

The Friends of the North Shore Library

Fall 2023 Newsletter

From the Board

Dear Friends,

We are so glad to welcome you all to the North Shore Library and to review our last six months of activities.

As you know, we held a Book Sale last April. And our next Book Sale is scheduled for the last week end of this coming October – see the notice in this newsletter for details. Donations of books, CDs and DVDs are welcome and can be made at the library circulation desk.

On May 10, 2023, the ground breaking ceremony was held for the new library, The new location is at the corner of Brown Deer Road and Port Washington Road, approximately 2.8 miles straight north of our present location.

Also in May, the Friends donated \$36,115 to the North Shore Library for the annual “Wish List”. This covers items such as license fees for movies and Kanopy, additional books and media, summer reading events and programming throughout the year for all ages.

There are many ways for you to be involved. As the new school year begins, we invite you to

- 1) Share your interest in the library with friends
 - 2) Participate in a program
 - 3) Check out some good books
 - 4) Explore the world through our computers
 - 5) Follow the progress of the new library
 - 6) Come to our Book Sale
 - 7) Renew or sign up for your Friends Membership.
- Please use the enclosed envelope.

Have a great Fall.

Evelyn Ericson, President
Friends of the North Shore Library



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What's happening at the Library...

Fall has arrived in typical Wisconsin fashion: pushing 100 degrees one weekend followed by a week of blustery cool days that required me to turn on the heat. It's the time of year when I have a great appreciation for lapsitting cats and my fleece jackets. And fall gives the staff at the library a great opportunity to assess how the summer reading program went, and to review some new services we are providing to the communities.

Our summer reading participation was fantastic, with 476 children and 92 teens engaged in the program. A total of 404,627 minutes were read, the equivalent of 281 days! An infographic has been included in the newsletter for your information.



And none of this would be possible without the very generous funding of the North Shore Friends of the Library! So from all of us, thank you!

We purchased access for a new service, the Library Speakers Consortium, which provides live and archived talks with bestselling authors and thought leaders. The response from the communities to this has been overwhelming, and as of mid-September we have had over 1300 views. You can find more information here: <https://libraryc.org/northshorelibrary>. This is another service that we have been able to provide with funding from the Friends.

Our collection of Explore passes for assorted venues in Milwaukee continue to be very popular. Again, thanks to the Friends, we've been able to greatly expand the number of passes available for patrons to check out. We offer entrance passes for the Milwaukee Art Museum, the Schlitz Audubon Society, Discovery World, the Mitchell Domes, and more. Passes are available on a first come, first serve basis and can be checked by North Shore card holders for three days.

On behalf of all of the North Shore Library staff, please allow me to express our gratitude for your continued support. This allows us to think creatively and use our programmatic resources in ways that were not possible otherwise.

Best regards,
Rhonda K. Gould - Library Director

NSL Board

Dear Friends,

Exciting news! Construction is underway for the OneNorth development, home of the new North



Shore Library.

As you know, the library will move from our current space in Glendale, which it has occupied since 1986, to the area north of West Brown Deer Road between I-43 and North Port Washington Road.

The new library will occupy a 24,000-square-foot space on the ground level of a mixed-use building, with residential units or offices above it, adjacent to an outdoor plaza.

The shell of the building has been gifted by the developers. We, aka the library, is responsible for funding all interior design and construction, furnishings, and everything else...ceiling to floor!



How are we raising money to fund the interior buildout of the new library? Private philanthropy and other funding sources are helping offset the project costs that otherwise would have been an expense to the participating municipalities of Bayside, Fox Point, Glendale, and River Hills.

The Building A Better North Shore Together capital campaign is led by Honorary Co-Chairs Marianne Lubar and Allan H. "Bud" Selig. Our recent major gifts donors include the We Energies Foundation, Jennie Stoltz, Substitute Librarian/Village of Fox Point Trustee and Barbara Stein, a founding member of the North Shore Library. Thanks to our great leadership and generous donors, the campaign has secured almost 70% of the fundraising goal!

Our library is a well-used and much-loved community hub. According to the Brookings Institution, research indicates new libraries experience a 21% increase in visits. What will that look like for us? Our 2022 statistics are impressive with almost 80,000 visitors, 690 new card members and 181,445 items checked out. For those reasons, we will be on track to welcome about 100,000 visitors each year to the new space.

We are grateful for the community's generosity, but still need your help to reach our goal. Please consider a

donation in support of the new North Shore Library. Your deductible contributions can be mailed or made online via the QR code below:

North Shore Library Capital Fund
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Thank you for your consideration and support,
Margaret Zitzer
NSL Board President



Friends of the North Shore Library Annual Report – May 2023

We have now seen the return of nearly normal post-pandemic conditions at the North Shore Library, and also for the Friends. Still optional are face masks and curbside pickup.

After cancellation of five twice yearly book sales, we resumed the sales in October 2022, with Income of over \$2500, and April 2023, with income of \$3100. Our ongoing monthly sales from our tables and shelves in the library continue to be very strong, providing low-cost books and CDs for enthusiastic shoppers.

In her first year as Director of the Library, Rhonda Gould has shown her fine leadership as head of staff, and by offering continuing and new varieties of public programs and events.

This year, in May 2023, the Friends donated \$36,115 to the Library for the traditional "Wish List" of items beyond those in the budget. This year's purchases included a disc cleaner for CDs, and replacement of the 30 year old heavy square oak chairs with attractive, lighter weight, comfortable, moveable ones.

In the Spring of 2023, the Friends were the fortunate recipients of a very generous and valuable book donation from the Vogel family. This gift will be used to expand our library collections and to otherwise benefit our library far into the future. Thank you!

A ground breaking ceremony for the new North Shore Library building was held on May 10, 2023, at the corner of Port Washington Road and Brown Deer Road in Bayside, the site of the new building.

About seven million dollars is the goal set by the fund raising committee, needed to finish and furnish the inside of the building for a beautiful and up to date library.

Details on how you can contribute and be involved in this exciting project can be found at the Library's website - www.NorthShoreLibrary.org.

We hope to hear from you soon.
Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn Ericson, Friends President

North Shore Library Youth Services Summer Reading Program 2023



476 Children Participated

68%
325 Reached the Halfway Point

57%
269 Completed the Challenge

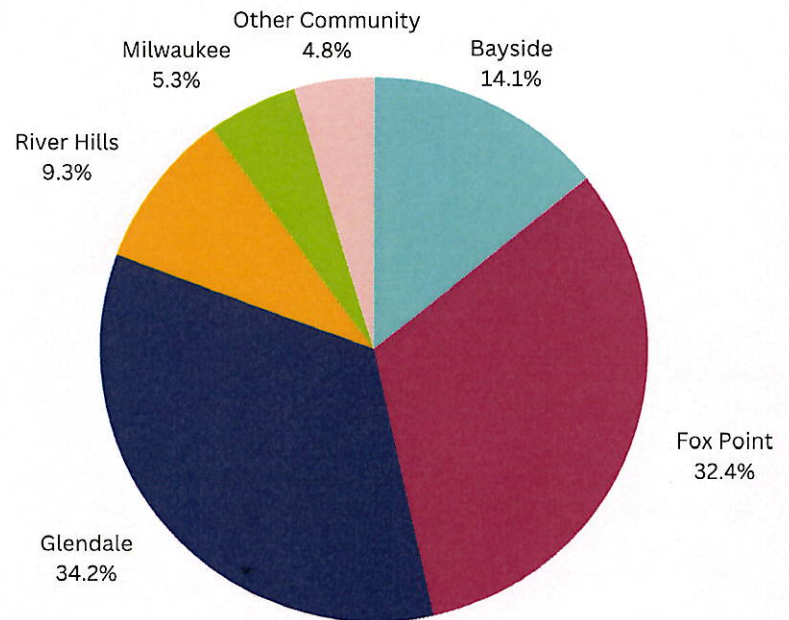


92 Teens Participated

71%
65 Reached the Halfway Point

63%
58 Completed the Challenge

Community Participation



Summer Stats

- Children and teens read a total of **404,627** minutes, totaling **281** days!
- **897** BINGO sheets were completed.
- Children and teens wrote **132** book reviews.
- **575** scavenger hunts were completed throughout the Children's Room.
- The **49** programs put on by the Youth Services Department were attended by a total of **1,268** people.



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Please join us or renew

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Dear FRIENDS and North Shore Residents:

Please join us in supporting our community library. This year FRIENDS gave approx. \$36,000 to our library including funds for:

Youth Summer Reading Program
Teen and Year Round Reading Program
Story Time Supplies, Toys and Books
Adults Books and Media
Adult Programming and Supplies
Outreach and Share Shed
Kanopy and Hot Spots Yearly renewal
Movie and Swank Yearly Licensing
Better World Books Computer

Our funding came from membership and community donations and sales of Friends books and media. Please join FRIENDS by completing the enclosed envelope and sending it with your donation to us.

Thank you,
Evelyn Ericson, President

Barb Rossi, Membership

The Fall Book Sale

Friday, Saturday: Oct. 27-28: 10am-5pm
Sunday: Oct 29: 1pm-5pm, Bag (\$5.00) Sale

We appreciate your donations of good condition books, CDs, DVDs and Audio books.

Items not accepted: Magazines and textbooks