



RED WING FOL

May-June-July 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

May 21
June 18
July 16
August 20

In Memoriam

Two Special Friends

Bob and Joyce Harlow, long time FOL members, died recently and we remember their many contributions to our organization. Back in the 60s, a young teacher from Chester, England and a young CPA from Nebraska met in Maryland and began a long happy life together. After living in many places in the world, Red Wing became their home and they became members of FOL.

Bob was treasurer for many years, helping to revise the constitution, working on the Books for Jamaica project and FOL book sales. Joyce's contributions include:

- serving as historian, documenting FOL events with her award winning photos
- attending Minnesota Booksellers conventions and recruiting speakers for FOL programs
- initiating the Goodhue County Jail Library project, recruited and trained volunteers and wrote a award winning history of the project
- organizing a professionally judged poetry writing event, held every three years
- assisting in many book sales, the Books for Jamaica project, and arranging for a display of framed Hot Reads for Cold Nights and Cozy Up and Read posters.

We will miss our dear friends.

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.

May 14:

Under the Whispering Door by T J Klune.

June 11

The Librarian of Burned Books by Brianna Labuskes

July 9

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

(If this book is not available, we will announce an alternative in May)

Check at the checkout desk for a copy of each month's books. We would love to have you join us.

Spring 2024 BOOK SALE



In the Foot Room

FOL member* pre-sale

Wednesday May 1st from 1pm -5pm

*Memberships available at the door for \$10

Hours open to the public

Thursday May 2nd from 10am -5pm

Friday, May 3rd from 10am – 5pm

Saturday, May 4th from 10am – 12 pm

\$2 Bag Sale Saturday from 12pm – 2pm

Cozy Up and Read

Thank you for participating in the Cozy Up and Read events once again this year. I hope you enjoyed snuggling up with a warm blanket, enjoying a hot beverage in your Cozy Up and Read mug and reading books borrowed from our library.

I also hope you enjoyed hearing from three Minnesota authors we had for your enjoyment. Each presentation was delightful, and the audience participation was stellar. Thanks again.

We look forward to next year.

WINNER OF THE COZY UP AND READ GIFT BAG
SARAH COX
Congratulations!

Library Programs

May Library Events:

FOL Book Sale- Wednesday, May 1-Saturday May 4- Foot Room

MN Author Tour- Jess Lourey and Sarah Stonich- Tuesday, May 7- 5:00 PM- Foot Room - Organized by SELCO (Southeastern Library Cooperating) and funded through Minnesota's Legacy Amendment Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund

Writing an Engaging Memoir: Three Keys to Unlocking Your Story Workshop with Author Catherine Friend- Saturday, May 11- 10:00 AM- Foot Room - Register Online

Overbooked Book Club- Thursday, May 16- 5:00 PM- Foot Room- Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley

Trivia- Thursday, May 16- 6:00 PM- Foot Room- Register online

Story Time with Author Daniel Bernstrom- Saturday, May 18- 10:30 AM- Foot Room

Author Talk- Michelle Meyer- Saturday, May 18- 1:00 PM- Foot Room

Lego Club- Tuesday, May 21- 4:30 PM -Foot Room- Register Online- For kids in grade 1 or age 6 and up.

June Library Events:

TESTIFY: Americana from Slavery to Today- Tuesday, June 4 through Saturday, June 29- Main Library- Testify is an impactful exhibit on Slavery told through artifacts from the Diane and Alan Page Collection

Summer Reading Sidewalk Chalk Kickoff Party- Tuesday, June 4- 9:30 AM

Summer Story Time In Central Park: Meet the Trolley! - Wednesday, June 5- 10:30 AM- Central Park

Summer Story Time- Thursday, June 6- 10:30 AM- Story Well

Author Talk- Lee Hendrix- Saturday, June 8- 10:00 AM- Foot Room

RAD Zoo- Tuesday, June 11- 10:30 AM- Foot Room

Summer Story Time- Wednesday, June 12- 10:30 AM- Story Well

Summer Story Time- Thursday, June 13- 10:30 AM- Story Well

Disney Summer Family Movie: Inside Out- Thursday, June 13- 2:00 PM Foot Room

Cardboard City- Tuesday, June 18- 10:00 Am & 1:00 PM- Foot Room

Summer Story Time- Thursday, June 20- 10:30 AM- Story Well

MN Author Tour- Sun Yung Shin- Saturday, June 22- 10:00 AM- Foot Room - Organized by SELCO (Southeastern Library Cooperating) and funded through Minnesota's Legacy Amendment Arts and

Cultural Heritage Fund

International Owl Center- Tuesday, June 25- 10:30 AM- Foot Room

Summer Story Time- Wednesday, June 26- 10:30 AM- Story Well

Summer Story Time- Thursday, June 27- 10:30 AM- Story Well

Disney Summer Family Movie: Encanto- Thursday, June 27- 2:00 PM Foot Room

MN Author Tour- Dr. Christopher P. Lehman- Saturday, June 29- 2:00 PM- Foot Room - Organized by SELCO (Southeastern Library Cooperating) and funded through Minnesota's Legacy Amendment Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund

July Library Events:

Science Museum of Minnesota: Dinosaurs!- Tuesday, June 9 -10:30 AM & 12:30 PM- Foot Room

Summer Story Time- Wednesday, July 10- 10:30 AM- Story Well

Summer Story Time- Thursday, July 11- 10:30 AM- Story Well

Disney Summer Family Movie: Frozen- Thursday, July 11- 2:00 PM Foot Room

Bird Watching 101 with Amy Simso Dean- Tuesday, July 16- 10:30 AM- Foot Room- All Ages

Summer Story Time- Wednesday, July 17- 10:30 AM- Story Well

Summer Story Time- Thursday, July 18- 10:30 AM- Story Well

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).

Hospitality Info

Hi, I am the new Hospitality chair, Kathy Daniels. This committee gets the coffee and treats ready for the authors' talks. If you are interested in helping, please let me know. I'll see you at the library.

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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