

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

2023 NEWSLETTER

Our membership drive is the Friends' largest fundraiser every year, and it provided the majority of the \$15,000 donated to the Library in 2023.

Why Support The Friends of the Library?



Contributions from the Friends allow the library to enhance the collection and provide more programs for the community. There are 931 new items on the shelves in the last year, purchased with donations from the Friends.



Left: Sarah Krembs, Library Assistant

Right: Christal Schermeister-Simons, Library Director

Friends Help Make the Library Beautiful



Thanks to a contribution from the Friends, and the hard work of Merry Beckel, our library entryway is decorated with beautiful flowers to welcome patrons.



The Material Girls have quilted together for many years, and appreciated the opportunity to display their quilts as artists of the month. They created this beautiful quilt to be sold to benefit the library.



Art in the library this year included dance photography, watercolor, ink illustrations, quilts, and multimedia fabric art. Polly Sievert spoke about her artistic process at a reception held by the Friends.



Your library reflects the changing seasons, thanks to donations and volunteers! Past Friends president Kathy Sprester is pictured with current president Julie Brach.

Friends Sponsor Programming

The Friends of the Library (FOL) provide funding, planning, publicity, and refreshments for community events.



Music by Warren Nelson, Ed Willett, and Rowan Nelson-Ferris filled the Community Center.



Local travelers invited us along to experience a recap of their journeys to Italy, London, and the Alps.



In weekly programs, children learned all about birds of prey, wolves, turtles, fossils, and bats, and even got to hold some of the animals.



Our library, along with the Frank B. Koller Memorial Library, co-hosted Milwaukee author Lauren Fox to discuss her World War II novel *Send For Me*.

Please join us in 2024 by completing the enclosed membership form!

The Friends of the Presque Isle Community Library thank you for your support.

President Julie Brach, Vice President Kathy Curtis, Secretary Carmen Farwell, Treasurer Ronie Jacobsen

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