



Chapter & Verse



JULY 2008

New Readers' Circle Season

The Friends will sponsor the Readers' Circle Book Discussion Series for the sixth year beginning this fall. Mary Pat Sullivan, Book Discussion Chairperson, has developed a list of intriguing books as you'll see below. Discussions are held on the first Thursday of odd-numbered months (January's date will be the second Thursday) at 7:00 p.m. Prior to the library's relocation, the discussions will be held in the Board Room. Once the library relocates, an announcement will be made about the new gathering place for Readers' Circle. The current slate includes two novels, one biography, one history, and one classic:

September 4: *Infamous Woman: The Life of George Sand* BY JOSEPH AMBER BARRY. Biography. Discussion Leader: Peg Atkins.

November 6: *Democracy in America* BY ALEXIS DE TOQUEVILLE. History. Discussion Leader: Sharon Pedersen.

January 8: *The Secret Between Us* by BARBARA DELINSKY. Novel. Discussion Leader: Virginia Kramer.

March 6: *Villette* by CHARLOTTE BRONTE. Classic. Discussion Leader: Francis Baumli.

May 7: *The Street of a Thousand Blossoms* by GAIL TSUKIYAMA. Novel. Discussion Leader: Maureen McGrath.

September's Book:

Infamous Woman: The Life of George Sand

The life of George Sand is one of the great stories in literary history. In *Infamous Woman*, Joseph Barry recreates Sand, complete with her fire, wit, and brilliance. He has written an extraordinary biography about an extraordinary personality who metamorphosed from a conventional woman into the most scandalous and notorious figure of her time.

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New Trustees & Officers

It was with great pleasure that I responded to the request to update the Friends as to what is happening with the Board of Trustees and more specifically the renovation project. At our May Board meeting Liz Walker stepped down as President (thanks for a great job Liz) and I moved up from the Vice President's position. Also at that meeting, Dan Kertz was elected as Vice President and Amy McBride Barker as Secretary/Treasurer. We have also had two new members join the Board in the last few months so I felt it would be appropriate to list the full Board for easy reference. Any Board member can be contacted at any time for information. So, if you know a Board member feel free to call, and if you don't know one, call any one of those listed below and you can both make a new friend.

Randy Miltenberger, President
 Dan Kertz, Vice President
 Amy McBride Barker, Secretary/Treasurer
 Liz Walker, Immediate Past President
 Mary Ellen Dick
 Steve Hazan, appointed May 2008
 Paul Paese, appointed November 2007
 John Staples
 Joe Walsh

Former Library Board member Gina Jaksetic was elected to the City Council and in turn was appointed to be the Council liaison to the Library Board. We were sorry to see her leave but happy to have her back as our Council contact.

Another hat I wear on the Board is that of Building Committee Chairman. I have been a practicing architect for almost 40 years, so I am looking forward to seeing a project from the other side. Our first full Building Committee meeting with the architect (Bond Wolfe Architects) will occur by the time C&V is

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PAY TRIBUTE

To honor someone, to say “thank you” to someone, to pay tribute because of the loss of someone near and dear, consider making a donation to Friends of the Kirkwood Public Library.

TRIBUTES RECEIVED

We thank the following for paying tribute by donating to the Friends:

In memory of Connie Karr
Todd & Julie Chesnut
Cheryl Duensing
Gib & Ginny Garesche
Mary Gray
H & H Health Associates
Mizuho Securities USA

In memory of Virginia Ruane
Hank & Marty Cole
Sally Ravensberg
Steve & Judy Taylor

Trustees (cont'd from p. 1)

published. The agenda for this meeting is to discuss the schedule as well as the program. The only item set in stone at this point is that we are not going to add on to the building. The exercise of what goes into this space and the size of each area has not been determined and will be a major part of the design process. Neither myself nor other members of the Building Committee are going into this process with preconceived ideas. Our goal is to produce the best functioning facility for all stakeholders within our existing area constraints. This process will be transparent and we encourage your input.

Randy Miltenberger, *President*
Kirkwood Public Library
Board of Trustees

Annual Sidewalk Sale

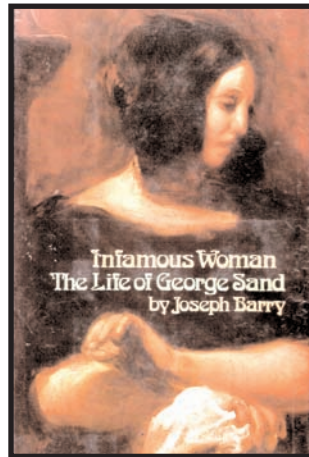
On Saturday, July 12 the Friends will participate in the Kirkwood Junction Sidewalk Sale between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. At a table in front of the Library, we will offer selected items from Greentree Books Shop. Please stop by and also visit the Shop inside. You'll find bargains, hidden treasures, and fun for both kids and grownups.

Greentree Festival

The Friends will staff a booth at the Greentree Festival on Saturday, September 13 from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 14 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed for two-hour shifts on each day to staff the booth. A sign-up sheet will be placed in Greentree Books Shop at the end of July. Please stop by to sign up for a work shift.

Infamous Woman (cont'd from page 1)

Born Aurore Dupin in 1804, Sand was the author of 70 novels and novellas, two dozen plays and several score essays. “Although George Sand was not the first woman author, she is often attributed as the first professional woman writer of fiction.” (WorldCatalog.org) But it was her life, in the end, that was to be her most enduring creation. She was an idol to the women of that era, giving them confidence and courage to know their own worth.



In an 1837 letter to Frederic Girerd she wrote, “. . . people think it very natural and pardonable to trifle with what is most sacred when dealing with women: women do not count in the social or moral order. I solemnly vow — and this is the first glimmer of courage and ambition in my life! — that I shall raise woman from her abject position, both through my self and my writing, God will help me! — let female slavery also have its Spartacus. That I shall be, or perish in the attempt.”

She was successful in her ambition to elevate women. Henry James, shortly after her death, said “. . . that it is not the extension she gives to the feminine nature, but the richness that she adds to the masculine — that is the lesson of the wholeness of George Sand.”

Mr. Barry has written a wonderfully readable story about a woman who took the name George to be a writer among men, to be respected as an equal.

This book promises to be not only an interesting read but lively material for discussion. Please plan on joining us!

Obtaining the book. Each participant is responsible for obtaining a copy of the book. If you are interested in purchasing the title, we have a couple of suggestions. Look in Greentree Books Shop for the shelf devoted to selections for Readers' Circle. Or you can purchase the book from Amazon.com — through the KPL website — so the library will benefit from your purchase.

Special Books* for Members Only

At the Table with Family and Friends. Hearst Books. 1995. Stated first edition. Hardback with dust jacket. Delicious recipes and ideas from the editors of *Victoria* magazine. Beautiful photographs. Like new. \$15.00

DELINSKY, BARBARA. *The Vineyard.* Simon & Schuster. 2000. The story of two women, a generation apart, each of whose dream becomes bound with the other's. \$2.50

GINGRICH, NEWT AND FORSTCHEN, WILLIAM R. *Pearl Harbor.* Thomas Dunne Books. 2007. First edition. Hardback with dust jacket. A novel of December 8th. (Yes, that date is correct.) Book one of the Pacific War series. \$3.50

LUDWIG, EMILE. *Bismarck, the Story of a Fighter.* Little, Brown and Co. 1927. Hardback. Illustrations, index, and chronological table. Worn due to age, good reading copy. An excellent history of the "Iron Chancellor." \$2.50

MAILER, NORMAN. *Portrait of Picasso as a Young Man.* Atlantic Monthly Press. 1995. Stated first edition. Hardback with dust jacket. An interpretive biography as well as a look at the character and charm of Bohemian life in Paris in the early 1900s. \$10.00

MINARIK, ELSE HOLMELUND. *Little Bear.* Harper & Row. 1957. Hardback. Pictures by Maurice Sendak. An "I Can Read Book." \$2.00

Mother Goose Picture Book with Rhymes. Sam'l Gabriel Sons. 1939. Pictures by Elsie Deane. No. 919. Wonderful illustrations in full color and in sepia. Hinges cracked. Lightly soiled. \$4.00

PAMUK, ORHAN. *Snow.* Vintage International. 2005. Paperback. Turkish author is the winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature. "Not only an engrossing feat of tale-spinning, but essential reading for our times." (Margaret Atwood) \$2.00

PICOULT, JODI. *Salem Falls.* Washington Square Press. 2001. Paperback. People magazine says "A frothy brew of mystery, sex, and small-town secrets." Perfect summer reading! \$1.50

Shorter Oxford English Dictionary. Oxford University Press. 2002. Fifth edition. Two volumes. Abridged edition of the 21 volume *OED*. More than one million definitions. Boxed, with dust jackets. As new. Half of the original price. \$75.00

STRACHEY, LYTTON. *Elizabeth & Essex.* Harcourt Brace. 1928. Hardback. Presumed first edition. An epic period drama about the lives and loves of Queen Elizabeth I and the second Earl of Essex. Remember the movie with Bette Davis and Errol Flynn? \$2.00

WOODRUFF, LEE AND BOB. *In an Instant.* Random House. 2007. Hardback with dust jacket. ABC News anchor and his wife tell the story of his near-fatal injuries while on assignment in Iraq. \$10.00

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Survey Response Rewarding

The response to the survey sent out by the Strategic Planning Committee has been most rewarding. As of this writing, 145 surveys have been returned to us, which represents a 33% return! The responses are being tabulated and will be reported to the membership and to the Board of Trustees next month. We feel certain your input will be very helpful in guiding the Board in its decision-making processes for the library renovation.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- July 12** Kirkwood Junction Sidewalk Sale (*see page 2*)
- July 16** Library Board of Trustees Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in Large Auditorium
- July 26** Monthly Book Sale in sorting room of library basement, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- August 18** Friends Board Meeting at 1:00 p.m. in Large Auditorium
- August 20** Library Board of Trustees Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in Large Auditorium
- August 30** Monthly Book Sale in sorting room of library basement, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- September 4** Readers' Circle book discussion at 7:00 p.m. of *Infamous Woman: The Life of George Sand* by Joseph Amber Barry (*see page 1*)
- September 13 and 14** Friends Booth at Greentree Festival (*see page 2*)

Last-Saturday-of-the-Month Book Sale

The Friends continue their monthly book sales on Saturday, July 26, on the lower level of the library.
9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. — Cash and checks only
Come and buy quality used books right off our shelves!
We have books of all categories, with large selections of fiction and children's books.

Stock Up On Summer Reading
Last-Saturday-of-the-Month
Book Sales
July 26 & August 30
(more in the fall, also)

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