

# The **F**riends of the North Shore Library

*Fall 2021 Newsletter*

## From the Board

Dear Friends,

Who could have imagined our present life with COVID, two years ago? The library is gradually opening, but is still “on guard” against health threats, trying to responsibly manage risk. Because of this, and after much discussion, we have decided not to hold a Fall book sale this year. Please be sure to check the Friends sale shelves and tables in the library. We will be putting out many different categories that we normally reserve for the book sale.

In other developments, the Village of Bayside is now considering a new real estate proposal, which includes space for a new North Shore Library. See the letter the Library Board sent to the four communities on page 5. We of the Friends of the North Shore Library urge you to ask your elected officials to support this proposal, as it seems like a workable solution.

Would you or someone you know like to help with the work of the Friends? As we look to the future, we would like a larger volunteer base. If you are interested, pick up an application at the Library circulation desk.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,  
Evelyn Ericson, President  
Friends of the North Shore Library



## What's happening at the Library...

We are slowly getting back to normal here at the library. The Library building is once again open to the public for computer use, browsing, and in person reference help. We strongly recommend that all patrons wear masks in the library and practice social distancing.

The library has gone back to normal hours! We are open later during the week with weekend hours returning. The hours will be Monday-Thursday 10-8, Friday & Saturday 10-5, and Sunday 1-5. Curbside service is still available during all services hours.

We have some great programs planned for the fall! Take a look at our web calendar to find out what great events are coming up.

Many classes and programs will be virtual this fall, but we will also have events in the community room! We are asking that all patrons who attend a program in the library wear a mask, regardless of vaccine status. Because the community room is such a small space, we want to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Adults can meet virtually to discuss books at our new History Book Club or our long running Rita Gecht Book Club. Test your knowledge at our monthly Trivia Night or learn a new skill and register for our take-and-make craft kits!

We also have a wonderful speaker, Erin Winkler, who will be talking to us via zoom about How Children Learn about Race and how Adults can Help! Wednesday, October 13th at 1:00pm.

Adults can also participate in our wonderful craft class, Korean Lotus Flower Lanterns. This class will be held over Zoom on Thursday, September 30th, starting at 2pm. Registration is required for both classes.

Digitize your memories! Thursday, October 21st at 2pm, you can learn how to preserve your treasured memories to digital format. There will be a YouTube Video Tutorial available for those who can't make the class.

## What's happening at the Library... (continued)

Friday Films are back! Movies will be shown in the community room at 2pm. On Wednesdays in October, 6pm, we will have classic spooky movies to get you in the Halloween spirit. Check out our listing on our website!

For children and families looking to connect, learn, and have fun the Library offers Storytimes, Family Fun nights, Book Clubs, and more! Homeschool families can connect and learn together during the virtual Homeschool Storytime. Kids' storytimes and programs are still virtual this fall. Check out our website for days and times along with all the other awesome programs going on!

For a fun and challenging activity, teens can pick up a take-and-make craft kit once a month!.

Our virtual and electronic resources remain available to you 24/7! Borrow e-books, e-audiobooks, e-magazines, music or movies using Hoopla, Kanopy, or Libby! Learn something new and take a class through Gale Courses. Research your family history using the library's Ancestry database, which is available remotely for a limited time. If you need help, call the library to book a Virtual Book-a-Librarian appointment. You can schedule a 30-minute phone or video chat with a librarian to learn a technology skill! Or stop in the library for some in person help.

As always, we are here for you! Have a wonderful fall everyone!

Annie Bahringer  
North Shore Library Director

## Special Events at the North Shore Library

**Digitize Your Memories** - Thursday, October 21

YouTube Video Tutorial | View any time after event:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-iBhLtm\\_XdOvvXx5J7SBbA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-iBhLtm_XdOvvXx5J7SBbA).

*In-Person at North Shore Library | 2:00-3:00 p.m.*

Do you have a pile of home movies on VHS that you can't watch anymore or a pile of slides and photos you would love to send to loved ones? Learn how to preserve and digitize old VHS tapes, photos, images, film, negatives and documents with the Library's VHS to DVD Kit and Epson Perfection Scanner. You can use the Library's equipment to transfer your memories into a digital format that will last for years to come!

**E-Book Tutorial: Using Libby and Hoopla to Read E-Books** - Thursday November 4 | 2:00-3:00 PM

*YouTube Video Tutorial | View any time after event:*

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-iBhLtm\\_XdOvvXx5J7SBbA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-iBhLtm_XdOvvXx5J7SBbA).

Do you love e-books? Learn how to access the library's vast collection of digital books, audiobooks, magazines, graphic novels, and more! This basic tutorial will take you through the steps of signing up for Libby and Hoopla, searching for titles, checking out, and reading on your device.

**Identity Theft: Protect and Prevent** - Tuesday, November 16 | 2:00-3:00 PM

\*Alternate virtual presentation: Wednesday, November 17 | 2:00-3:00 PM

Zoom Link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87245080372?pwd=SkFwT2ZuYTY1UHZCAnhjSDZXMmt2dz09>

Passcode: 5WuvzXcC | Meeting ID: 872 4508 0372

Identity theft continues to be the fastest growing crime in the United States. The more you learn about it, the less vulnerable you are. The Wisconsin Bureau of Consumer Protection will explain the different types of identity theft, how to recognize it and how to prevent it – including information about Fraud Alerts and Security Freezes. Receive tips for safeguarding personal information and how to spot the red flags of a scam. You will also be given helpful brochures to take home with you.

**Mary Nohl and the Witch's House: a Fox Point Landmark** - Thursday, November 18 | 2:00-3:00 PM

*North Shore Library | Community Room*

The North Shore Library is happy to host Barbara Manger, author of Mary Nohl, Inside and Outside. Learn about the life of local artist Mary Nohl, her work, and her house, "The Witch's House", a well known landmark in Fox Point.

## Library Staff



### **Anastasia Brondino**

Hi everyone! My name is Ana and I am excited to be at the North Shore Library as one of the new Youth Services Librarians! I am thrilled to be back in Milwaukee after living in Texas for the last few years. While in Texas, I received my Master's in Information Studies in 2020 and worked in a variety of positions at the Austin Public Library, The University of Texas at Austin, the Waco-McLennan County Library. I have always had a longstanding passion for working with children and providing services for them and I can't wait to contribute to the wonderful North Shore community.

When I'm not busy at the library, you can find me listening to music and podcasts, playing with my dog, and settling down with a good book!



### **Bernadette Parker**

Hello. My name is Bernadette, or Bernie for short. I live in Racine, WI. I finished my Master's degree in Library Science at the end of 2020. I am currently working at both the Hales Corners Library and the North Shore Library. I love to read science fiction and fantasy books. Finding the perfect books for story time extremely fun for me, and I'm excited to help out with the youth programs. I am happy to be here at North Shore and am looking forward to meeting all of you.

## **From the Library Board**

Since we aren't having a fall book sale, look for these revolving categories on our Friends book sale shelves and tables:

Arts & Crafts	Fine Art Books
Religion, Inspirational	Travel
Photography	Health & Fitness
Wisconsin Authors	Better Children's Books
Science Fiction	Pets
Poetry and Drama	Foreign Language
Reference	Coffee Table Books
Child Care, Parenting	Gardening

We very much appreciate all your donations.  
We can use all your books, CD's and DVD's that are in good condition.

## Library Trivia

The first organized library concept was established in 700BC by Ashurbanipal near contemporary Mosul, Iraq. It contained approx. 30,000 cuneiform tablets.

Ben Franklin founded the Library Company, America's first successful lending library in 1731.

The Darby Free Library in Pennsylvania is America's oldest funded in 1743. The Peterborough Town Library in New Hampshire was the first tax supported free public library in the world. (1833).

The U.S. has 116,867 libraries including 9,057 public. The remaining are academic, school, government and specialty (medical, law, etc.).

Wisconsin has 382 public libraries.

## Library Offers Free Water, Charging Stations, Private Study Rooms, and Extended Hours during North Shore Power Outage

When storms rolled in to Southeastern Wisconsin on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, library staff had no idea the impact their work would have on the North Shore community. As staff performed their usual Wednesday morning tasks, they noticed seats were filling much more than usual. With over 50,000 customers without power in Milwaukee County, a large number of them in the North Shore, the library quickly became a hub to access free air conditioning, power, and internet. The number of visitors to the library increased by 48% that week, totaling 550 additional visitors more than the previous week.

Library staff swiftly responded to the need by providing more seating, opening an additional study room, supplying extra power strips and extension cords, and setting up a workspace in the Community Room. All four of the library's new circulating hotspots were checked out by Wednesday afternoon. Thanks to the suggestion of library staff member, Heidi Muehlhausen, the library also extended its operating hours, staying open an additional 3 hours on Thursday and Friday and staying open an additional 4 hours on Saturday, August 14.

With Glendale temperatures hitting 90 degrees on Wednesday, the library was also declared a cooling station by the City of Glendale. Upon hearing the library's drinking fountains were not operating due to pandemic precautions, the Glendale Area Business Association donated free water bottles to share with patrons and thanked library staff for responding to the need for power, internet, and air conditioning.

One visitor commented on the library's Facebook page, "The library stepped up big time when Glendale lost power. They brought in charging stations, were very helpful and deserve credit!" Luckily, the outage only lasted a few days and power restored to most North Shore homes by Saturday. Although the need was brief, the library's staff and leadership responded quickly to meet the community's immediate need and acted out the library's vision to "offer the citizens of our service area a safe, welcoming, attractive, public space that is conducive to learning, research, enlightenment, creativity and enjoyment".

Melody Schuetz

# From the Library Board



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**Evelyn Ericson**,  
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July 2021

Dear Trustees of Bayside, Fox Point, and River Hills, and Glendale Common Council:

We, the North Shore Library Board ('NSL Board'), write on behalf of our 25,131 North Shore residents who enjoy and rely on the top-notch, award-winning services of the North Shore Library ('NS Library'). We urge you to reach a compromise and finalize the NS Library's shared services agreement ('Agreement') currently under consideration among the four North Shore-area communities ('NS Communities'). It is imperative that this opportunity to continue the services of the NS Library be embraced and nurtured to the benefit of our constituents.

Our NS Communities deservedly expect these excellent services to be delivered in the most efficient way possible. The NS Library provides quality programs and events for all ages, cooperates not only with local schools, but also with businesses and local civic groups, and meets the requests of anyone needing information. In fact, in 2019 alone, the NS Library had well over 117,000 visits, boasting over 470 different programs.

We in the NS Communities have a long-standing tradition of cooperation built upon appreciable and equitable compromises. Continued collaboration in this endeavor, much like the North Shore's Health Department, Fire and Rescue, and Dispatch, is critical to meeting the expectations of our taxpayers in a fiscally responsible manner. Moreover, excitement is building with the possibility of a brand-new, state-of-the-art library under the development proposed in Bayside, WI. However, the NS Communities must band together quickly, reach a compromise, and finalize the Agreement to meet the 2022 budget cycle. Given we are so close to reaching a final Agreement, we request that you and your colleagues complete negotiations and execute a final Agreement.

Thank you for your service to your community and continued consideration of this matter.

Warm regards from the NSL Board,

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Catie Anderson Knight

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Dr. Greg Kabara

Evelyn Ericson  
NSL Friends of the Library President

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Annie Bahringer  
North Shore Library Director

## The North Shore Library is seeking volunteers to deliver to home bound patrons!

Did you know that the North Shore Library delivers library items to residents of Glendale, Fox Point, Bayside, and River Hills who can no longer make it to the library? We're so glad to be able to offer this service to help the library reach the whole community. The service's popularity has been growing and we could use some help to keep expanding this vital service!

We are seeking volunteers to deliver the books to these patrons. Volunteers must be 18 or older and own a car. Volunteers would pick up the books from the library and drop them at the homebound patron's door. Librarians would coordinate and checkout all materials. If you are interested, you can speak to a librarian, call at 414 351 3461, or fill out the form on our website. Please help spread the word! Thank you in advance!

### No Fall Book Sale

Due to Covid, out of concern for our volunteers and patrons, we have elected not to have a fall book sale. Please check our shelves and tables in the library. We will be putting out items normally saved for the book sale. We hope to have a book sale in spring 2022.

### Friends Seeking Volunteers

With community support, the Friends of the North Shore Library have provided extra funding for the library for 35 years (approximately \$27,000 in 2021).

With the possibility of a new library, we would like to expand our volunteer base.

In addition to loving the library and reading, we looking for people with talents and abilities in these specific areas:

Book sales

Restocking our library sale tables and shelves and maintaining storeroom

Semi-annual book sales

Fundraising

Membership and newsletter mailings

Writing and editing our newsletter

Board Membership

Bookkeeping, record keeping, reporting

Writing, editing, fundraising

For further information, please contact Evelyn Ericson at [ejericson363@wi.rr.com](mailto:ejericson363@wi.rr.com).

Applications are available at the Library circulation desk. Thank you.

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