

The Friends of the North Shore Library

Spring 2023 Newsletter

From the Board

Dear Friends,

The NSL and the Friends are gradually getting back to normal operations, although with some cautions. We are still using optional masking and upon request, curbside pickup service during open hours.

After cancelling five book sales during the pandemic, Friends held a successful sale in October of 2022. Plans are progressing for another sale this Spring in late April.

Daily and weekly sales from our library shelves and tables continue to be very strong. One reason is the quality of your book donations. In February we had an especially expansive and memorable donation, featuring beautiful art books, among many others.

Just a note here, about Amazon Smile. Amazon is retiring its entire Amazon Smile program by the end of February 2023. Thanks to all of you who supported us by using it.

Your memberships, donations, and book purchases fund the Friends annual gift to the library. Some of the many items include library licenses, programs, books, media, supplies, and computers.

And finally, at long last, we have succeeded in replacing the original heavy, wood-framed chairs with ones that are comfortable, attractive and easy to move!

So please visit the library for books, movies, workshops, programs, or just to relax by helping us assemble a 2000 piece jigsaw puzzle. Thank you for all of your support.

Evelyn Ericson, President
Friends of the North Shore Library



What's happening at the Library...

I am more than ready for spring after the snowstorms of the past few weeks. It seems the bulbs that have slumbered over winter are ready as well. I have some new green spikes peeking out of the planter in front of the house. The windowsill seed starters are ready for planting seeds, and I'm contemplating what vegetables to plant and what how much yard to tear up for a new flower bed or a fish pond. It's time for renewal, both at home and at our library.

The renewal at the library this year centers on the new building, fundraising efforts, and other aspects of our current space. The library trustees have moved forward with the beginning of the Rinka architects development proposal and the management team is working with Rinka these past several weeks on the new library space to increase the functionality of the staff work areas and patron service areas. We anticipate that groundbreaking will occur in late spring or early summer.

With funding from the Friends, we replaced the red upholstered chairs with new-to-us Steelcase brand adjustable task chairs. Reaction from our patrons has been very favorable!

We are also working to bring more programming opportunities to the library. We have started a new needlework group that meets monthly, developed take-home projects for children, teens, and adults; held a very well-attended author discussion and book signing event, and much more. Since returning to in-person programming our attendance has increased significantly for all of our events. We are looking at new ways to promote events and reaching more members of our communities through partnerships, a redesigned website, and marketing software.

And as always, thank you so much for all you do to support our work and the mission of the library!

Rhonda K. Gould
Library Director

New at the Library

My North Shore Library Friends:

Your North Shore Library is moving to the new One North Development located in Bayside at the Northwest corner of Port Washington & Brown Deer roads. The 24,000+ sq ft library will be located in the ground floor of a 5 story multi use building centered in the project. The library space has been gifted by Bill LaMaccia and Bayside Development Partners, project owner and developer. In architectural terms this gift is given as "cold and dark". In laymen terms this means an empty shell. The North Shore Library is responsible for all interior design and costs. This includes HVAC system, interior design & construction, furnishing, everything, ceiling to floor, even down to the light switches. Everything!

We need your help to accomplish making our new library "New, Best & Different" for the North Shore Community to enjoy for decades. To accomplish this NSL has teamed with Rinka architects (created the Bucks Deer District) as our partners

The evolution of libraries into communal gathering centers has been at the forefront of our design. Every segment of the population has been considered. Children represent approximately 50% of our patrons. The children's area will feature separate restrooms, a mother's room and an activity room for children's programs.

Young adults will be welcomed to their own area with small and large study rooms available for group projects. The community room will accommodate groups of 100 with direct outside access available for meetings beyond library hours. The quiet area for adults is subtly located away from "kids" with much natural light. The centrally located "Living Room" offers comfortable seating for reading or just waiting for friends. Access to an enclosed courtyard will be available on warmer days. Ample parking is planned with a drive up book drop. Adjacent to our building, the One North project has situated a Green Space for community events.

Like many communities' libraries, the success of the NSL Capital Project is dependent on private donors. Our communities' budgets have never had to shoulder the capital cost of a library building. In 1986, Glendale, with the assistance of the Coventry Apartment's TIF, donated our current space. On the operating level, over 37 years the NSL municipalities have saved millions when compared to single municipal funded libraries. NSL led the way and was followed by our other municipally shared services, North Shore Fire and Rescue and North Shore Health Department.

The North Shore Library Capital Fund Raising is underway. Marianne Lubar and Bud Selig have agreed to Co-Chair the effort.

Our project has a \$9,000,000 goal. The One North project is scheduled to break ground late Spring. Our building will be the first new construction of the project. Current projections have our interior construction beginning next winter to be completed in later summer 2024.

Your deductible contributions may be made to:

North Shore Library Capital Fund
6800 N Port Washington Rd
Glendale, WI 5321

Thank you for your consideration and support.
Kurt F Glaisner, NSL Board President

Library Staff



Amanda Caivano
Head of Youth Services

Hello, I started working at the North Shore Library last August and have really enjoyed my time here so far. Although I'm originally from the East Coast, my family and I have lived in Wisconsin for many years now. I earned my Master's in Library and Information

Sciences from UW-Madison and have worked in Youth Services at a few different area libraries. In my free time, I like to go on walks, hike, bake, spend time with my family, and read. I am excited to be here and look forward to meeting all of you!

Alecia Perkins



Alecia Perkins is currently a part-time reference librarian at North Shore Library. Born and raised in Milwaukee, Alecia attended UW-Milwaukee, obtaining both her undergraduate degree in Education and an MLIS. She has worked at several academic libraries

in Milwaukee, as well as in Alabama, Australia and the United Arab Emirates. In her spare time, she enjoys travel and yoga. "My commitment to libraries, passion for travel and curiosity for different cultures will continue to keep me a lifelong learner."

YEAR IN REVIEW

NORTH SHORE LIBRARY
2022



77,235

VISITORS TO THE LIBRARY



47,767

WEBSITE
VISITS

6,393

NEW BOOKS
ADDED



216

PROGRAMS
OFFERED



1,323

PROGRAM
ATTENDANCE



181,445

TIMES ITEMS
WERE CHECKED OUT



5,856

PUBLIC COMPUTER
SESSIONS



979

FACEBOOK
FOLLOWERS



47,767

WEBSITE VISITS



25,243

E-BOOKS
CHECKED OUT

7,895

ACTIVE
BORROWERS



690

NEW CARDHOLDERS



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Spring 2023 Book Sale

We will be having our Friends of the North Shore Library Book Sale on
Thursday, April 20th - Sunday April 23rd.

Thursday, April 20: 10am-7pm

Friday, April 21: 10am-7pm

Saturday, April 22: 10am-4pm

Sunday, April 23: Noon-4pm

Hard cover books \$2.00

Soft cover books,
CDs, DVDs & audio books \$1.00

Children's Books \$0.25

Depending on donations we may have a specially priced table with exceptional books. Please help us raise money for the library by donating your good condition books, DVDs CDs and audio books.

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