

FOL Quarterly Newsletter July 2019 “Between Friends”

The Summer Reading Program theme is A Universe of Stories. WCPL is having a Moon Landing Celebration Friday, July 19. **50** years ago, July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong walked on the moon! Watch the movie, *In the Shadow of the Moon*, in Room C from 10:00 am until 12 noon. The celebration is 2-4 pm in A-B. The SRP ends July 31.

Friends of the Library have been on our own adventure the past three months. To support our library, Friends selected 7 items to purchase or support from the 2019 Wish List. The Kidovation Reading love seat, nestled in the alcove in Children's Services, is very popular as children cuddle on the menagerie of stuffed animals listening to a story. The Curiosity Dome event on June 10 was a huge success exceeding expectations! FOL volunteers manned the count throughout the day. Virtual Reality games, Escape Room locks, and 200 book display holders have all arrived. We also paid to support Staff Recognition activities, and 2 AWE computers have been ordered.

Continuing on with the adventure, our most successful book sale to date was held June 19-22 in two locations, the Susie Stafford Room and A-B. Two new members joined and another updated hers to a dual membership to include her husband. There were decorated displays of space-related books, movies, and CD's. Chances to win prizes, give-a-ways, and snacks were enjoyed by many. Heidi Leestma, daughter of FOL member Andrea Leestma, won the Astronaut Barbie and Lydia Lommel won a Space Puzzle. She is the daughter of FOL member Kristen Lommel. Did you know Ian Martin, son of FOL members Melanie and Ryan Martin, is a volunteer in Children's Services? Way to go Ian!

For the past three months the idea to have a Friends Book Store has progressed from just a possibility, to now a reality. FOL Board of Directors met in May to identify obstacles. Library Director Ann Zydek and I measured and moved the shelving in the room for ADA compliance. Signs are posted that assistance will be provided to reach upper or lower shelves. The old blue computer table will be removed allowing for a small table and chair in the niche. Currently, all non-fiction is shelved and organized. Children's fiction is sorted alphabetically and shelved. Young Adult will also be shelved. Movies are arranged alphabetically. CD's have been seriously sorted and the public has benefited greatly from these FOL donations. The big October three day sale will have adult fiction only in A-B. After receiving an OK from the Library Board of Trustees at the July meeting, the goal is by Christmas or early spring to have the Friends Book Store open to the public! In the meantime all mini sales will be held at the Susie Stafford room location. Saturday, July 20, from 10-1, will be a Blue Dot Bag Sale.

Carol Volkers was named Welcome Ambassador for FOL. Hospitality has been busy providing treats, hand outs, and give-a-ways such as books, puzzles, and seeds. They arranged a successful Hacienda Fiesta Give-Back night, and even secured a Hacienda business membership. They also identify and support charitable community donations.

Chapter Chat Book Club, sponsored and hosted by Friends of the Library, is open to the public on the second Thursday of the month from 1:00-3:00 pm. Thirteen attended the first meeting and sixteen plus a guest, last week. It was a lively discussion led by Carol Noll for the book "Big Little Lies" by Liane Moriarty. "Educated" by Tara Westover is the next book for August. Check the Calendar of Events on WCPL's website or pick up a calendar at the library. It's a fun casual social gathering of women who enjoy reading. Join us!

Bree Robinson, our fabulous secretary/co-treasurer, member of Cookbook Club and Chapter Chat, is now a Piloxing instructor at the Y!! She also loaded 5 boxes of books in her car and took them to the Recycling Center after our last meeting!!

We are an active Friends of the Library! Enjoy your summer!

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