FOL Meetings
Any organization is only as good as its active members. Business meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 4:00 pm in the Foot Room of the library. All FOL members and the public are invited to attend. There also are opportunities to participate in various activities. Come to meet fellow book and library lovers and learn how to help the library continue its outstanding service.

Upcoming FOL Meetings
January 21
February 18
March 17
April 21

Cozy Up and Read (previously Hot Reads for Cold Nights)
Where: The Foot Room at the Library
The Cozy-up and Read programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Friends Book Club. Refreshments, door prizes and book bags are available at each program. Come and meet some good authors for your winter reading.
Saturday, January 25
10 AM  Ken McCullough
His work has appeared in 250 magazines and 50 anthologies. He is a three-time finalist for a Minnesota Book Award. His books include nine volumes of poetry (including Dark Stars and Broken Gates), plus a book of fiction (Left Hand) and nonfiction (Crossing Three Wildernesses with U Sam Oeur). Ken served three terms as Poet Laureate of Winona and is currently at work on a volume of short stories. His awards include an Academy of American Poets NEA Fellowship, and Pablo Neruda Award.

Saturday, February 29
10 AM  Sheila O’Connor
Sheila O’Connor’s newest novel for adults is Evidence of V: A Novel in Fragments, Facts, and Fictions. Her previous novel, Where No Gods Came, won a Minnesota Book Award and the Michigan Prize for Literary Fiction. It was also a Barnes and Noble Discover Great New Writers selection. Sheila is also the author of Tokens of Grace, as well as other books, short stories, poems and essays. She is an associate professor in the MFA program at Hamline University, and serves as the fiction editor for Water-Stone Revue.

Saturday, March 28
10 AM  Faith Sullivan
Faith Sullivan’s newest book is Ruby & Roland, published by Milkweed Editions. She is the winner of a Midwest Book Award. Her books include Goodnight, Mr. Wodehouse, Gardenias, What A Woman Must Do, The Cape Ann and four additional books. Her awards include A Milkweed National Fiction Prize, Langum Prize for Historical Fiction, and Ben Franklin Prize. She is also a Minnesota Book Award finalist. In addition to being an award winning author, Faith is a “demon gardener, flea marketer, and feeder of birds.”
RESULTS OF THE SECOND ANNUAL HARVEST TEA!

The Second Annual Harvest Tea and Silent Auction was a great success. The new venue and program were well received. Over $3,000 was raised, and the proceeds funded 10 Wi-Fi “hot spots”. They are now available for checkout.

Thank you to all who participated and gave of their time and talent to such a worthy event. Thank you to all the businesses and individuals who donated items for the Silent Auction. It is truly a blessing to live in such a supportive community.

Holiday Stroll “Best of the Best” Book Sale
The Holiday Book Sale raised over $1,500. Everyone enjoyed the optional gift wrapping service which was new this year. Thank you to volunteers who made this event possible.

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. All members are asked to participate in book selection. New members are always welcome. For more information, please call Judy Rausch at 651-388-5759.

January 14  First Family Detail by Ron Kessler
Secret Service agents reveal the lives of the Presidents.

February 11  Mrs. Ambassador by Mary Dupont
March 10 The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris
A work of fiction based on true events sharing the story of Lale Sokolov’s life, a real person!

April 14 “Pick Your Own Poet”
In honor of Poetry Month, each reader is to either share a biography of a favorite poet or read the poem of a favorite poet.

On Saturday, April 25 at 10 a.m. in the Foot Room Dan Dietrich, a local poet, will be hosting the Annual Poetry Read sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

FOL Membership News
The form to join FOL or to renew your current membership dues for 2020 is on the last page of this newsletter. Be sure to include your email address on the form. Whether you are joining FOL or renewing your membership for 2020, please consider sharing your time and talent in one of these areas of service.

FOL IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS
Goodhue County Detention Center
The Goodhue County Detention Center Library is an outreach program sponsored by the FOL. The library at the Detention Center, for the use of the detainees, has been maintained by FOL volunteers for twenty years. This outreach program is in need of 2 more volunteers. The work involves meeting every Monday in the GCDC Library from 10.00 a.m. – 11 a.m. to sort, color code, shelve and discard books and magazines. While there is very little contact with the detainees, the GCDC does do back ground checks of volunteers before accepting them into the facility and gives a general introductory presentation about the detainees, volunteers responses to the detainees and dress code. If you are interested please contact Joyce Harlow 388-8353.

Membership Committee
FOL needs a committee chairperson for the Membership Committee. The primary function of this committee is to keep and maintain an updated membership list, track the selected interests of its members, and collect dues. A member of this committee is asked to be present at all FOL sponsored programs at the Library. If you are interested, please contact Amy Smith 651-385-3642.
DUE TO THE RISING COST OF POSTAGE, THE FOL IS ASKING ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS TO CONSIDER RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL.

Friends of the Library Membership
The FOL membership year runs from January through December. The membership dues for 2020 are $10 for individuals and $15 for families. Please use the following form to renew. Thank you!

FOL Membership Application

Date: ______________________

Name: ___________________________________________ Phone: _________________

Address: ___________________________________________ Email: _________________

City: ___________________________________________ State: _____ Zip: _________________

Prefer Newsletter by Email: ☐ Yes ☐ No Email address_________________________

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:

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