

FRIENDS OF THE ONALASKA LIBRARY

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Following is a Letter from Our President---

Dear Friends:

As your President, I would like to wish you and your families a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

As we look back on the past year, the Friends of the Onalaska Library held a few major fundraisers and because of those, we were able to donate and purchase the following items for the Library:

The New York Times
22 Magazine subscriptions
8 New tables for book sales
Support for the Onalaska Bike Friendly Family Community Challenge
Wall Material for youth services so youth projects could be displayed
New HD projectors for the meeting rooms
Sponsoring of two summer youth programs

The friends of the Onalaska Library are a vibrant and active group. We enhance the Onalaska Library experience by sponsoring adult programming. We also purchase items that have been cut from the budget, but this organization can only be as strong as its members.

We are very appreciative of all the members that we have and we hope you continue being a member. Our goal is to grow this organization so we do even more for the library. We also could use more members helping with our fundraisers. Please give this some thought for the New Year. Once again, thank you very much for being a member and hope to see you in 2017.

Sincerely,

Larry Pohja

President--Friends of the Onalaska Library

Meet the Friends of the Onalaska Library “friend of the year” --Ashley Giese--- During our annual meeting on November 17, library staff member Ashley Giese was recognized as being our “friend” of the year. Ashley maintains our facebook page and does a wonderful job of keeping it up to date for us.

Ashley was born in Radford, Virginia. When she was about six months old, her family moved to LaCrosse where she grew up. She attended Emerson Elementary, Cathedral School and Aquinas. She then went on to earn a degree from UW-LaCrosse in elementary/early childhood. She was certified to teach PK thru 6th grade. She taught pre-school for twenty years and did some subbing in the West Salem, LaCrosse, Holmen and Onalaska School Districts. Ashley decided after so many years of teaching full time she would like to do something different. So when an opportunity came up to work at the library she felt what better way was there to use her early childhood education and knowledge of books she gained from her teaching career.

Ashley is a circulation clerk at the Onalaska Library. Some of her duties include maintaining the library’s facebook page, doing delivery (check in of books), rotations of books among the five branches, and helping with the youth services summer reading program, bulletin boards and displays. Of course, you will also find her working at the circulation desk checking out books for us.



Among Ashley’s interests are reading, fishing, going four-wheeling and gardening. When I asked her what her favorite book and favorite author were she said she had no one favorite. She did say that when people ask her for a good book to read she likes to recommend “Still Missing” by Chevy Stevens.

She likes to read books authored by Kristin Hannah, Jodi Picoult and Chevy Stevens. She said Jodi Picoult likes to take a “hot” topic that is in the media and create a story from it. She shows the reader both sides of the issue in a way that makes you think.

Ashley and her husband Paul live in Holmen. They have two daughters. Hannah 20, is in college and Molly 18 is a senior in high school. Rounding out the family is Tessa the dog and two cats, Gwen and The Boy.

Thank you Ashley for maintaining the Friends facebook page. We appreciate your expertise.

Why do mummies like Christmas? Because of all the wrappings .

Why did the cow cross the street? To get to the udder side.

What did the girl sea say to the boy sea when he asked for a date? Shore

Annual Meeting---business was conducted as usual along with election of officers for the coming year taking place. The slate of officers for 2017 was voted on and approved. All officers will continue on for another year. They are as follows Larry Pohja President, Kathy O’Driscoll treasurer, and Jackie Bartz as secretary. Thank you to all three for their leadership the past year and accepting the nominations to lead the Friends in the upcoming new year.

Thank you note ---During the annual meeting, librarian Ashley Giese was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from our Friends group for all her work in setting-up and maintaining our Facebook page. She is our “Friend of the Year”. Following is her note she sent to Larry P. —

Larry---Thank you so much for the honor of being the Friends of the Onalaska Library Friend of the Year. I was so surprised last night that I was left speechless. (I know that in itself is amazing!) I am so thankful that we have such an amazing group of friends. Not just the wonderful things that you as a group do for the library but that the people that belong to this group are such kind people. It is my pleasure to be able to work with you doing the facebook page. Thank you again. -- Ashley

**WHAT DO YOU CALL BRILLIANT INTERNET USERS?
STAR TEKKIES.**

**WHAT DID THE COMPUTER PROGRAM AND THE ITCHY DOG
HAVE IN COMMON? THEY BOTH HAD BUGS.**

WHAT KIND OF TEETH CAN'T BE TRUSTED? FALSE TEETH

**Books,
Books,
Books---**
As you can see, we had a good supply of books for our fall book sale



held Oct. 28th and 29th. The book sale was a successful fundraiser for our library. Thanks to all who donated books, worked the sale and purchased books.



Tackable Board ---The Friends of the Library bought this board for the Youth Dept. There are actually three separate boards on the walls in the Youth Area. When this picture was taken St. Pat's School of Onalaska had their artwork on display on the different boards. The hope is to have the art departments from the different area schools display the student's artwork for the community to see and enjoy.

These boards are awesome. When you are in the library stop by the Youth Dept. and take a look.



AND MORE PICTURES



Our 2017 Friends of the Onalaska Library Officers

From left to right:
Jackie Bartz, Secretary
Larry Pohja, President
Kathy O'Driscoll, Treasurer

After a short business meeting and the election of the 2017 officers, three drawings were made for the door prizes. Winners of a bottle of wine from the Lost Island Wine are Larry Pohja and Brenda Wackerbarth. Lois Wirkus was the winner of the floral bouquet from Floral Vision.



Gift Card Winners –the last movie of the fall session was shown on December 15th and at that movie, three names were drawn for gift cards from Barnes & Noble. The lucky three were:

\$25 Sherri Diamon --donated by the Friends

\$25 Bob Baranowski --donated by LaCrosse County Libraries

\$20 Pat Ostrander --donated by LaCrosse County Libraries



“The man who has no imagination has no wings.”

Muhammad Ali

How does a wig introduce itself? Hair I am.

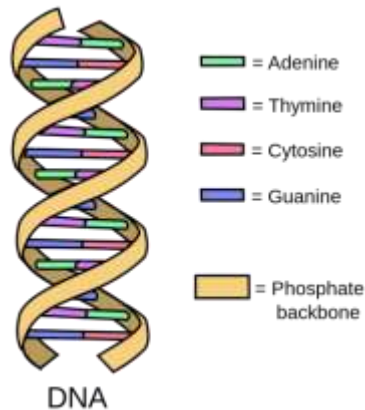
When is a door not a door? When it is ajar.

What always sleeps through dinner? A nap-kin.



DNA Program---will be presented by Bill O’Driscoll on Thursday evening, **Feb. 23rd at 7:00 PM** at the Onalaska Library. Bill is a long-time member of the Friends. Please come for an informative evening on an intriguing subject. Program is free and open to the public.

Using DNA as a Tool to Dig Up your Family



An Explanation of Genetic Genealogy

Genetic genealogy is the use of DNA for genealogical purposes. This program focuses on the types of DNA tests, the major testing services to choose from, and what to do with your test results once you have received them. To be presented by Bill O’Driscoll, author of “Staring at the DNA Trail,” IGSW Quarterly, December 2012.

February 23, 2017 7 PM

Onalaska Public Library

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Upcoming Baseball Program---Bill Leonard has agreed to do a baseball program on April 3, 2017 at 7:00 PM. His book is *Baseball, a Love Story*.

Time for your 2017 Friends of the Onalaska Library Membership Renewal. I have attached a membership form for you to print up, fill in and return along with dues. You may drop form/dues off at library. Thank you.

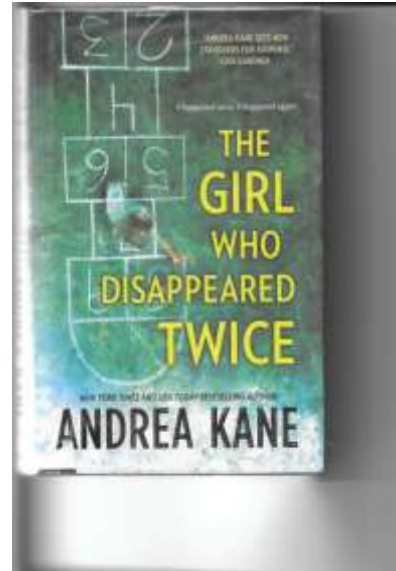
FROM THE SHELVES OF THE ONALASKA LIBRARY:

“The Girl Who Disappeared Twice” by Andrea Kane

If she'd only turned her head, she would have seen the car containing her daughter, struggling to get out. Struggling to escape her kidnapper.

Despite all her years determining the fates of families, veteran family court judge, Hope Willis couldn't save her own. Now she's frantically grasping at any hope for Krissy's rescue. With her husband dead-set against it, she calls Casey Woods and her team of renegade investigators, Forensic Instincts to look for clues and hopefully get Krissy back.

Andrea Kane became an instant New York Times bestseller with her thriller “Run for Your Life”. She now has a worldwide following and novels published in more than twenty languages. She is also the author of fourteen historical romances.



--- Fiction---

Friends Monthly Mtg---Our January meeting will be on **Thursday, January 26th** at **6:30 PM** in the Onalaska Library Meeting Room. Meeting time has been changed to 6:30 PM starting with the January meeting. There will be no February monthly meeting but come to the DNA Program which will be presented that night.

*Happy Holidays
Everyone!*