



FRIENDS OF THE KIRKWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Chapter & Verse



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Who Are the Friends of KPL?

(President's Introduction to 2008 Annual Meeting)

The Friends are the library's most devoted 500 taxpayers. We are so devoted that we tax ourselves an extra amount by buying a membership to the Friends. We are the people who buy memberships for our children and grandchildren. We are the members of the public who buy the nametags for the shelves, and Hot Reads, and pay for extra staff hours so our Library can stay open on Sunday afternoon and Monday evening.

We are the users of the library who are so constant, we can say: Hi Wicky, Hi Lisa, Hi Patty — and the staff knows who we are and says "Hi" back.

We are the members of the public who worked so hard, and got our friends and children and spouses to vote with us, to help pass the bond issue so our library can be improved.

We are the members of the public who buy all our cards and books we use for presents in the Shop. We are the public who make items and donate items to be sold in the Shop knowing that the money the Shop

generates will benefit the library. We are the public who recycle all our old books back to the library.

We are the taxpayers who appreciate that our recycled books will not end in a landfill and we are the Friends who work very hard to sort and manage those tens of thousands of books so that the public (*still us*), can buy them for very low prices.

We Friends are the people who honor our loved ones with memorials and tributes. We are the members of the public who acknowledge the death of a beloved pet through a library memorial. We are the people who leave something to the Foundation in our wills.

I have been told that the new improved library will reflect what the taxpayers and public want. Just a reminder: the Friends *are* the taxpayers and we *are* the public.

*Jinny Gender, President
Friends of the Kirkwood Public Library
Opening statement on May 19, 2008 at the
2008 Friends Annual Meeting*

Editor's Note

Chapter & Verse has published six times a year, in odd-numbered months, for almost six years, as announced in the September, 2002 issue. We have no plans to change that fact. But our current interesting times has caused us to publish this June issue, our first (of many, perhaps) special editions. There has been so much going on and the Board wants to keep our members abreast of the latest news of note. When we realized how many pages the July issue would need, we decided to publish in June, also. Ever alert to keep our expenses at a minimum, we learned that due to recent postal department rate changes, it would cost much more to mail one thick issue than it will cost to mail two issues, each with fewer pages. So, there you have it — occasionally you'll receive even more from your membership in the Friends than you bargained for— extra issues of C&V!

This issue will focus on our Annual Meeting and the very successful Annual Book Fair — both April events. The July issue will return to our regular features. We have typically published the President's Report following the Annual Meeting, but Jinny's opening statement at this year's meeting was so right-on-the-money that we also present it above for those who were unable to attend.

Virginia Kramer, Editor

Another Book Fair Success

The following volunteers were responsible for this year's successful Book Fair. They put in hundreds of hours preparing the sale site, publicizing the sale, toting boxes of books, arranging tables, checking out patrons, cleaning up — and having a good time doing it. Oh, yes . . . and don't forget that their efforts brought in \$34,000 for the library and presented, once again, a community event which is eagerly anticipated by many across our area. Kudos to these folks for a job well done!

Book Fair Volunteers

MaryAnn Antoine	Joan Deuschle	Virginia Kramer	Don Schaumburg
Nancy Arendes	Barbara Dionne	Margaret Lahrmann	Mary Jo Schneider
Mike Arendes	Sally Dobrunz	Bernice LaLumendiere	Rita Schoenberg
Judy Arnold	George Dowell	Carol Layton	June Shaw
Peg Atkins	Jacki Dowell	Marilee Lewis	Pat Simpson
Jackie Bailey	Mary Lu Durbin	Annie Littlepage	Nancy Spiegel
Phil Baker	Mary Fagan	Bonnie Losson	Sandra Steinman
John Banjak	Shirley Flatley	Betty Mallow	Betsy Stoll
Brenda Banjak	Natalie Forbes	Louis Malnassy	Maurita Stueck
Janet Beesley	Janet Frain	Kathleen Mannion	Mary Pat Sullivan
Nancy Berthold	Nance Frost	Louise Marsh	Mary Susman
Charles Birmingham	Alan Frost	Mary Marx	Betty Tavis
Chris Blair	Rich Fuegner	Mary Kay Menees	Pat Tice
Lois Bliss	Mary Fuegner	Mimi Mittler	Judy Tisdale
Malcolm Bliss	Dave Garino	Carol Mullen	Irene Travis
Kim Bliss	Jinny Gender	Mary Naeher	Ed Turnbull
Andy Bliss	Jim Gender	Marge Nardie	Irmgard Voss
Jane Boal	Jean Gray	Florence Neuhoff	Anne Wagner
Jane Bond	Iris Gray	Mary Niet	Mary Walker
Marla Bouchein	Elaine Ground	Kathleen Nigro	Judy Ward
Alice Bowen	Jane Guirl	June Nystrom	Holly Washeck
Michael Braig	Pati Gwyn	Donita Oberman	Marty Wastler
Lynn Broeder	Glenda Hares	Ricki O'Meara	Natalie Webb
Shirley Browne	Ronnie Henderson	Roy Overholt	Sylvia Weisheit
Barb Buettner	Peg Herning	Betty Peterson	Peg Wells
Rose Busalacki	Ched Hieronymus	Chloe Poe	Edith Wenzel
Dan Cain	Julie Holley	Lou Prifti	Elinor White
Ann Cain	Vi Hotze	Pat Rabbitt	Michael White
Jack Carpenter	Betsy Howard	Dot Rasp	Mary Beth Wilczak
Jackie Carpenter	Carolyn Hrack	Cathy Reber	Jo Lynn Winer
Pat Church	Marti Jacquemin	Mary Robins	Elaine Woelich
Jean Clodfelter	Ginger Johnson	Rose Ross	Joyce Woodard
Inez Conrad	Mary Jones	Gene Rotter	Carolyn Woodruff
Linda Cook	Mary E. Jones	Nora Ryan	Bruce Zuckerman
Lloyd Crump	Peggy Key	Florence Saeger	
Karen Dahman	Arta Kirk	Diane Sauer	
Paul Davis	Pat Kleinknecht	Dolores Schaumburg	
Karen Dean	Phyllis Koch		
Sue Dellbringge			

Surveys, Please

If you haven't yet returned the Friends' survey you recently received in the mail, please do. The deadline stated on the survey is June 16. But even if you can't make that date, please return it anyway. We're definitely interested in what you think.

Sidewalk Sale

Greentree Books Shop will participate in Downtown Kirkwood's Annual Sidewalk Sale on July 12, starting at 10:00 a.m. Look for the table with a red and white checkered table cloth on the library's front lawn.

Annual Meeting & Officer Elections

At the Friends' Annual Meeting on April 19, Carol Sipes was elected Treasurer and Pat Soraghan was elected as a Member-at-Large. Those two positions are two-year terms, beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2010. Verlaine Hinson was appointed to the additional Member-at-Large position, to fill the remaining year in Mary Susman's term. President Jinny Gender presented her President's Annual Report, which we provide beginning on page 4.

Other officers continuing to serve are Jane Bond as Vice-President and Judy Arnold as Secretary. Chairs of standing Board committees for the new fiscal year are:

Jane Bond	Book Fair Chair
Shirley Witcher	Hospitality Chair
Nancy Arendes	Membership
Pat Simpson	Program Chair
Virginia Kramer	Newsletter Editor
Dolores Schaumburg	Greentree Books Shop Manager
Dan Cain	Greentree Books Shop Treasurer
Jane Boal	Homebound Project
Lisa Balbes	Web Maven

Off Board positions are held by Betsy Stoll (Archivist), Mary Pat Sullivan (Readers' Circle Book Discussion), Lois Bliss (Greentree Books Shop Book Selector and Pricer), Jane Indihar (Greentree Books Shop Buyer), Ann Cain (Greentree Books Shop Assistant Treasurer), David Garino (Public Relations), and Elinor White (Volunteer Coordinator). Wicky Sleight, Library Director continues to serve as an ex-officio member.

Officers

Jinny Gender *President*
Jane Bond *Vice President*
Judy Arnold *Secretary*
Verlaine Hinson *Treasurer*

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SPECIAL SHOP SALES

In Greentree Books Shop, all through June, mystery books will be on sale for half off. Check throughout the month because books will be added regularly.

Also, all jewelry and children's toys, including Folkmanis puppets and soft animals are on sale for half off.

And remember —

Friends members add their regular 10% discount to these great bargains.

Last-Saturday-of-the-Month Book Sales

The first of the Friends' monthly book sales on Saturday, May 31, brought in a steady stream of buyers. Most were looking for summer reading, but some were buying math textbooks and books on business. The abundance of children's books was a hit also. There was something for everyone.

This was the first time we have opened up the book sorting room and invited the public in to shop. Without knowing what to expect, we were very pleased with the attendance and the revenue of \$700.

The sales will continue on the last Saturday of the month for the next five months, with the next one on Saturday, June 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please come and take advantage of great book bargains!

Jane Bond,
Book Fair Chair

President's Annual Report

Friends of the Kirkwood Public Library Annual Meeting, May 19, 2008

While the Annual Meeting is a look back over the last year, it is also a look forward to what will happen this next year. Last year, the Friends worked and organized and voted and the bond issue was passed! This year, the library will shut down and be refurbished and next year will reopen to a new exciting space. It is a lot to consider. The Friends are giving a lot of thought to our mission, ongoing, into this new phase of the library.

The committee chairs have submitted reports of the last year's activities.

The **Book Fair Committee** continued its schedule of sorting and pricing books two mornings a week. In addition, the donation bins are emptied at least once each day. The Committee remains stable at about 20 members, with two more workers added this year. The sales bring in additional volunteers (65 for the Paperback Sale, 145 for the Book Fair).

Total revenue and expenses will be posted at the end of the fiscal year, since sales outside of the two scheduled book sales continue. We are selling on-line through Amazon, as well as offering special books in *Chapter & Verse*. In addition, volunteers purchase books throughout the year, especially during book sale set-up.

Our expenses are kept to a minimum, thanks to the donated services from A-Mrazek Moving Systems and Station Plaza Apartments and Retail.

Book donations are steadily increasing. Our intent is to maintain high-quality, sellable books at our sales, and thus we are making more use of our outlet for remainders.

The Committee is responding to the impending library renovation by holding monthly sales throughout the summer and fall in the sorting room. We will aim to reduce the number of books we will need to store while the library is closed. At the same time, we are giving patrons a new book-buying experience.

Greentree Books Shop is under the leadership of Dolores Schaumburg and Dan Cain is the Shop treasurer. Sixty volunteers contributed 2,324 hours

in the Shop in 2007. This does not include hours spent pricing and placing books in the Shop, nor volunteer training, committee meetings, and general administration.

The Craft Committee made book purses, encyclopedia lamps and foot stools, luggage tags, tea caddies, scarves, felted purses, totes, and button necklaces. They bring in a nice amount of money and will also sell their items at the Greentree Festival.

The Shop participated in the Downtown Kirkwood activities such as the Festival of Food and Flowers, Sidewalk Sale, Dog Days, Halloween Walk, Holiday Walk, and also Christopher's Open House. Additionally, the library card catalog cabinet was auctioned off successfully.

The **Program Committee** was headed by Pat Simpson and the programs were just a treat to attend: Janine Adams taught us to organize; Joe Bonwich gave us a list of his favorite places to eat; Wendy Wiese kept us laughing; and Miriam

Bailin told us what makes a modern classic. The programs moved this year to the Kirkwood United Methodist Church and will be there all next year. I know Pat has already identified her speakers for the next year and I know the numbers of attendees will continue to be impressive.

Pat worked closely with Shirley Witcher who is the **Hospitality Committee** Chair. Shirley and her dedicated volunteers provided us with amazing treats at all the programs, at the volunteer and changeover luncheons, and at the annual meetings, both last year and here, today. Additionally, her committee provides homemade cookies for the staff in December.

I want to name all Shirley's volunteers because they are so dedicated and dependable and creative: Alice Bowen, Joan Gentry, Vi Hotze, Carol Layton, Annie Littlepage, (Annie does the flower arrangements), Bonnie Losson, Carol McSweeney, June Nystrom, Ruth Powell, Rose Ross, Roberta Sterling, and Judy Ward.

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It was through Shirley's good offices that we were able to have our programs at the Methodist Church and we are very grateful to her and to the Church. They make it so pleasant for us.

The **Homebound Program** is another excellent service from the library. Donna Jepsen and Jane Boal have chaired this position this year and Jane will chair next year. Donna has informed me that she will speak at Kirkwood House, Manor Grove, Bethesda, and other places around Kirkwood, telling our older residents about the program so that they may use it also. The program is coordinated with librarian Joan Deuschle.

At present there are 17 homebound and 24 volunteers. This is great so that when a new patron makes a request, it can be processed very quickly. Jane says the one constant is the gratitude of the patrons getting the books and the enthusiasm of the volunteers who deliver them.

The **Readers' Circle** has a roster of 29 interested members. Average attendance is 8 to 12 people. The book discussions are interesting and varied and titles are chosen to include a variety of books ranging from mystery, history, and biography, to fiction, and the classics. *Chapter & Verse* features a brief description and review of each book before the discussion. The meetings are at 7 pm on the first Thursday of every other month starting in September. Mary Pat Sullivan chairs the group.

Web Development, chaired by Lisa Balbes, monitors and improves the website. In July of 2007 a completely new version of the site was released. Lisa's committee monitors all Friends' activities and sends updated content to the staff who put it on the actual web site.

The **Membership Committee** is chaired by Nancy Arendes. Our total membership right now is 438, which includes 21 life members and the total membership amount this year so far totals \$19,070.00.

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and all the news about the Friends. We are so privileged to have a volunteer who has the skill and the will to do this. The library is enormously lucky to have this as a volunteer activity and not paid staff, which is probably more the norm. Virginia spends about 150 hour per year, getting the newsletter ready and maintaining the database. (I suspect a lot more than 150 hours actually go into doing this and she also keeps our database.)

Pubic Relations is handled by David Garino; the **Nominating Committee** was headed by Mary Susman; the **Budget Committee** by Dan Cain; and the **Mailing Committee** by Marge Nardie. All are such important jobs that are done so well, and so seamlessly and willingly. Many thanks to each.

The **Volunteer Coordinator** is Elinor White. I believe Jackie Carpenter created this position and what a good idea that was. Elinor makes sure that all our members are contacted about what they want to do. We have Friends who fill over 350 positions. That would be more than 9,000 hours a year.

I have appointed a Strategic Planning Committee to help us in this very special next year. They will spot areas of concern and will ease us into the most efficient and painless way ahead. Working together in a spirit of cooperation and friendliness with the Library Director and the Trustees, we expect this next year to bond the Friends even more firmly to the library. Co-chaired by Jackie Carpenter and Virginia Kramer, committee members include the Friends Executive Board: Jinny Gender, Jane Bond, Judy Arnold and Carol Sipes; Past Presidents: Lois Bliss, Ricki O'Meara, and Peg Wells; Greentree Shop Manager, Dolores Schaumburg; and Membership Chair, Nancy Arendes.

This year ahead will be unique. I can't wait to see where we are next year at the 2009 Annual Meeting!

Respectfully submitted,
Jinny Gender

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Month of June** Special Shop Sale (*see page 3*)
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- June 16** Friends Board Meeting at 1:00 p.m. in Large Auditorium
- June 18** Library Board of Trustees Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in Large Auditorium
- June 28** Monthly Book Sale in sorting room of library basement
- 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
- 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

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