



RED WING FOL

January 2018 – March 2018

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FOL Meetings

The FOL Board holds a business meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at 4:00 in the Foot Room of the library. All FOL members and the public are invited to attend.

Book Sale News

The October Friends of the Red Wing Library Almost New/Gently Used Book Sale was a success. We raised almost \$2000. Thank you to all volunteers and customers.

The FOL Spring Book Sale will be open to the public on Friday, April 6 from 10:00 to 5:00 and Saturday, April 7 from 9:00 to 2:00. There will be a Bag Sale on Monday, April 9 from 10:00 to 12:00. The pre-sale for FOL members will be Thursday, April 5 from 2:00 to 5:00.

Volunteers will be needed for set up from 2:00 to 4:00 on Monday-Wednesday, April 2 - 4 and for tear down on Monday, April 9 from 12:00 to 7:00 & Tuesday, April 10 from 8:00 to 4:00.

If you would like to help or have questions, please contact Judie Bowes, Book Sale Chairman, (judieb42@gmail.com) or 651-380-9619.

Fundraising through GiveMN

The 2017 Give to the Max Day raised over \$1000 for the Friends of the Red Wing Library. This was a large increase over 2016. A big thank you to everyone who donated and to the volunteers who organized the FOL portion of the event and those who worked at the Friends of the Library donation table.

In case you did not know, the online web-site makes it possible for you to give at any time. The link to use is: <https://www.givemn.org/organization/Friends-Of-The-Red-Wing-Public-Library>

Book Club Notes

FOL members and others who are interested in reading and discussing books meet in the Foot Room at the library on the second Tuesday of each month from 5:30 to 7:00. Discussion centers on the monthly selection and other books we have enjoyed. New members are always welcome. For more information, please call Judy Rausch at 651-388-5759.

January 9 – *The Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey takes place in Alaska the 1920s. It tells the story of how a family is built and rekindling of a love gone mute after many years of marriage.

February 13 – Any book by **Lizbeth Selvig**. Selvig is an award winning author who writes contemporary romance novels. She is our Hot Read for Cold Nights speaker on February 24.

March 13 – *The Latehomecomer* by Kao Kalia Yang is a Hmong family memoir. The author immigrated with her family to Minnesota in 1987. Her book reveals much about the Hmong culture and the personal details behind the headlines of the times. Yang is our Hot Read for Cold Nights speaker on March 24.



Hot Reads for Cold Nights

The Hot Reads For Cold Nights adult winter program, sponsored by the FOL with support from the FOL book club and library staff, returns again this January. Join us for great reader's bags, interesting Saturday programs with door prizes, and maybe a few surprises. If you would like to volunteer to help or have fresh ideas you'd like to share, contact Lori Bowen (jl.bowen@hotmail.com) or Deb Marty (debmarty@gmail.com).

Paul Schaefer – Saturday, January 27 at 10:00. Schaefer's debut novel, *Riding Shotgun*, is full of interesting characters: an eighty-year-old woman traveling from California to Winona in her late husband's beloved Lincoln Town Car, a Vietnam veteran still dealing with issues from the war, a young hitchhiker searching for her father's inheritance, and more. This humorous novel will keep you thinking about these characters long after you have finished the book.

Lizbeth Selvig – Saturday, February 24 at 10:00. Selvig is the author of numerous contemporary romance novels. She is a winner of the Romance Writers of America (RWA) Golden Heart® award, and a finalist for RWA's prestigious RITA® award. She turned to fiction writing after working as a newspaper journalist and magazine editor. We will be discussing her books during the February FOL Book Club meeting.

Kao Kalia Yang – Saturday, March 24 at 10:00. Yang was born in a refugee camp in Thailand in 1980 and immigrated with her family to Minnesota in 1987. Her Hmong family memoir, *The Latehomecomer* is the FOL Book Club selection for March. Yang has received numerous awards. She is a graduate of Carlton College and has a Masters degree in writing from Columbia University in New York City.

Library Programs

The Friends of the Red Wing Library invite you to attend the following programs sponsored by the Red Wing Public Library. All of these programs will be held in the Foot Room of the library. Programs are free and open to the public. Please invite your friends and neighbors.

Melanie Heuiser Hill – Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 1:30. Hill's debut novel, *Giant Pumpkin Suite*, is perfectly tuned to middle-grade readers.

Patrick "Packy" Mader – Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 10:00. Packy's coffee table book, *Minnesota Gold*, celebrates the perseverance and triumphs of fifty-seven diverse homegrown athletes from 1948-2014.

Dr. Joseph Mbele – Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 10:00. African Folklore – Mbele's book, *Matengo Folktales*, presents folktales from his culture, with his commentaries. Mbele is both a citizen of Tanzania and a professor in the English Department at St. Olaf College in Northfield. (Co-sponsored with the History Center)

For more information on these programs and future programs, check on the library website, www.redwing.lib.mn.us or notices posted in the library.

Hospitality Committee

This committee arranges for refreshments at the library's adult author programs. FOL committee volunteers set up the refreshment table, put out treats, make coffee, and clean up afterwards. The committee is always looking for members willing to assist. If you would like to help with author programs, please contact Lois Burnes at burnes35@charter.net or 651-388-6465.

Friends of the Library Membership

The FOL membership year runs from January through December. The membership dues for 2018 will be \$10 for individuals and \$15 for families. Please use the following form to renew. Thank you.

FOL Membership Application

Date: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Prefer Newsletter by Email: Yes No

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Annual Membership runs from January to December of each year and is a tax deductible contribution.

Individual - \$10.00 Family - \$15.00 Special Friend - \$25.00

Extra Donation (besides membership amount) \$ _____

Please make your check out to: Friends of the Red Wing Public Library

You may drop off this application and your check at the service desk of the library or mail to: Friends of the Red Wing Public Library, 225 East Avenue, Red Wing, MN 55066

We need your help! Please check an area that you are interested in and we will call you:

HOSPITALITY EVENTS

HELP WITH PROGRAMS

BOOK SALE SORTING

BOOK CLUB

DETENTION CENTER

Friends of the Red Wing Public Library
225 East Avenue
Red Wing, MN 55066

Protective Book Covers & Book Repair Service

In case you did not know, the Friends of the Library has a service where, for a modest fee, we put protective covers on books. The FOL also does book repair. For more information, contact Joyce at 651-388-8353.

Goodhue County Detention Center Library

We now have five excellent FOL volunteers working at the Goodhue County Detention Center Library sorting, shelving, color coding and discarding. so at the moment we do not need any more volunteers. We do always accept donations. Mysteries are the top favorites. War, science fiction, and poetry books are also popular. Car magazines are always in demand.

Help FOL Raise Funds through AmazonSmile

The Red Wing Friends of the Library is part of the AmazonSmile program. It costs nothing to you. All you need to do is log into AmazonSmile and choose the Friends of the Red Wing Library as your charity. Then anytime you plan to make a purchase from Amazon, start your shopping at smile.amazon.com. (This lets Amazon know to make the donation.) Amazon will donate .5% of the price of your purchase to the FOL.