



## *Friends of the Presque Isle Community Library*

### *Fall Newsletter 2017*

The Friends of the Library are pleased to share news of this past year. It's been a busy one: from the arrival of our enthusiastic Director Shelly Knaack; to where in the world is now retired Pam Eschenbauch; to who are the Library Trustees and what are their responsibilities; to what your generous membership and donations have meant to the library; to FOL fundraising activities. Combined these things comprise a friendly knowledgeable welcoming Director and staff, prized volunteers, a well managed architecturally unique library benefitting our Presque Isle Community and the myriad of visitors who find their way to our door. Please join us by taking a moment and become a Friend of the Library by completing the enclosed Membership Form. Thank you!

#### *Kathy Sprester - President*

We avid readers appreciate all the new books Shelly purchases and displays prominently in the library. If you are someone who likes to discuss what you've read, the library sponsors two opportunities. A "Great Books" group meets the first and third Wednesdays at 10:00 am and reads mostly shorter selections. Another new group meets to discuss a variety of current and older titles on a more flexible schedule. New members are most welcome for both groups, and Shelly will be glad to bring you up to speed about meetings and selections for both.

#### *Carmen Farwell - Secretary*

In addition to your financial support of FOL, consider joining us at any of our meetings held the first Tuesday of the month at 2:00 pm. We welcome your ideas for programs or events you would like to see offered at our library. Periodically we send out requests for help with our fundraising, any help you can provide at those times too is appreciated. Visit our website [presqueisle.wislib.org](http://presqueisle.wislib.org) and click the link for Friends of the Library for more information and dates of meetings.

#### *Kathy Curtis - Vice President*

As the FOL treasurer, I have a direct view of the generosity of the community in supporting our membership drive and other fundraisers. The money raised by the Friends helps to provide items outside the normal library budget which enhances what the library can offer. I am glad to be a part of this worthwhile group.

#### *Ronie Jacobsen-Treasurer*

## *Thoughts from Shelly and Pam*

Becoming a Library Director has been like a dream come true for me. I have always been an avid reader, but as a little girl, I took it to the next level by cataloging my books according to the Dewey Decimal System! I am so lucky to work at this beautiful library in this amazing community.

I would like to express my gratitude to the entire community for being supportive of me in my first year. As I have navigated the ins and outs as director, I have had full support of the Library Board, Friends of the Library, former director Pam Eschenbauch, Assistant Librarian Sarah Krembs, the dedicated group of library volunteers and librarians in the Northern Waters Library System. I am truly grateful.

I look to 2018 with anticipation for what it holds for The Presque Isle Community Library. We have some exciting programs planned during the winter season and will again offer programming and the Bookworm store for children in the summer. Our new release shelves will have the latest books, audio books and movies. If you haven't met me yet; stop in! I would love to meet you and I welcome suggestions and ideas you have for The Presque Isle Community Library.

Shelly Knaack, Library Director



*On January 25, The Board of Trustees and The Friends of the Library hosted a celebration to wish Pam Good Luck and honor her for over 30 years of service to the Irma Stein/Presque Isle Community Library and to introduce Shelly to the Presque Isle community. It was a festive evening with fun poignant comments by Pam and others, as well as warm welcoming conversations with Shelly.*

Dear Friends,

Since my retirement at the end of 2016, I have been extremely busy; just as my retired friends cautioned me about. This past spring, Al, Joules, Wren and I went to North Carolina to see our granddaughters, 4 and 9. We all went camping with our oldest son, Zeke. This was the perfect opportunity for Wren and her cousins to meet, and spend time together. Next, I spent time cleaning our abode like it hasn't been cleaned in 20 years. Gardening was big on my list, and this is a work in progress. (We had a big slug year. Uhg!) Al and I did our annual Canoe/Camping trip to Canada with my brother and sister-in-law. We would love to present an Armchair Travel sometime in the future. I have spent a lot of time with Croix and Wren, and I love watching them grow; every stage is beautiful. I love coming into the library. It is so neat and tidy. Shelly has a lot of great ideas, and it is always fun to run into the users whom I have always loved.

Cheers from Pam Eschenbauch

## *Friends Donations Provided:*



Bart's Turtles

- ❖ New Books, Audio Books and Movies
- ❖ Magazine Subscriptions
- ❖ New book shelves to feature our new items
- ❖ Card catalog stand
- ❖ Programs for Kids: 8 week long summer library program for kids including Fabulous Frogs with Licia from the Discovery Center, Turtles with Bart from Northwoods Wildlife and Forest Feast with Dottie.
- ❖ Author Presentation by Joseph Heywood as part of Northwoods Book Festival
- ❖ Adult programs: The Buzz About Bees, Mindfulness and Photography
- ❖ Movies: shown every month
- ❖ Bookworm Bookstore for kids to shop at in the summer
- ❖ Puppet Theater in Children's Area
- ❖ PBS movies



Kids Program



Honey Cookies



Bookworm Bookstore



Children's Program



The Buzz about Bees

*Thank you for being a Friend!*

## *Board of Trustees*

Who is the Board? Seven Community Members appointed by the Town Board. Currently: Cathy Weber, Town liaison, Christine Wallace, school liaison, and 5 appointed community members: Brenda Schuppe, Pam Whipple, Krista Slemmons, Mike Czarny and Bob Berdan.

What is the Board? The Board is the governing authority of the Library, charged with responsibility from the Town to represent the Library and its service community. Its duties include governance and administration of the Library, in conjunction with the Library Director, including budget requirements and ongoing goals, financial and otherwise.

In discharging its responsibilities, the Board is reliant on the Town for the operation and maintenance of its Building, and the payment of wages and benefits to its staff. The Town also generously provides some monies to the Library as part of its annual budget development process for some ongoing expenses and a minimal level of collection development.

The Board is also reliant on the generosity of its patrons and in particular **The Friends of the Library** for program support and collection growth and enhancement, without which the Library would be unable to meet established State Library standards.

**The Friends**, through the annual membership drive and monetary donations, Amazon books sales, the annual surplus book sale, the Amazon purchasers rebate program, and other FOL fundraisers and volunteer activities, are what enables our Library to continue to exist, and to grow and thrive.

Long story short, we wouldn't have our Library, the jewel of Presque Isle, without you, **The Friends**, our friends. Thank you, thank you, thank you. Without you, our Library couldn't exist as we've come to know it.

Bob Berdan, President Board of Trustees



The FOL held its annual Book Sale the last weekend in June as part of the Presque Isle Days Celebration. The rousing success of our sale is credited to the wonderful donations of books, movies, audio books, puzzles and games we receive from you throughout the year and to all our fabulous volunteers who make it possible.

Your donations also help to raise funds through the FOL Amazon sales program and our in library ongoing book sales.

Materials in good condition may be dropped off at the library during open hours or special arrangements for pick-up can be arranged by contacting the library at 715-686-7613.

Pam Whipple – Book sales coordinator

*2018 Book Sale*

*Friday June 22 9-3*

*Saturday June 23 9-3*

*Sunday 10-1 Bag Sale*

*Volunteers needed! Check in library for sign up sheet in the merry month of May!*