

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

Spring 2021 Newsletter

## From the Board

Dear Friends,

Hello to Everyone – We miss you!

What a long year this has been, with the too familiar restrictions, closures, distancing, masking and our third book sale cancellation. But can you even imagine it without the resources and help of the library?

We are so grateful for the help of our faithful librarians. They have helped us to get through 2020 by being adaptable in their spaces and schedules, taking orders for searches, materials, and curbside pickups, preparing special on-line programs and classes, and generally keeping the library organized, sanitized and available. We anticipate a gradual return to full service.

Also looking toward the future is the announcement of a new library director. Annie Bahringer has been hired starting on April 26. She replaces retiring director Susan Draeger-Anderson and acting director Alyssa Pisarski. We look forward to the library's continued outstanding performance, awards and services under her leadership. (Please see related article in this newsletter.)

At this time, a Fall Book Sale is still uncertain. We invite you to browse and buy books from our Friends book shelves and tables in the library.

Recent events, like Glendale's decision to withdraw from the 50-year four community library agreement, have prompted us to provide some library information for you. Please see the website at [nslibraryfoundation.org/home.html](http://nslibraryfoundation.org/home.html). We may post additional facts from time to time. Our joint agreement has had many advantages, financial and other, over the years. We encourage you to learn more about this situation from your community officials. We are stronger together.

Thank you for your support. We'll see you in the library.

Evelyn Ericson

Friends President

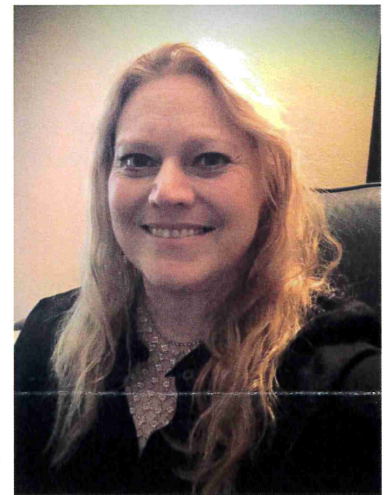
## What's happening at the Library...

There's a new face at the Library!

Hi, everyone! My name is Annie Bahringer, and I am the new Director of the North Shore Library. I'm so happy to be here working with this great staff. Together, we will continue to bring excellent services to the North Shore, plus a whole lot more.

I've worked in libraries for thirteen years; ten at the WJ Niederkorn Library

in Port Washington as the Adult Services librarian and three at the Hustisford Community Library as Director. I'm originally from Grafton but now live with my family in Waubeka. I'm excited to learn about the communities and how we can better serve our population. Plus, I'm looking for a place to get a great burger, so if you know of a place, let me know!



We're slowly getting back to normal here. The Library building is once again open to the public for computer use, browsing, and in-person reference help. Curbside service is still available during all service hours. Though we still ask patrons to keep a six-foot distance, we have begun to put furniture back for patrons to sit and read or do homework. Newspapers and magazines are back on the shelf for browsing. We still ask everyone to limit their time in the Library, but you can comfortably sit while you are here. And as always, we do ask that everyone who comes into the Library wear a mask.

Celebrate our 35th birthday when you visit the Library May 17th-21st! Browse our timeline display to see historical photos and articles about the Library's history. Take a free "I Love My Library" button to share your love for the North Shore Library. The North Shore Library was born out of the joint Fox Point-Bayside library, which began in 1979. In 1982, Glendale and River Hills joined forces with Fox Point and Bayside to plan for a cooperative library agreement and new location. The North Shore Library

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

celebrated its grand opening on May 18, 1986. Today, the Library continues its mission to "provide its patrons with access to materials and services which can improve their minds, broaden their lives and fulfill their cultural, civic, intellectual, educational, professional and recreational needs."

Classes are still being held virtually, as our community room is still closed, but we have some fantastic programs planned!

We have so many Virtual classes to offer this Spring! For children and families looking to connect, learn, and have fun, the Library provides Storytimes, Family Fun nights, Book Clubs, and more. Homeschool families can connect and learn together during the virtual Homeschool Storytime. For a fun and challenging activity, teens can pick up a take-and-make craft kit once a month!

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 are hosting author Mark Concannon to discuss his book "Mettle and Honor" about local history and the Veteran's Story Project. The Library is also hosting Milwaukee local Marty Thauu to share his father's Holocaust survival story. We are also looking forward to a Gentle Fitness program in April to jump into Spring! We hope our programs allow you to connect with others in the community, learn something new, or ignite a new hobby!

The Youth Services Department is excited to offer a new program this summer; a school readiness storytime. This is a six-week series for kids and parents preparing for Kindergarten in the fall. Participants will receive a new book each week as part of the program to practice the early literacy skills modeled in the class. More information and registration will be available in June. This program is funded by a literacy grant from the Mensa of Wisconsin Foundation.

Our virtual and electronic resources remain available to you 24/7. Borrow e-books, e-audiobooks, e-magazines, music, or movies, using Hoopla or Libby. Learn something new by taking 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!

There is always something new to learn or explore at the North Shore Library. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Annie Bahringer  
North Shore Library Director

## Crisis at the North Shore Library

As you may know, in August 2020, Glendale City Council voted to withdraw from the 50 year joint Library Agreement (between Glendale, Fox Point, River Hills and Bayside), that they signed in 1985, and build a separate library. They now have 2 1/4 years left on their required three year notice.

The North Shore Library cannot sustain itself as it currently operates without the financial support of all four communities. The future of the library itself is in jeopardy.

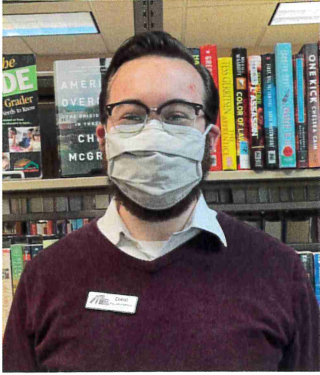
Community library support is determined by population.

<u>Community</u>	<u>2020 est. Pop.</u>	<u>% munis. Support</u>	<u>2021 \$\$\$</u>
Bayside	4,290	17.07%	\$162,681
Fox Point	6,826	27.16%	\$258,849
Glendale	12,463	49.59%	\$472,610
River Hills	1,553	6.18%	\$58,891
TOTAL	25,132	100.00%	\$953,032

Financial parity seems to be a primary issue. Renewing discussion, negotiation and the will to find an agreeable financial solution to keep the current North Shore Library intact is preferable for our citizens rather than having to support two libraries.

Please continue to check the North Shore Foundation's web site for future information and progress. In the meantime, consider calling your community elected officials and discussing the issue, attending village hall and common council meetings and spreading the word about the crisis.

## Library Staff



### Conal McNamara

*Circulation Desk Library Aide*

I am excited to join the team here at the North Shore Library and be back in a public-facing role. I began in February of this year and cannot wait to be able to get to know the staff and community members better. I am currently a student in the coordinated Master of Music and Master of Library and Information Science program at UW-Milwaukee. I moved to Milwaukee in 2015 to attend UWM and graduated in 2019 with a BFA in Music Performance. I am originally from the southwest suburbs of the Chicagoland area.

I live nearby with my wonderful fiancée and high-school sweetheart, Courtney. We enjoy cooking and watching movies. We don't have any dogs or cats (yet!), but we have a strange betta fish named Charlie.

Most of my reading during the semester is school-related, but during breaks I enjoy reading horror/suspense novels, though I love the short stories within this genre. Again, I'm thrilled to be working at the Library, and I look forward to meeting you all!

## New Books

### Fiction

*How to Walk Away* by Katherine Center

*How Beautiful We Were* by Imbolo Mbue

*The Captive* by Fiona King Foster

*Good Eggs* by Rebecca Hardiman

*Who is Maud Dixon?* by Alexandra Andrews

*Foregone* by Russell Banks

*Infinite Country* by Patricia Engel

*The Heiress: The Revelations of Anne de Bourgh* by Molly Greeley

*Girl A* by Abigail Dean

*Send for Me* by Lauren Fox

*The Mission House* by Carys Davies

### Nonfiction

*We Had a Little Real Estate Problem: The Unheralded Story of Native Americans in Comedy* by Kliph Nesteroff

*Tangled Up in Blue: Policing the American City* by Rosa Brooks

*Girl With No Job: The Crazy Beautiful Life of an Instagram Thirst Monster* by Claudia Oshry

*Under a White Sky: The Nature of the Future* by Elizabeth Kolbert

*Black, White, and the Grey: The Story of an Unexpected Friendship and a Beloved Restaurant* by Mashama Bailey

*The Black Church: This is Our Story, This is Our Song* by Henry Louis Gates Jr.

*Kill Shot: A Shadow Industry, A Deadly Disease* by Jason Dearen

*Speak, Okinawa: A Memoir* by Elizabeth Miki Brina

*Keep Sharp: Build a Better Brain at Any Age* by Sanjay Gupta, MD

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## AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile deposited \$31.67 to the Friends of the North Shore Library for the period between October 1 and December 31, 2020. Remember, when you shop with AmazonSmile, donations quickly add up, and every little bit counts.

Did you know that you can now use the Amazon Shopping app on your mobile phone to sign up for AmazonSmile? Simply follow the instructions below to select "Friends of the North Shore Library Inc" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app.

How it works:

Open the Amazon app on your phone

Select the main menu (=) and tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features

Select Friends of the North Shore Library as your charity

Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app

Any questions: contact Sharon Luecke at [slluecke1@gmail.com](mailto:slluecke1@gmail.com). Thank you for helping us.

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