

FRIENDS OF THE ONALASKA LIBRARY

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Movie News---The spring movie session wrapped up on June 1st. According to Larry Pohja (our "Movie Man") we had 469 patrons that attended the nine movies that all were nominated for "Best Picture" this year. The group at the last movie, which included a large percentage that had seen all nine movies, voted "Hidden Figures" as Best Picture and "Hacksaw Ridge" came in a very close second. "Moonlight" the movie that won the Oscar this year, garnished one vote. Watch for the fall movie session coming in September.



Thanks to Larry for all his work/time involved in the lining up and showing of the movies and also for making the great popcorn. Thanks to Gail Saltz and Delaney Gilster for their help with the movie showings. They have been doing the main cleanup and putting the chairs back in position. Thanks ladies for your help.

Memorials---The families of Arlene Mades and John Weiland have given donations to the Friends to be used as memorials for their loved ones. The Friends will purchase a book to be added to the Onalaska Library for each person. The book will have a bookplate noting that it was donated in memory of the deceased. This would be a very nice way to honor and leave a legacy for a loved one who has passed away.



Updating---We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members who have joined the Friends this year. Also a thank you to all of our members who have renewed their individual/family memberships for 2017. In the next week or so, I will be getting a current up-to-date listing of our paid memberships and I will be updating the newsletter mailing list. If you have not renewed your membership for 2017, I will be taking your name off the mailing list. ---Ramona



Meet Suzanne Weibel---Part-time Circulation Clerk at Onalaska Library.

I think most of you are familiar with seeing Suzie's smiling face at the library. Some of her duties include customer service—being at the front desk ready to assist patrons in all matters of accessing library materials, checking in and out materials, putting in requests for various materials and writing articles for Onalaska-Holmen Courier Life newspaper.



She was born and raised in Madison, went to Western Technical College to become a legal assistant. She worked for a law firm for ten years. Suzie then decided to stay at home with the kids. The family also did foster care.

After eight years, when their two sons were in elementary school and her daughter and one foster child were in kindergarten Suzie discovered in the Foxy Shopper publication a job that she thought would be perfect for her. Now, eighteen years later, Suzie still enjoys her job and the library is fortunate to have her on the staff.

Her hobbies include reading, listening to audio books, gardening and riding her motorcycle. Sometimes on "casual Fridays", she will ride the motorcycle to work. She grows a lot of vegetables. Potatoes, tomatoes, brussel sprouts, garlic, peppers, squash and pumpkin are some of her choices. She also enjoys her

flowerbeds. While she is gardening, she likes to listen to an audio book.

One of her favorite authors is William Kent Krueger. He writes mysteries/historical fiction. Suzie also likes books by author Nevada Barr who writes mysteries centering around National Parks. You feel as if you are taking a visit to the park while you are reading about it

Suzie's husband Paul was a LaCrosse Police Investigator and now in retirement works part time at Western Technical College at Sparta . They have three grown children, two sons Vincent 28, Vance 26 and daughter Violet 22. Their two cats Skittles and Giz Mo round out the family.

Where do caddies go to dance?

To the golf ball.



Youth Program--- The Friends sponsored a youth program on June 21st. Sue Fletcher from the International Owl Center gave a very informative talk on owls. She used many of the kids in the audience in explaining the unique characteristics of owls. Uhu, a Eurasian Eagle Owl found her place on Sue's gloved arm. Her wingspan was 5 feet. While not native to the US, she awed the crowd of 313 kids and adults. Karen gave the Friends a nice shout out as sponsors of the program. More information on the center can be found at <http://internationalowlcenter.org/ouowls?id=194>



Right: Sue Fletcher and Uhu



Left: Kids & adults enjoying the program



What would you get if you crossed a ghost with an owl?
A creature that frightens people and doesn't give a hoot.



***“THERE IS NO WAY TO PEACE.
PEACE IS THE WAY.”***

---A. J. Muste

Annual Chicken-que---fundraiser will be held jointly once again this year with the Onalaska Historical Society. It will be held in mid-September. More info will follow as time draws closer.

Leave A Legacy Event---coming in September



Your 2017 Friends of the Onalaska Library Officers are:

President --- Larry Pohja

Treasurer/Membership --- Kathy O’Driscoll

Secretary --- Jackie Bartz

Newsletter is edited by Ramona Kiehne

Beautiful and useful Book Display--- The Friends recently purchased this display holder for the library. As you can see, the display rack is being put to good use in the Youth Dept.

FRIENDS’ DATES TO REMEMBER

July---No Monthly Friends Mtg

August 24th ---Friends Monthly Mtg

September ----Chicken-Q Fundraiser

“What kind of dog washes clothes?” A laundro-mutt

“What do you call the top of a dog house?” The woof.



SELC "Grow and Learn Together"

Pictured on left are Library Staff Members Karen Kroll (left) and Katherine Sandy (right).

Friday, May 12, 2017, the Onalaska Library hosted a grand opening for the "Grow 'n' Learn Together" Sias Early Literacy Center (SELC). Its brochure says it best: It's a place filled with hands-on activities designed to help young children develop skills they need to ... Get Ready to Read! Designed for babies though Kindergarten, it is intended for adults and children to enjoy ... together.

Karen Kroll and Katherine Sandy from Youth Services gave a history of Literacy Centers and

briefly explained the thought process of the SELC. Chris McArdle-Rojo, director, noted the groups who collaborated to make it possible: LaCrosse County Library Board, Sias Trust, Onalaska Library, City of Onalaska and the Friends! Doug Hugget of the Sias Library Trust Fund told of how the fund originated, its objectives and who directs it now.

The gold ribbon was cut by a longtime library and Friends' supporter, Evelyn Pertzch and her daughter, Kate. Attendees were able to see the SELC in action as preschoolers with their parents and grandparents were enjoying the activities. Master Gardener and Friend, Wendy Ostlund, bagged up flowers for all youth coming in for the day. Refreshments were served by Friends' secretary, Jackie Bartz.

Be sure to walk to the windows in the Children's area to see what the BUZZ is all about! Local television stations all showed up. Checkout their stories:

<http://www.news8000.com/news/interactive-early-literacy-center-opens-at-onalaska-library/495823234>

<http://www.wxow.com/category/136118/video-landing-page?clipId=13326435&autostart=true>

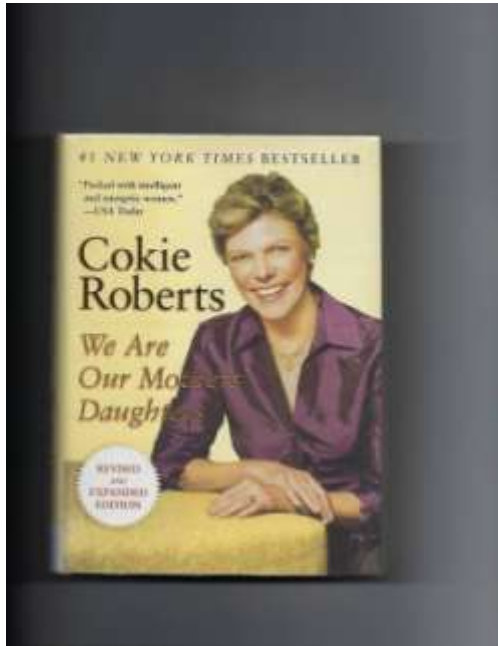


<http://www.wiproud.com/news/literacy-center-grand-opening/712966352> Pictured above is Evelyn Pertzch cutting the ribbon. Article/pictures by Kathy O'Driscoll

Why did the peanut butter jump into the ocean?

To be with the jellyfish.

FROM THE SHELVES OF THE ONALASKA LIBRARY



“We Are Our Mothers’ Daughters” by Cokie Roberts

From mother to mechanic, sister to soldier, Roberts reveals how much progress has now been made---and how much further we have to go. This collection of essays offers tremendous insight into the opportunities and challenges that women encounter today.

Sensitive, straightforward, and perceptive, the book celebrates the new diversity of choices and perspectives available to women today and affirms the bonds of sisterhood over the centuries.

Cokie Roberts is a political commentator for ABC News, along with her husband Steven V. Roberts she writes a weekly column syndicated in newspapers around the country by United Media. Non-Fiction

“Monkey Mind” by Daniel Smith

In *Monkey Mind*, Smith articulates what it is like to live with anxiety, defanging the disease with humor, traveling through its demonic layers, and evocatively expressing its self-destructive absurdities and painful internal coherence. With honesty and wit, he exposes anxiety as a pudgy, weak-willed wizard behind a curtain of dread and tames what has always seemed to him, and to the tens of millions of others who suffer from anxiety, a terrible affliction.

Daniel Smith is the author of numerous books and has written for *The Atlantic*, *New York Times Magazine*, and *Granta* to name a few. He taught at Bryn Mawr and the College of New Rochelle. Non-Fiction

