

Between Volunteers

A NEWSLETTER FOR SPRINGFIELD-GREENE COUNTY LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Call Guinness—Spring Book Sale is a Record Breaker



THAT'S RIGHT, the most successful booksellers of all time, a.k.a. the Friends of the Library, have done it again, breaking their own book sale record once more with an astounding total of more than \$106,000 in books sold at May's spring sale.

"The spring sale worked out great," reported Friends of the Library President Bill Bogart. "If the economy wasn't so bad right now we may have done even better, but that may have even helped us because there are lots of people looking for bargains right now and watching how they spend their money. Those folks could find lots of good deals at Remington's."



Bill notes that without community support, including Friends members and volunteers, Remington's and Ridgecrest Baptist Church, the Library and area citizens, their success would not be possible.

"We've had a tremendous amount of new memberships this season and correspondingly a great number of first-time volunteers for the sale, which is very exciting," said Bill. "Jeff Steel and the staff at Remington's always help out and there were 60-70 volunteers from Ridgecrest ready to help us set up on Sunday morning, plus all the support they give in helping spread the word about the event makes the sale even more successful."



"We always get such strong backing from the Library, the staff always attends the sale and [Executive Director] Regina [Greer Cooper] was here for two evenings working a cash register. The community is so supportive and proud of the Library which fortunately carries over to support for the Friends and our book sales. That's a win-win for all because everyone benefits from the success of the sale," said Bill.

For now Remington's has been emptied of its stock of books, but the fun has already started all over again, as the Friends have begun sorting for the fall book sale, scheduled for October 20-25, at—where else—Remington's.

SPOTLIGHT ON...



“One of my favorite things about volunteering in the children’s department is learning crafts that I can do with my three-year-old nephew,” said

AnneMarie Careccia, a teen volunteer at the Brentwood Branch Library.

The 14 year-old Pershing Middle School student learned about the Library’s volunteer opportunities last summer and started working at the southeast Springfield branch last September. AnneMarie helps children’s librarians Erin and Charity prepare crafts and other activities, helps the smaller kids make crafts and checks in and weeds books.

AnneMarie runs the 100-meter dash and relays on her school’s track team and is currently reading the “Twilight” and “Cirque du Freak” series. Although excited about starting Glendale High School in the fall, AnneMarie plans to work out her priorities before rushing to join any clubs, with the exception of Medical Explorers, which fits nicely into her plans to attend the University of Missouri and become a pediatrician.

Shopping with Friends



Planning a party on the patio? Attending a summer housewarming? The Friends of the Library-sponsored Between Friends Gift Shops have the best selection of beverage accessories to fill everyone’s summer party needs. From cute and clever thong coasters in a variety of patterns (\$6 each) to an array of colorful wine bottle bags complete with pockets to carry those coasters and other necessities (\$13), the gift-giver is sure to find a combination to please any hostess from these products by Drink Wear. And don’t forget the bottle stopper, starting at \$11, available in a wide selection of decorative and monogrammed cut glass.

Stay Current with Friends

Update your volunteer file.

Mail this form to:
Volunteer Coordinator Martha Love
P.O. Box 760
Springfield MO 65801-0760

or e-mail the information to:
marthal@thelibrary.org

Name _____

Street address _____

E-mail address _____

Phone number _____

Birthday (month/day) _____

In case of emergency, contact

Name _____ Phone number _____

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Library staff members Carol Grimes, Kim Flores, Martha Love, Mary Chamberlain, Shelli Kaminski and Lori Strawn held the digits that represent the huge number of hours Library volunteers worked in the ten branches and the bookmobile this year. At this spring's annual luncheon in the Library Center auditorium, staff served up a travel theme, including an Italian meal and international desserts.

Volunteer Lolita Albers thanked the staff for "the lovely lunch...It's a lot of fun to enjoy a delicious lunch with other volunteers and Library staff and I look forward to our get-together each year. As usual, the food was wonderful (love the dessert choices!) and the decorations and slide show of vacation pictures added to the ambience."



Reading with 'Bookies'

Join us in our monthly book discussions, the third Tuesday of every month. The book group, coordinated by Gift Shop Manager Shelli Kaminski, meets at 7 p.m. in meeting room A at the Library Center. Here's how it works. One person is designated as the narrator and brings information about the author and recent reviews. Everyone jumps in with opinions, thoughts and insights. To join, contact Shelli at 883-6936.

- June 16: **"The Soloist: A Lost Dream, An Unlikely Friendship and the Redemptive Power of Music"** by Steve Lopez
- July 21: **"Olive Kitteridge"** by Elizabeth Strout; 2009 Pulitzer Prize Winner for Fiction.
- August 18: **"Rabbit, Run"** by John Updike.

Too Cool for School

The teen department at the Library Center recently got a fabulous re-do thanks to the Friends of the Library, who use the funds raised at their two yearly book sales to help fund branch expenditures. The munificent Friends funded the ultra-modern re-design, including an out-of-this-world computer station, with a \$74, 889 grant.



News of Note

Volunteer Coordinator Martha Love was elected president of the Southwest Missouri Association of Volunteer Administrators. The organization, chartered in 2003 to promote area volunteerism, conducts volunteer recruitment fairs in the spring and fall at the Library Center and training workshops.

Gift Shop News

The national news on the economy might not be bright, but it hasn't slowed sales at the Friends of the Library-sponsored Between Friends Gift Shops. In fact, Manager Shelli Kaminski reports that sales are up 10%-15% over last year.

Volunteering a Recipe

Try out this delightful bread recipe from Strafford Branch volunteer Janelle Berry.

Fruit Nut Bread

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar
1 egg
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup orange juice
3 cups Bisquick
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup chopped nuts
1 cup chopped dried fruits (apricots, cranberries, etc.)

Mix sugar, egg, orange juice and Bisquick. Stir in nuts and fruit. Bake in well-greased loaf pan at 350 degrees for 55-60 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean.

Want to share a recipe?

E-mail marthal@thelibrary.org or mail your recipe to The Library, P.O. Box 760, Springfield, MO 65801.

Dates to Remember

- **VolunTeen Party**
Friday, August 14
7-9 p.m.
Library Center auditorium

Holiday Closings

- July 4—Independence Day

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Keagan Strawhun—May 1
Megan Platou—May 2
Dolores Pennington—May 7
Andrea Hirsh—May 9
Jane Snay—May 12
Dixie Reece—May 15
Karen Seutter—May 16
Jane Barkley—May 18
June Baker—May 19
Marianne Wark—May 19
Baylie Aston—May 21
Liesl Euliss—May 21
Diana Rader—May 21
Marilyn Cox—May 22
Pat Turner—May 22
Cassandra Swalley—May 23
Lynn Shelley—May 26
Charles Bowers—May 29
Alex Guevara—May 29
Kyndria Guevara—May 30

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Patricia Kellough—June 3
Kathy Funk—June 4
Daniel Meinsen—June 8
Richard O'Dell—June 8
Linda Schurke—June 8
Amos Blevins—June 10
Chris Swaggart—June 10
Janetha Washington—June 12
Kay Morrow—June 15
Pat Woodward—June 15
Edi Lafon—June 18
Mary Robertson—June 18
Alleeta Whittaker—June 19
Jewely Fritts—June 20
Frankie Fuge—June 20
Margaret Mihalik—June 23
Barbara Jensen—June 26
Dee Bell—June 27
Marcia Ratcliff—June 27
Maria Karakitsos—June 29
Melba Rector—June 30

Did we miss your birthday?
Please call us.