

BETWEEN FRIENDS

Newsletter of the Friends of the Nampa Library | Spring 2017

Friends announce annual meeting

The *Friends of the Library's* Annual Meeting will be Wednesday April 12 at 11 a.m. in the multi-purpose room at the library. Officers will be elected— see slate below. Note that there are vacancies, so be ready to run for office or nominate a friend! If you can't attend, mail a vote to: FOL 215 12th Ave So. Nampa ID 83651. Or vote via email: 4friendsnpl@gmail.com

FOL Ballot 2017-2018

- ___ President: Wilma Anderson
- ___ Vice President:
- ___ Secretary: Misty Preece
- ___ Treasurer: Debby Booth
- ___ Board Member: Jan King
- ___ Board Member: Jeanette Quist
- ___ Board Member: Jane Henry
- ___ Board Member: Patty Metcalf
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Bookstore is going strong headed into its third year!

By Holly Porterfield

As of March 14, 2017, our bookstore will have been up and running for two years! I think everyone who volunteers on behalf of this wonderful store would agree that time indeed flies when we're having fun. We are truly enjoying ourselves. (Continued on page 2)



Friends jumped into the "Santa's Little Bookshop Sale" with both feet! Pictured are Debby Booth, Mary Demmick, Connie Raymond, Holly Porterfield and Susie Meyers.

President - Wilma Anderson
Vice President - Donna Bailey
Treasurer - Debbie Booth
Secretary - Misty Preece
Board: As constituted

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Bookstore is going strong continued

Our hours of operation are: Mondays from noon to 4; Wednesdays from 10 to 4; and Fridays from noon to 4. We work two hour shifts during those times. There is always a team of two. We get to work with old friends as well as getting better acquainted with new friends. Talking with patrons and helping them with book selections is always a joy. And, there is the benefit of first dibs at borrowing a book from the store before returning it to sell to customers. If you don't volunteer at the store but would like to, just make it known at our monthly meeting. They are always held at 11 a.m. on the second Wednesday of the month in the library multipurpose room right off of the lobby). You will be appreciated.

Last summer, we began having Sidewalk Sales in the Library Square plaza. This turned out to be very lucrative. We set up four carts of books of different genres and sell them for great prices. These sales attract many folks walking in the vicinity as well as those who frequent our bookstore and the library, and are a great way to move books that somehow are not selling well in the store. We'll begin having these sales in June on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 10 - 1 and we would love to have volunteers if you like getting fresh air while selling our books.

Every month, we have a theme (or two!) and decorate the store to reflect the theme. The sorting crew does a great job setting aside books relevant to the themes. Examples of themes are: "Back to School," "Stampede," "Green" (in March to feature St. Patrick's Day & Recycling), Easter, etc. Mary Dimmick, our "artist in residence" makes great signs.



We're always experimenting with ways to make the bookstore attractive and organized. This display helps us to "Think Spring" along with thoughts of recycling and St. Patrick's Day.

All about the money!

By Debby Booth, FOL Treasurer

The Friends of the Nampa Library had an exciting year in 2016. The hard working Friends opened the bookstore three days a week, and the store generated \$6,798 from book sales, the bright green carts in the lobby and sidewalk sales.

Off site sales were equally encouraging, with \$3,231 from online Amazon and sell back book sites and \$577 from the Village Mall. Our investment with the Idaho Community Foundation resulted in \$3,707 in investment interest. We've been fortunate in being awarded \$3,000 in grant monies, including \$500 from College of Idaho for the youth STEAM program, \$1500 from the Canyon County Commission for the heritage quilt display cabinet and \$1,000 from Baker and Taylor, a national award that recognized our FOL group for outstanding achievement! The Friends provided \$11,000 for youth services programs. Adult services received \$5,000 to help bring the Smithsonian Water Ways exhibit to our lobby, the only location in Treasure Valley to host this program. We helped fund expansion of the first floor circulation desk. We feel very fortunate that the hard work of our members and the enthusiastic support of the community have made our second full year in the library a success. The Friends, with your help, will be an important part of the Nampa Public Library's continuing effort to serve the community.

The value of a SMILE!

By Wilma Anderson, FOL President

The smiles of FOL friends often brighten my days! I feel that a smile and a kind word will always help us in our relationships with each other and with our customers. I love this thought, whose author is unknown:

"It happens in a flash, and the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None are so rich they can get along without it, and none so poor but are richer for its benefits.

"It creates happiness in the home, fosters goodwill in a business, and is the countersign of friends.

It is rest to the weary, daylight to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and nature's best antidote for trouble. "Yes, it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is no earthly good to anyone until it is given away.

"And if in the course of the day some of your friends should be too tired to give you a smile, why don't you give them one of yours? For nobody needs a smile so much as those who have none left to give—SMILE!"



This array of miniature books was part of the "Tiny Books" event sponsored by the Friends, where children made tiny books.

We LOVE what we do!

By Misty Preece, FOL Secretary

Why should someone join the Friends of the Library? Here's what some members say:

"I love the good people at Friends meetings and the bookstore, and I think of them when I see 'Sponsored by the Friends of the Library' on the program of a library event." Wilma Anderson

"I love... seeing the faces of the library staff, when we offer funding for an unexpected adult or child's program!" Misty Preece

"My interest is in sorting books and the bookstore. That's where my heart is." Holly Porterfield

"I love being part of the Friends of the Library because of the association and friendships I have gained with the sorting committee and working in the bookstore!" Connie Raymond

It is true that people start to be invested in you as an organization because they love what you do. In the last five years our group has provided total or partial sponsorship of: the Tiny Book Fair, the Birthday Bash, summer reading incentives, literacy and special needs programming, the Smithsonian Water Ways Exhibit, holiday parties and open houses, and special programs for adults and children—and many more. All patrons of the Nampa Public Library are blessed in some way by the Friends of the Library.

Become a Friend Today!

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___ \$10 Youth Membership (>18) ___ \$10 Senior Membership
___ \$50 Patron Membership ___ \$100 Business/Sustaining Member

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