



NEWSLETTER

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Winter Doldrums?

DO YOU LOVE WINNING PRIZES?

The Adult Winter Read-In gives adults a chance to win prizes for reading books. Prizes include Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce gift certificates (sponsored by Friends of T. B. Scott), Friends canvas book bags, and coupons from Hardee's, Hugo's Pizza, Culver's and Ye Olde Sweet Shoppe.

You are welcome to read fiction or nonfiction. You can even choose to read books or listen to them on tape, CD, or Playaways. Classic books labeled "Core Collection" or "Historical Collection" count double.

Anyone 18 and older can join. Pick up entry forms at the library. Complete an entry form for every five books you read. Drop completed entry forms in one of several Winter Read-In boxes at the library and you're eligible to win.

Prize winners will be drawn on Jan. 20, Feb. 3, Feb. 17, and March 3. The program ends at 4 p.m. March 17. Each reader is eligible to win one prize in the four regular drawings. In addition, all entries will be eligible for a March 17 drawing for a grand prize including prizes from each Winter Read-in sponsor.

MORE GREAT PROGRAMS coming up:

Jan. 30 (Sunday) 1:00 p.m. Richard & Becky Flateau "Sustainable, Green, and Beautiful: A Log End View of Cordwood Construction".

Feb. 20 (Sunday) 1:00 p.m. Jane Deau "My Life's Journey," a workshop devoted to capturing the essence of your loved ones -- through words (journaling), images (photos & video), and sounds (audio recordings).

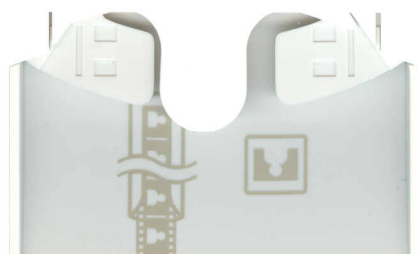
March 8, 15, 22 (Tuesdays) 6:30 p.m. Joel Eldridge "All About Trees: Selecting, Planting, and Maintaining".

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR LIBRARY?

As a Friend of the Library you can have a special inside track to information about your library. If you have questions or are just plain curious about something having to do with the library we'd like to provide a format for getting the information and sharing it in this newsletter.

Send your questions to tbscottfriends@gmail.com. We will withhold your name, if you wish.

Spring Fling Book Sale April 8 & 9



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Book Sale Committee: TERRI EIRICH, chair

Our annual fall sale continues to be successful. With more book sales added throughout the year, we are especially grateful for the stepped up efforts by our faithful volunteers. Thanks to all of these twenty-four generous and energetic Friends of the Library!

Gloria Ziolkowski, Nancy Zeitz, Mike Weckworth, Judy Weaver, Donna & Don Simek, Joyce Sczygelski, Lynn Muhvich, Marie Marrier, Larry Lebal, Mary Lagerbloom, Cheryl Kulawinski, Joyce Kasper, Jan & Jim Horning, Luella Geibel, Kathy Colclasure, Laurie Cottrell, Carolyn & Bill Cohrs, Jerri Bloechl, Phyllis Bauman, Kay Andrews, and Johanna Amelse,

Thanks to you, Terri, for another great sale! Thanks also to Laurie Cottrell for doing the posters and Marie Marrier for the handling the publicity.

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SPRING BOOK SALE ANNOUNCED for APRIL 8 & 9

Due to the large number of books left over after the last sale and the anticipated books resulting from the library's plan for continued "weeding" of outdated and unused books from the collection, we will again have a Spring Fling book sale. This sale is more casual, there is less sorting, and browsers will be looking through boxes as they come out of the closet.

Our member volunteers will again be called into action to set up and work at this sale. If you would like to join us, call Terri at 536-2922.

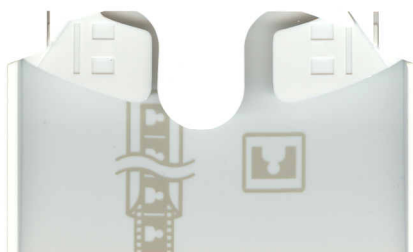
FOL Memberships: CAROLYN COHRS, chair

Six new people joined at the fall book sale, and five members from past years rejoined! Welcome new Friends and welcome back old Friends!

Currently we have 33 Life members, 66 Annual members paid through 2010, and only 3 renewals for 2011. If you are an Annual member, your 2011 dues may be paid now.

Coming soon ...

MICHAEL PERRY, humorist, best selling author, and popular guest on Wisconsin Public Radio and Television will be coming to Merrill on May 2. The program will be at Prairie Middle School. Watch for details.



SPOTLIGHT ON KATHY COLCLASURE

When Kathy first moved to Merrill in 1968, she accepted a position as counselor at the Merrill Senior High – a job that she kept for over 40 years! But, even as a busy career mom and homemaker, she attests that her favorite place in town was the T.B. Scott Library. With her kids in tow, she would visit once, even twice, a week and check out as many books as they could carry home. Friend of the Library? You bet! Kathy was on the steering committee of the nascent Friends organization in 1998 and has been active with the group ever since. Exhibiting her planning and leadership skills, she served many terms as president and as secretary. She edited the Friends newsletter until Doreen took over in 2007 and is an active book sale volunteer.



Kathy has established an extensive library of her own: including mysteries (especially those of Charles Todd, Rex Stout, and Agatha Christie), World War II fiction and nonfiction, and over 120 Mabel Esther Allen young adult books. She donates many books to the library and Friends book sales. Besides volunteering with FOL, Kathy is active with St. Francis Church, is on the board of the Merrill Housing Commission and is involved with Beta Sigma Phi – an international women's social and service organization.

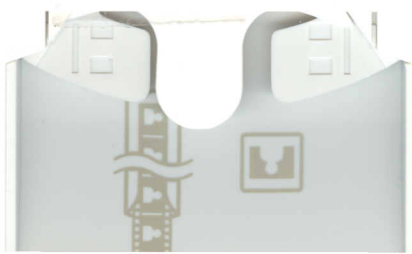
Judy Weaver interviewed Kathy and submitted this article.

Editor's note: The large TV monitor in the lobby of the library, which is used to project in-house program information, slide shows, etc., and can also be used for live news broadcasts, was given to the library by Kathy's family in memory of husband and father, Bob Colclasure.

Cover to Cover Book Reviews

Two of the book group's recently selected novels were written by poets. So we especially enjoyed the cadenced prose, the honed description, the meaningful metaphor, and the succinct detail author Paulette Jiles brought to her book *THE COLOR OF LIGHTNING*, a dramatic story of historic Texas. She does it all! See what I said about poetry? It is based on the life of folk hero Britt Johnson, a former slave settled in the North Texas plains who traveled deep into Indian territory to rescue his family and a neighbor family taken hostage during a brutal Kiowa raid. Jiles brings Johnson to life in his 1860s setting and we come to know the culture of the Kiowa and Comanche - and understand the doomed efforts of the nascent Office of Indian Affairs (under the local leadership of an Eastern Quaker) to tame the nomadic natives into accepting and agricultural life style. Not your ordinary Western.

Diane Ackerman, a poet and naturalist, used all her talents to win kudos with *THE ZOOKEEPER'S WIFE*. Not fiction: this is the story of Jan and Antonina Zabinski of Warsaw, Poland. This couple risked all, using their rather fragile connection to the WWII German occupiers (first as keepers of favored species animals and then as pork producers) to hide Jews escaped from the Ghetto and on-the-run resistance fighters in the zoo's large complex -- in the cave-like cages and at their large residence. The focus is on Antonina, as



her memoirs, diaries and autobiographical children's books inspired Ackerman in her research. The story is rich with descriptive incidents of life during the occupation, close call at the zoo, and humorous accounts of pet rabbits, muskrats, hyena pups -- animals and people interacting and remaining steadfast during these dark times.

We do have a little fun! Laurie R. King is an award winning and very prolific mystery writer. We read her first Mary Russell novel THE BEE KEEPER'S APPRENTICE. A clever, young, feminist, Oxford educated heroine matches up with a retired, iconic, master sleuth (Sherlock Holmes -- just as irascible and laconic as Conan-Doyle would have him) to solve a crime and put their lives on the line. What an adventure these two have (includes falling in love?).

Maybe you are too young to remember Julia Child, the 1960s television cooking show celebrity. Her backstory MY LIFE IN FRANCE was written by Julia at age 91 with her grand nephew Alex Prud'homme. In her delightful, enthusiastic way she recounts her discovery of and passion for the fine cuisine of France. She doesn't rest until she shares the MASTERING THE ART OF FRENCH COOKING in every detail with her American sisters. The book was published in 1961. Working with Alex from family letters, memoirs, diaries and old photos, she recounts with verve and humor the history of her marriage to Paul Child and how two American romantic gourmets took post- WWII Paris by storm.

--Judy Weaver

Cover To Cover, a library sponsored book discussion group now in its 15th year, meets monthly on the third Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the library. It is free and open to the public. Updated announcements of the current book selections are posted in the atrium of the library, or call Judy at 715-536-7918 for more information.

