



RED WING FOL

February-March-April 2024

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The mission of the Friends of the Red Wing Public Library (FOL) is to promote the use of library resources and services; receive and encourage gifts and benefits to the library; and cooperate with the library to support library services and facilities for the community. To meet these goals the FOL raises money through book sales, memberships, grants and donations. Recently the FOL used the funds raised to purchase a Network Attached Storage and 3 hard drives to be used with it. The purchases are critical to enable the backing up and securing of data from library computers. Outreach programs and board development are also conducted throughout the year.

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 encouraged to attend. We are always looking for members to be a part of various activities. Please come meet and join fellow book and library supporters and learn how you can help the library continue its outstanding services.

The FOL wants to extend a big **thank-you** to all of our members. Without the many volunteers who are part of the FOL, we could not accomplish as much as we do

Upcoming FOL Meetings

February 20
March 19
April 16
May 21

Book Club Notes

The Friends of the Library would like to thank Judy Rausch for her leadership in the Book Club. Judy has been involved with the Club since its beginnings, over 30 years ago. Lois Burnes, who joined in 1999, reports that a lot of interesting but informal discussions have been held monthly during all that time, including those at the twice-annual parties where members meet to laugh, eat and choose the books to be discussed during the next six months. Lois remembers one Christmas party at her house in which *Death by Chocolate* was the theme. Everyone brought chocolate, and the spirit of the season was infectious. The discussions each month average about a dozen members, and the leader of the discussion changes with each book. The books are selected by consensus, and represent a broad variety of tastes. We wish Judy and husband Charlie all the best in their move to the Twin Cities. Her successor, Cindy Van Winkle, is another long-standing member of the Book Club. Judy leaves the group in good hands!

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.

February 13, 2024 *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain

March 12, 2024 *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley

April 9, 2024 *Firekeeper's daughter* by Angeline Boulley

Book Sales

We are continuing to accept donations for the next book sale and would like to thank those who have donated in the past. Looking forward to the next sale, which will be held on May 1st through the 4th. More info to come.....

Cozy Up and Read

MEET MINDY MEJIA, FEBRUARY 24

At 10 o'clock a.m. on Saturday, February 24 in the Foot Room at the library, the Friends of the Red Wing Public Library invite you to attend our second author presentation. Come and meet Mindy Mejia. Mindy is an acclaimed thriller writer who mixes compelling characters with page-turning suspense.

She is the author of *To Catch a Storm*, *Strike me Down*, *Everything you Want to Know*, and *Leave No Trace*. Mejia's books are all set in the Midwestern United States because the plains, forests, and lakes of Minnesota have always been the landscape of her imagination.

Her books have been chosen for People's Best New Pick and listed in the *Wall Street Journal's* Best New Mysteries.

Mindy Mejia is a CPA and a graduate of the Hamline University MFA program. She lives in Minneapolis.

Come and meet the author and enjoy coffee and snacks. We hope to see you there.

MEET SARAH STONICH, MARCH 9

Our third presenter for this year is Sarah Stonich. Come meet Sarah on Saturday morning March 9 at 10 o'clock a.m. in the Foot Room at the Red Wing Public Library.

Sarah Stonich is an internationally acclaimed and award-winning author. Her most recent works include Fishing & Reeling, the first two books in her humorous feminine fiction trilogy. Laurentian Divide was the winner of the 2019 Minnesota Book Award for Novel & Short Story.

She also authored Vacationland, These Granite Falls, and The Ice Chorus. Stonich's memoir, Shelter: Off the Grid in The Mostly Magnetic North was the winner of the NE MN Book Award. Stonich writes and lives in Minnesota.

Library Programs

Adult Harry Potter Trivia- Friday February 9th 6 PM

Overbook Book Club- Thursday February 15th 5 PM

Trivia Night- Thursday February 15th 6 PM

Overbook Book Club- Thursday March 21st 5 PM

Trivia Night- Thursday March 21st 6 PM

Solar Eclipse program featuring Rob Palmer- Thursday March 28th 5:30 PM

Mastering Tarot: Discover the power of a simple 3-card spread- Saturday April 6th 10AM

All Ages Eclipse Viewing Party- Monday April 8th 1 PM

Puzzle Competition and Swap- Saturday April 13th 10 AM

Overbook Book Club- Thursday April 18th 5 PM

Trivia Night- Thursday April 18th 6 PM

Facebook Info

Did you know that the Friends have a Facebook page? If you use Facebook, it is an easy way to get reminders about FOL activities. All you need to do is "Like" the page. Then, new FOL posts will show up in your Facebook news feed. The site address is: <https://www.facebook.com/RedWingFOL>. The "Like" button is under the main photo. If you have news or photos you'd like posted on the FOL page, you can email them to Cindy Peterson (clp55066@yahoo.com).

Newsletter Info

The Newsletter comes out quarterly in February, May, August, and November. There will be a separate memo in January with the Membership Form. If anyone has information for the newsletter, please e-mail Stephanie Branson sbranson986@gmail.com and Sue Mead sue_mead@outlook.com by the third week of the month before the newsletter is due.

Friends of the Library Membership

The FOL membership year runs from January through December. The membership dues for 2024 are \$10 for individuals and \$15 for families. Due to postage costs, we prefer to send newsletters and event memos by e-mail.

Questions or comments should be addressed to Marti, at piercefol@protonmail.com

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