and Brenda Wackerbarth (our "Book Ladies") were recognized as the recipients of the 2017 Friend of the Year Award. Both women are members of the Friends and have done a terrific job in heading up our annual spring and fall book sales. In addition, they also volunteer their time and expertise each week working on

the Friends' on-going book sale shelves. After several years of taking responsibility for the two large book sales each year Brenda and Margie are retiring from the duties of being in charge of the spring and fall book sales. They will continue with managing the day-to-day responsibilities that the on-going book sale shelves require.

Brenda Wackerbarth has been a member of the Friends since 1997 when she and her husband Cle moved to Onalaska. They have two daughters, two grandsons, one granddaughter and two step-grandchildren. Brenda and Cle have always lived in this area, first in LaCrosse than Onalaska. Brenda taught biology and math at Western Technical College for twenty years. She is now retired and has been a long-time supporter of the Friends. Besides heading up the book sales, she has been our co-president and secretary. She also can be found helping out at various fundraisers and special events the Friends hold. Brenda's hobbies include quilting, gardening and reading. She belongs to the LaCrosse Area Quilt Guild and currently is working on a quicker way to construct the "Bear's Paw" quilt- block pattern.

Brenda reads a wide variety of books and especially likes books with a historical background. She said she likes to pick up a copy of "Book Page" which is a selection guide for new books that is available monthly at the library. The guide is free. More info about the guide is on page 6.

Margie grew up in Mott, North Dakota. She is married to William Sheppard and they have two sons, two grandsons and one granddaughter. They lived in Sparta for eight years where she taught English and then moved to Onalaska where she taught English at Viterbo for five years and at UWL for fifteen years. Margie retired in 2006 from teaching and decided to check out

the Friends by volunteering to help at book sales. Slowly she found herself helping out more and more. She joined the Friends in 2007. Along with helping with book sales Margie also helps at some of the other fundraisers the Friends have.

Her hobbies are exercising and reading. She and her husband, Bill, walk daily outside or at the Mall depending on the weather. Margie also enjoys babysitting her grandkids when needed. Margie likes to read books about medieval times, the Renaissance as well as alternative medicine. Her favorite book is "The Silent Sister" and her favorite author is Diane Chamberlain.

Team Work ---Monday mornings Brenda goes in to library and works on the on-going book shelves, Margie goes in on Wednesday mornings to work on the on-going sale and they alternate going in on Friday mornings. They have to check donations that have come in, discards from the library, sort the books in the back room according to fiction, non-fiction, paperbacks in boxes, children' books etc. and setting the books out for display in the Friends' book selling area/s. They also must reckon with the storage problems.

I asked about an estimate of how long they worked each morning and Margie said it would depend on the discards and the donations. It varies but usually two to three hours at least each morning.

I was curious how many hours went into the spring and fall book sales. The estimated time was around twenty-five hours. I also asked what sells the best and learned that hardcover fiction seems to be the most popular at the two big book sales and at the on-going sales. It was also noted that hardcover non-fiction books come in second at the on-going sales.



The Friends are very appreciative and thankful for all the hard work and hours Brenda and Margie have given to the book sales. We are grateful that they will continue with "working" the on-going sales which are a continuous source of income for the Friends to use to benefit the library.



Two Martians landed on a corner with a traffic light.

"I saw her first." one Martian said.

"So what? said the other, "I'm the one she winked at."

Why did the grown up cows worry about the little cow?

Because it was so moo-dy.



**Winners of Drawings Held
During our Annual Meeting
Nov. 16th ---**

Left: Gail Saltz
Bottle of Red Wine

Standing: Fred Kiehne
Floral Arrangement

Right: Wendy Ostlund
Bottle of White Wine

Below is picture of the new Holmen Public Library, which opened recently. The library is located at 121 Legion St. Stop over and take a peek at their spacious new building. Books checked out at Holmen can be returned at Onalaska and vice-versa.



Cozy
fireplace inside
Holmen Library

What does a dog use for playing golf?

A kennel club.



Floral Visions Workshop

A Flower Arrangement Workshop was presented by Floral Visions of Onalaska on Nov. 20th. The workshop was sponsored by the Friends and was held just a few days before Thanksgiving so the participants got to take home a beautiful fresh flower arrangement they made for their holiday table.

Pictured to the right are: Janet Symicek, Pat Blanchard, and Gail Saltz

Below is one of the lovely arrangements made that evening



Where should you go to buy a comforter?

Downtown.

Do some flowers ride bicycles?

Yes, rose pedals.

What transportation do chefs prefer?

Gravy Train



“In the human heart new passions are forever being born; the overthrow of one almost always means the rise of another.”

---Francois de la Rochefoucauld

BookPage---America’s Book Review

This attractive good-sized booklet is mentioned by Brenda in the article about our “Book Ladies”. After she told me about the guide, I decided to pick one up.

BookPage is a selection guide for new books. The editors evaluate and select for review the best books published in a variety of categories. BookPage is editorially independent; only books the editors highly recommend are featured.

The guide covers fiction, non-fiction, adults & kids, audio books etc. In the December guide there are pages titled “Books to Explore”, “Interesting Lives”, Fiction Favorites, “Inspirational Reads”. There is also author interviews plus more.

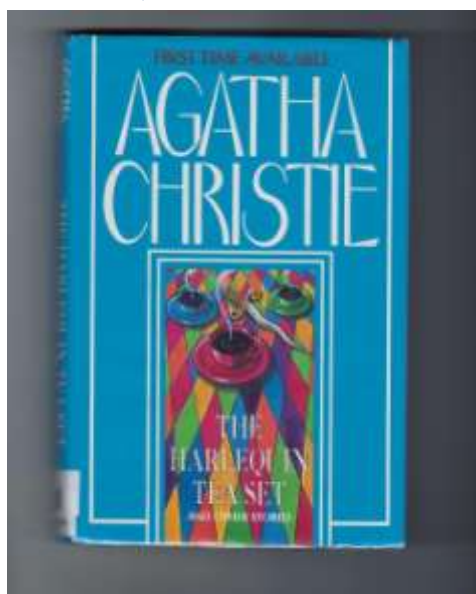


Some of the info in the “Just for Kids” section covers “New & Noteworthy”, “Timeless Treasures” and “Remarkable Gifts”, “New from Favorite Authors” in the December issue. I learned there is a fully illustrated edition of The Boxcar Children commemorating the 75th anniversary of Gertrude Chandler Warner’s timeless novel. I know there are over 100+ books in the Boxcar series. I have no idea how many the grandkids and I have read together but we have read quite a few of this beloved children’ series. BookPage is free and available at library.

Next Friends of Library Meeting---Thursday, January 25, 2018 6:30 PM There will be no monthly meeting in February.

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

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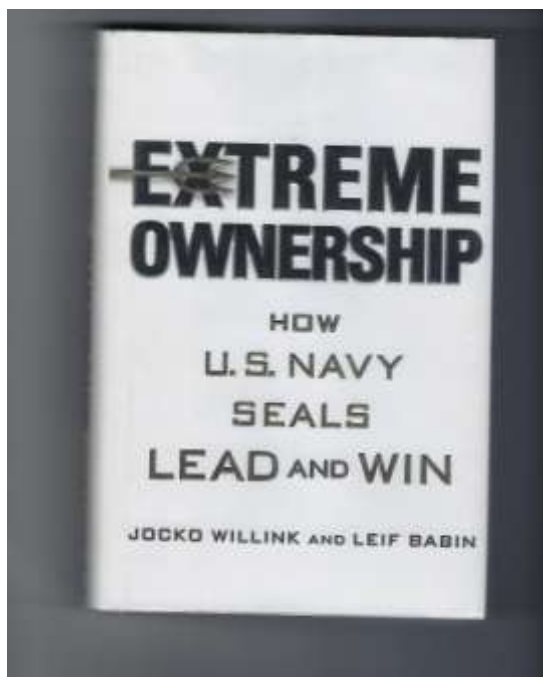
“The Harlequin Tea Set and Other Stories” by Agatha Christie

In this book are nine previously uncollected gems from the world’s most popular mystery writer. The stories are available for the first time in this stellar collection.

Agatha Christie is one of the most successful authors of all time. Her works have been translated into more languages than Shakespeare’s and are second only to the Bible in the number of tongues in which they can be read. Although she died in 1976, leaving behind a prodigious body of work, her popularity has remained constant, and her books are a treasured legacy enjoyed by mystery lovers the world over. Dame Agatha Christie continues to be one of the world’s best loved and most widely read writers of all time. In addition to

being an author, she also wrote plays, many of which were original and a number of which were based on her novels and short stories. The play the “The Mousetrap” from her short story “Three Blind Mice” holds the record for the longest-running play in the history of modern theater.

— Fiction —



“Extreme Ownership” by Jocko Willink and Leif Babin

Willink and Babin served as U.S. Navy SEAL officers in SEAL Task Unit Bruiser through the Battle of Ramadi, some of the toughest urban combat in the history of the SEAL teams. Their task unit remains the most highly decorated special operations unit from the war in Iraq. After returning, Babin and Willink built and led Navy SEAL leadership training for the next generation of SEALs. Then they took those lessons learned from the battlefield and launched Echelon Front, a leadership consulting firm that teaches others to build and lead their own high-performance, winning teams.

--Non-Fiction--