

FRIENDS OF THE ONALASKA LIBRARY

Bi-Monthly Newsletter



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Friends Annual Meeting---was held on November 15th. At the meeting Kathy O'Driscoll was elected treasurer for 2019. Jackie Bartz was elected as secretary for 2019. We are still looking to fill the presidential position. If you would be interested in assuming the presidential duties, please contact Kathy or Jackie. Winners of the two door prizes were Brenda Wackerbarth and Rose Linder. They each received a bottle of wine.

"Decoding the Driftless"---a film of science exploration and adventure. This special screening will be shown at the Onalaska Library on Thursday, **January 10th, at 6:30 PM.** Join us for a wild ride of adventure, above, on, and below the amazing Driftless Region. Fantastic footage of the Driftless Region was captured and woven into a compelling story, in a way never done before. Guest George Howe, Producer and Film Maker, will be present. Plan now to attend the screening of this Emmy Award-winning film. Sponsored by the Friends. Free and open to the public. Come and enjoy!

"Color By Neighbors!"---is an adult coloring program that will start on January 28th at 6:30 PM at the Library. Coloring kept many of us entertained as children and is now resurfacing as an activity that adults are finding relaxing and therapeutic. It's a chance to unplug from technology and reduce your "screen time," and provides a meditative distraction from the pressures of daily life. Coloring is for everyone, not just "artistic people," as you choose to color at any level of detail you want. It is fun to color in a group, chatting with friends and neighbors while you color, yet it's also a hobby that can be taken with you anywhere you go.

Join us **January 28, 2019 at 6:30 PM** in the library's meeting room to see what it's all about. This free program will be open to all adults, and colored pencils, crayons, pastels, and many choices for coloring art will be provided, or you can bring your own coloring project.

The event which is sponsored by the Friends of the Library will continue as a series on the third Monday of each month, starting in February 2019.



2018 Friend of the Year---

Pictured on left is Kathy O'Driscoll presenting certificate to Ramona Kiehne at right

"You really surprised me!" said Ramona Kiehne in response to receiving the Friend of the Year award at the November meeting.

This talented mother of daughters, Janice and Amy, and grandmother to

seven grandsons has had many experiences since her up-bringing in Faribault, MN. She has lived on a dairy farm and with her husband owned/operated a crop and sheep farm and had jobs at a bank and grain elevator. The latter included putting out the newsletter for the coop. She had been wanting to join Friends of the Library but that had to wait until she retired and moved to the Onalaska area to be closer to family. More recently, husband Fred of 48 years has become a member too.

In the twelve years since joining Friends she has served as secretary, and still fills in as needed. Eight years ago, she began doing our bimonthly newsletter as writer, interviewer, photographer, editor and publisher, and manages the group's scrapbook. Do you need a reminder of up-coming meetings or programs and other communications? Ramona does that too, e-mail and snail-mail. And we can count on her to help with the book sales.

When the Family Reading Garden was started in 2010, Ramona helped with the planning and the planting of the garden. Working with two other Master Gardeners she continued to help with the upkeep of the garden through the 2015 season. During the cold months she catches up on the latest in gardening topics as part of the 10 hours annual requirement to be a Master Gardener. That education interest continues with planning the annual gardening program for the Friends' presentation.

Not one to be idle, Ramona knits, embroiders, and belongs to a quilting group when she isn't volunteering at a nursing home.

When she does find time to read, some of her favorites are Ann Rule's true crime stories, Dorothy Gilman's Mrs. Pollifax tales and Debbie Macomber's good character fiction.

Thanks Ramona, you deserve the Friend of the Year Award. ---- Article by Jackie Bartz

**oh
yeah!**

Broken pencils are pretty much pointless.

I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough!

I read receipes the same way I read science fiction. I get to the end and I think, "Well that's not going to happen!"



Movies----We had a good turnout for the fall session of movies. After the Jan. 10th showing of "Decoding the Driftless" we will take break until spring session which will start in March.



On the evening of November 14th the Friends sponsored a Flower Arrangement Workshop that was presented by Flower Visions of Onalaska.

Pictured at left are participants working on their centerpieces.

Showing off the centerpieces that they made are Friends Member, Terry Pohja on the left, and two other workshop participants.





You may remember that in the Nov/Dec Newsletter a photo was in that showed the same part of the Teen Section but no art was on display on the "tackables".

The artwork shown here on display is from Onalaska High School's Art Class students.

Check out the Youth Dept to see the amazing art work from our area

students. The plan is to contact the art teachers at our local middle & high schools (both public and parochial schools) and invite them to bring their art students' work to the library for exhibit in the teen area. The tackables were purchased for the teen area by the Friends.



"It's a pleasure to share one's memories. Everything remembered is dear, endearing, touching, precious. At least the past is safe---though we didn't know it at the time. We know it now. Because it's in the past; because we have survived." --Susan Sontag

"Celebrate Libraries" traveled to Onalaska and produced a video about our wonderful library. The link following is for the finished Onalaska video. It is titled *Family Reading Garden*.
<http://celebratelibraries.com/la-crosse-county-onalaska-wisconsin/>



Questions for you----"Why aren't there any B batteries?"

"How do you know when its time to tune bagpipes?"

"What if the Hokey Pokey isn't what its all about?"

"Why does the sun lighten our hair but darken our skin?"

And my favorite question is -- (RK)

"How many roads must a man travel down before he admits he's lost?"



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Kwik Trip's Milk Moola Fundraising Program is ending--- we recently received word that Kwik Trip is ending the Milk Moola program. Through the years, this has been a great way for our group to raise money for library projects. Thank you to all of you for turning in caps and bag tops from their specially marked Nature's Touch products. Please deposit any caps/bag tops you have at home in the box in library lobby as soon as possible.

Save the date---Monday evening, **March 25, 6:30 PM**, local author, Lisa Olson will be our guest speaker. The local comedian has published, "Laughs on Wry" a memoir about how humor helped her through life's difficulties and became her passion. Ms Olson is from LaCrescent.

Renewal of 2019 Friends Membership---its that time again to renew your membership in the Friends. Our membership runs the calendar year ---January 2019 thru December 2019. Our memberships are very reasonable and all funds we make/collect go back to the benefit of the Onalaska Library. On the last page of this newsletter (page 7) you will find a membership form. Please print it, fill it out and return the form along with the membership dues to the circulation desk at the library or you may if you prefer mail them to our treasurer Kathy O'Driscoll at 704 Parkridge Pl, Onalaska, WI 54650. Thank you for your support.



January Monthly Friends Meeting--- will be held on Thursday evening, January 24th at 6:30 PM in the Library Meeting Room. There will be no February Meeting.

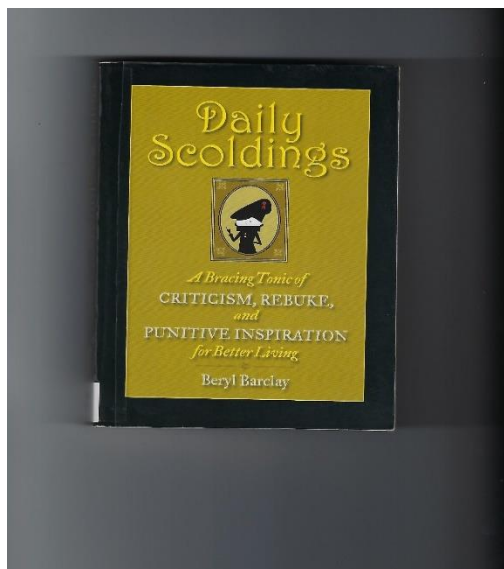
As the year 2018 ends I wish you all a Healthy & Happy New Year. I also wish to thank you for selecting me the 2018 Friend of the Year. I was indeed surprised and honored. The goal of the Friends is to promote the library. I am proud to be a member of a friendly and reliable group that is always willing to work together for the benefit of the library. -- Ramona Kiehne



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From the Shelves of the

Onalaska Library---



“Daily Scoldings” by Beryl Barclay

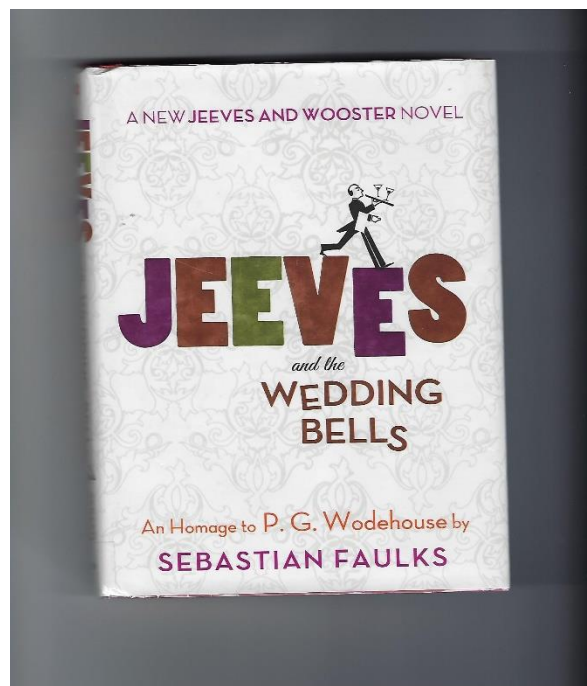
You know you’re not living up to your potential. With gentle mockery and outright quackery, this book makes you “feel the burn”. A short (less than one page) of a bracing tonic of criticism, rebuke, and punitive inspiration for better living. One short “tidbit” for each day of the year.

“Jeeves with the Wedding Bells”

A New Jeeves and Wooster Novel
by Sebastian Faulks

An Homage to P.G. Wodehouse

With the approval of the Wodehouse estate, acclaimed novelist Sebastian Faulks brings P.G. Wodehouse’s most beloved characters back to life in a hilarious affair of mix-ups and mishaps, a brilliantly conceived, seamlessly executed novel worthy of the master himself.



2019 Friends of Library Membership Form

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Address _____

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Type of Membership: Please circle one.

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