



Friends of the Kirkwood Public Library

Chapter & Verse

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The Times They Are A-Changin'

Both KPL and the Friends have exciting times ahead of them. This time next year, barring unforeseen problems, we'll be in the newly renovated library. In the meantime we are hard at work arranging for exciting activities. In addition to our regular programs, we hope to add an evening program, present a children's and family event, and sponsor a dinner with a *New York Times* bestselling author as the keynote speaker. Stay tuned! You never know what might be happening next.

One recent change happened at the Friends Annual meeting on June 8th, when changes occurred to the executive committee. Virginia Kramer was elected President and Dan Cain as Vice-President. Judy Arnold continues as Secretary and Carol Sipes continues as Treasurer.

Other Board members for the coming year include:

Jackie Bailey, Programs Chair
Lisa Balbes, Newsletter Editor & Web Maven
Jane Boal, Homebound Chair
Jackie Carpenter, Database Manager
Linda Fenton, Member-at-Large
Dolores Schaumburg, Greentree Books Shop Manager
Pat Soraghan, Member-at-Large & Membership Chair
Holly Washeck, Hospitality Chair
Teri Weber, Special Events Chair

Jinny Gender continues as Immediate Past President and Sarah Erwin, Acting Library Director, is an ex-officio member of the board.

Did you know that almost 70% of this year's budgeted income for the Friends is membership dues!! Right now--even more than ever--your membership support for FKPL is vital.



Progress on Library Renovations

by Randy Miltenberger

The "Dictionary of Architecture and Construction" edited by Cyril M. Harris defines "demolition" as "The systematic destruction of a building, all or in part". Ladies and gentlemen of the jury I submit to you, as exhibit #1, the process presently occurring on the southwest corner of Jefferson and Taylor as evidence of that definition.

In the world of architecture we would call what is happening "selective demolition" since only a portion of the building is being removed but believe me, you need to go by our Jefferson and Taylor corner to see what is happening for yourself. The existing building, pre-demolition, had approximately 22,900 gross square feet. This space included a full basement (more on that later) and a full main floor but the mezzanine was only a portion of the available area over the main level. The ongoing demolition process occurring now will remove approximately one-third of the building footprint--basically the southeast corner. When replaced with the new structure, with a smaller footprint, we will increase the gross square footage to about 25,400. This "magic" is done by having a full Lower Level (formerly called the basement but now it will be too nice to call it that), a full Main Level and a full Upper Level. By doing this on the upper level we will pick up the approximately 2,500 square feet noted earlier.

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Progress on Library Renovations (continued)

One of the most difficult parts of this “selective demolition” process is the structural separation of the building. This must be done so that the portion to be demolished can be safely removed without damaging the part that remains. This was accomplished by using a masonry saw, one that cuts through both masonry and concrete, for the initial cut. After that, hand operated hydraulic jack hammers were used to create a three foot wide separation between the spaces to facilitate the removal of the structure desired.

Also of utmost importance is assuring that the part of the building that remains to be reused is structurally sound to stand on its own during the time the new structure is being built. In our case we needed to add additional bracing in the existing (and future) Reading Room. This bracing consists of “X’s” at each of the five columns consisting of 5/8” steel rods twenty two feet long and anchored with 1” thick steel plates and angles. This bracing was designed to withstand ninety mile per hour winds and will be removed when the new structure is in place.

This may be more technical information than some of you the jury want to hear but I find it interesting and I hope some of you do also.

Greentree Festival is Coming Up!

The Friends will have a booth at the Greentree Festival on Saturday, September 19 from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, September 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed for two-hour shifts on each day to staff the booth. There will be NO sign-up sheet at the library this year, however you can call Jackie Carpenter at (314) 965-8854 and she will be happy to see that you get a shift that is convenient for you.



FKPL Participates in Schnucks eScrip Program

Our Friends group is participating in the Schnucks eScrip Community Card program to help raise funds for the library. It costs you nothing and you still can pay for your groceries with cash, credit card, or check. Present your card to the cashier every time you shop at Schnucks. The more you spend the higher the contribution to the Friends – up to 3% of your purchases.

Getting a card. Carol Sipes, Friends Treasurer, has the cards and can register your card for you. Please call her at (314) 821-7592 or e-mail her at casipe9900s@sbcglobal.net.

If you already have a card you can split your contributions between two or three organizations. To add the Friends to your card, you need to fill out an Add/Change Form. Carol Sipes can also provide you with a copy of that form. Please contact her as above.

Thank you for participating in this very easy way to support the Friends. Just continue grocery shopping and let Schnucks send us money!

SAVE THE DATE

The Fall program for the Friends will be held on October 7, 2009 at the Kirkwood United Methodist Church. More details will follow in the next issue of *Chapter & Verse*. If you have a great program idea you think the Friends would enjoy, please contact Jackie Bailey at (314) 909-4879 or jackieb@siu.edu.

Readers' Circle

The Friends will sponsor the Readers' Circle Book Discussion Series for the seventh year beginning this fall. Everyone is welcome. The only criteria are that you read the book and join in the discussion. We meet on the first Thursday of odd-numbered months at 7:00 P.M. The gathering place for the meetings while our library is under renovation will be at Kirkwood United Methodist Church in Room 108.

The first book to be discussed will be *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. The discussion will take place on Thursday, September 3rd, and Suzi Ward will be our facilitator.

This story is told in the form of letters between a writer, her publishers, friends, romantic and otherwise, and the residents of the Isle of Guernsey. The time is shortly after World War II. One Guernsey resident initiates the correspondence upon seeing the writer's name on the flyleaf of a book. He is just looking for recommendations for more books to read. The story unfolds from there. The Potato Peel Pie Society was formed to thwart the harsh German rule which caused great hardships, starvation and worse for the residents of the isles.

The book is interesting and informative. The Channel Islands were the only Nazi occupied land in England; the islanders suffered great deprivations. Witty and warm, it is a celebration of the written word in all its guises, and of finding connection in the most surprising ways.

The additional books chosen for this year are:

- *Agnes Gray* by Anne Bronte
- *Going Over East: Reflections of a Woman Rancher* by Linda Hasselstrom
- *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout
- *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin

The order in which the books will be discussed has not been finalized - see the next issue of *Chapter & Verse*.

If you would like to receive e-mail reminders about the group, please e-mail Mary Pat Sullivan, mpsully@sbcglobal.net

Fixtures Available

When KPL moved, Barnes & Noble was kind enough to donate the fixtures from its store on Manchester Road in Des Peres. In fact, they donated a lot more than KPL could use. At the moment, there is a large quantity of fixtures (shelving units, display cases, etc.) being stored for us at A Mrazek Moving Systems. If you are someone who could help sell these fixtures to raise money for furnishing the new library, please let us know. Or, if you are aware of an institution -- school, library, etc. -- that would be in need of the fixtures, let us know that, too. Please call Lisa Henry, KPL's Director of Operations, at (314) 821-5770, Extension 1013.

Book Fair Results

The results are in for the 2009 Book Fair. The final accounting shows that we took in \$33,900 this year. When added to the other book sale activities by the Book Fair Committee, we were able to earn \$44,586 to support the library.

None of this would be possible without a great group of experienced, hard-working and enthusiastic volunteers. Listed below are the people who contributed their time and energy to this year's sale. Members of the Book Fair Committee are noted with an asterisk. To all of you: great job!

Beth Alseth	Lois Bliss*
Maryann Antoine	Molcolm Bliss
Mike Arendes	Jane Boal*
Judy Arnold	Jennifer Bollinger
Peg Atkins	Jane Bond*
Jackie Bailey	Marla Bouchein
Phil Baker*	Carole Braig
Marie Balducci	Lynn Broeder
Wendy Ballsrud	Shirley Browne
Brenda Banjak	Doris Buzzell
John Banjak	Ann Cain
Audrey Baum	Dan Cain
Jan Beesley	Jack Carpenter*
Nancy Berthold	Jackie Carpenter
Charles Birmingham	Jean Clodfelter
Chris Blair	Linda Cook

Karen Dahman
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 Sue Dellbringge*
 Karen Deon
 Barbara Dionne
 Mary Lu Durbin
 Linda Fenton
 Natalie Forbes
 John Frain
 Nance Frost*
 Mary Fuegner
 Rich Fuegner
 Agnes Garino
 Dave Garino
 Jim Gender
 Jinny Gender
 Iris Gray
 Jean Gray*
 Elaine Ground
 Lynn Hackethal*
 Glenda Hares
 Ronnie Henderson
 Charlene Henke
 Peg Herning
 Julie Holley
 Pat Holt
 Vi Hotze
 Betsy Howard
 Carolyn Hrack
 Jackie Isselhardt
 Marti Jacquemin
 Ginger Johnson
 Mary E. Jones
 Gil Kleinknecht
 Pat Kleinknecht
 Betsy Kramer
 Ginny Kramer
 Margaret Lahrman
 Bernice Lalumendiere*
 Carol Layton
 Annie Littlepage
 Bonnie Losson
 Betty Mallow
 Louise Marsh
 Mary Marx
 Mary Kay Menees

Carol Mullen
 Marge Nardie
 Florence Neuhoff
 June Nystrom
 Ricki O'Meara*
 Roy Overholt
 Nancy Price
 Lou Prifti
 Pat Rabbitt
 Cathy Reber
 Sandra Rhodes
 Mary Robins
 Rose Ross
 Gene Rotter
 Dolores Schaumburg
 Mary Jo Schneider
 Rita Schoenberg
 June Shaw
 Pat Simpson
 Carol Sipes
 Pat Soraghan
 Nancy Spiegel
 Sandra Steinman
 Betsy Stoll
 Dick Stoll
 Mary Pat Sullivan*
 Betty Tavis
 Pat Tice
 Mary Ann Tilden
 Judy Tisdale
 Ed Turnbull
 Sue Vigen
 Bob Wanslow
 Holly Washeck
 Peg Wells
 Edith Wenzel
 Ann White
 Elinor White*
 Michael White
 Mary Beth Wilzcak
 JoLynn Winer
 Shirley Witcher
 Elaine Woelich
 Chris Young
 Bruce Zuckerman

President's Report from Annual Meeting

Presented by Jinny Gender
 at the June 8, 2009 Annual Meeting

This has been an interesting year. We knew it would be and were not disappointed. The library move has been accomplished...it was an amazing feat... one weekend in April and we were in a new and wonderful temporary site. It was especially hard on the librarians, and no one thinks that the move back to the New Improved Library will be easy either, but it is nice to see how we've all lived through it and survived, and the excitement of seeing the library progress has been a reward for all the work and worry.

The Friends Board is made up of several committees. It is the cooperative working of these committees that makes the dynamic of the Friends.

Sadly, the temporary library location doesn't have room for our shop. The new Library will have a shop and plans are already underway for how it will be arranged and managed.

Jane Bond, I believe, is known to all of you. No one knows what we would do without her. I have appreciated her as my vice president for the last two years. Her calm efficiency has been just what has been needed and needless to say, Jane IS the book sale! Many of us put our first toe in library volunteering due to a call from Jane about the sale. Because of the uncertainty about when the library would close, Jane had to be very creative about having the sale this year.

The mission of the Friends is to support the library. We raise money through the shop and sales to be able to make grants to the library for things they might not otherwise be able to purchase. Carol Sipes, our treasurer, has done an absolutely wonderful job. She will tell us of the gifts we have made to the library over this last year. The Friends donated \$60,000 to the library this year - double what we had budgeted.

There are other vital committees. The most visible, would be Programs and Hospitality. These two really go hand in hand. Pat Simpson brought us great programs. There were five this year: Alvin Reed,

**THANKS TO ALL OUR
 WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS -
 WE COULDN'T DO IT
 WITHOUT YOU!!!**

Monica Adams, Vickie Ritts, Julius Hunter, and the St Louis Herb Society.

Publicity for the programs was coordinated by Pat and included a poster from Karen Dupske, and flyers were from Nancy Spiegel. David Garino distributed the information to various newspapers. Ginny Kramer puts the information into *Chaper & Verse*.

Hospitality, chaired by Shirley Witcher, has a dozen volunteers. They made every gathering a party, with table decorations, flower arrangements, and delicious treats. They also served cookies and coffee in early December to patrons and staff in the library. All the programs were held at Kirkwood United Methodist Church this year due to the uncertainty around the date of the library move. The church was a comfortable place to have our meetings and large attendance showed that it worked very well. It was through Shirley's good auspices that we arranged this meeting place.

Nancy Arendes has been our membership chair. This year, because of her extensive travel schedule, Pat Soraghan assisted on this committee. With cooperation from Carol Sipes and Ginny Kramer, this committee moved ahead without a glitch.

When the Friends first began, I'm sure they didn't have or need a website. Now, of course, it is a vital part of the library. Lisa Balbes is our web maven and she also served on the Nominating Committee.

Ginny Kramer has continued all year publishing *Chapter & Verse*. Ginny also did the Letter from Santa again this year. We were kept apprised of the library progress through regular articles in *C&V*.

Marge Nardie organizes the mail committee to send *C&V* to the members.

Jane Boal has chaired the very useful Homebound Program and keeps track of her volunteers and patrons.

Elinor White is our Volunteer Coordinator.

Lois Bliss and Jackie Carpenter are always available for advice and counsel. They live and breathe the

library and we would be much poorer without their presence.

Missing today, but much appreciated, are Wicky Sleight, Liz Walker, and Amy Barker. They have all provided much assistance and friendship. My deepest appreciation to all, many thanks for all you've done and will continue to do for the Library Friends.

Want Even More Library News?

Quarterly (August, November, January, and May), the library will produce a four-page print newsletter called *Outlook*. Print copies are inserted into copies of the *Webster Kirkwood Times* and delivered to Kirkwood residents. Copies are also available at the library. This newsletter covers new and exciting library programs and services.

In addition, there is now an enews supplement, that appears in each of the other eight months. It is only available by email, so be sure to visit the library's web site and sign-up at <http://kpl.lib.mo.us/KPLnewsletter/optIn.aspx>

FKPL Brings the Library to You

If you or someone you know is a Kirkwood resident who is unable to get to the library to pick up library materials, do we have a solution for you. Consider using the homebound services provided by the Friends, working with KPL's Homebound Liaison, Joan Deuschle. Call Joan at (314) 821-5770, Extension 1020, and she'll help select materials to your taste. Then she'll arrange for a Friends' volunteer to deliver them to your home and pick them up when due.

If you would like to volunteer to help deliver library materials to homebound patrons in Kirkwood, please let the Friends know. Call us at (314) 821-5770, Extension 1023. Leave your name and contact information and you'll receive a call from Jane Boal, the Friends' Homebound Chairperson, to arrange for you to assist in the delivery of materials to a homebound patron.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

JULY

- 4 Library closed for Independence Day
- 11 Kirkwood Junction Sidewalk Sale,
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- 15 Trustee meeting at City Hall at 5:30 p.m.

AUGUST

- 17 Friends Board Meeting 1:00 p.m. at Commerce
Bank in Main Level Board Room (Large)
- 19 Trustee meeting at City Hall at 5:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Readers' Circle Book Discussion,
7pm at KUM Church
- 6 & 7 Library closed for Labor Day
- 16 Trustee meeting at City Hall at 5:30 p.m.
- 19-20 Friends' Booth at Greentree Festival