

# FOOTNOTES

A newsletter for the Friends of the Multnomah County Library



*The popular PageTurners is just one of the programs which your Friends' membership dues makes possible.*

## Friends Membership Rates Change

by Darren Beatty

At a recent meeting, the Friends of the Multnomah County Library decided to make a modest increase in annual membership rates and to offer a new membership option. This decision was not made lightly.

The Friends haven't raised membership dues in over four years, while our activities in support of the Library and costs essential to operation have risen. We hope that with increased revenue from membership the Friends will be able to increase our support of programs like Bucket of Books and PageTurners, and still lead grassroots initiatives in support of Library funding. However, to ease this transition, **you can renew your Friends membership at our current lower rates if you do so before October 1, when the new rates take effect.** Your membership will be extended by one year from your original membership expiration date. For example, if your membership expires March 31, 2005, and you rejoin today at the old rates, your membership will be extended to March 31, 2006. All membership renewals at the current rates must be received in the Friends office by September 30.

The Friends are also offering a new way to give through "Sustaining" memberships. Sustaining memberships are an excellent way to

### New Membership Rates

Beginning October 1, the rates for various categories of Friends membership will be:

Benefactor – \$500.00

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(on a credit or debit card)

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support the library and the Friends at a higher level, while minimizing the impact on your monthly budget. Beginning October 1, you can simply fill out and sign a form, and the Friends will charge a monthly gift of your choosing, minimum \$10.00, to your credit or debit card account. At the end of each calendar year, we'll send you a summary of your annual giving, in the form of a receipt for tax purposes. We hope that you can take advantage of this option.

Thank you for caring about our library and being a member of the Friends. We truly appreciate your generosity and support.

✓ **Save the date... October 14–17, 2004**

### The Annual Friends' Used Book Sale

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## From the President

Dear Friends,

It's so exciting but a little overwhelming to have been elected President of the Friends. If you were at the Annual Meeting, or if you've been paying attention for the past year or so, you know that our immediate past President, **Adair Law**, left some big shoes to fill. As always, the

best way to cope is to stay busy. Luckily, that's easy. There is so much going on, and so much to do—oh, yes, that's where the “overwhelming” part comes in.

As I write this we are busily planning our 31st annual fall Book Sale (watch the Friends' website for information), while still taking a moment to celebrate our great success out in Gresham again this year with the spring sale. Kudos to Friends Vice President **Amy Fuller**, Book Room Manager **Anne McFall** and all the volunteers (not to mention all the Gresham sale patrons) for a terrific event.

Please don't overlook the news about the changing membership dues on page 1. As you know, we haven't raised the dues rates for some years. I hope many of you will be attracted to the new option of paying a small fixed amount by credit card every month. This will be a real convenience for people who prefer not to write a check or incur a larger lump sum expense once a year. Remember also: no matter what your current membership expiration date is, if we receive your renewal by September 30 we will process it at the current rates, and we'll extend your membership for a full additional year. The new rates go into effect on October 1.

I'm pleased to report that we've added some great new talent to our Board—you'll see more about them on page 4 of this newsletter and also on our website—they've got a lot of energy and enthusiasm. Speaking of the website, we are planning a redesign which I hope you will all find more informative, current, and easy to navigate. Please send an e-mail to the Friends at [foladmin@europa.com](mailto:foladmin@europa.com) with subject line “FOL website” if you have any comments, questions, or suggestions about it. After all, it belongs to you! If you don't know where to find it, copy this down and save it as a bookmark in your browser <http://www.friends-library.org>. After you've looked at it, don't forget to give us your ideas.

Finally, a few words about the Annual Meeting. I hope you were there. We had a terrific turnout, great food and wine, and a very interesting talk by Director of Libraries **Molly Raphael** on the challenges facing the library. Our experiment with holding the event on a weeknight seemed to be a great success. We're already thinking about how we can make it even better in 2005.

Stay tuned!

Stephanie Vardavas, President

### Needed: volunteers with webslinging skills

And you don't have to be Spider-Man to help out!

The Friends are preparing for a website redesign. We hope to make our site at [www.friends-library.org](http://www.friends-library.org) more informative, interactive, and fun. The heavy lifting will be done by our longtime professional webmistress, but we would like to be able to rely on volunteers to format and upload smaller updates on a periodic basis, perhaps weekly. If you would be interested please email [foladmin@europa.com](mailto:foladmin@europa.com) with some information about your experience and interest, and if possible, a pointer to a sample of your work. Thank you!

## How I Use the Library

By Adair Law

I use the library for the purposes of business and pleasure, all through the convenience of my home computer and my mighty Multnomah County Library card! For research, one of my favorite resources is the Library's great access to electronic resources. I work as a writer, editor, and researcher and I love having quick access to various things that I have only a vague idea about.

I've been working on a biography of the Oregon philanthropist/magazine distributor Leo Adler. He lived in Baker City from 1895-1993 and when he passed away, the bulk of his \$20 million estate started the Leo Adler Trust. I knew that the making of the film *Paint Your Wagon* with Clint Eastwood, Jean Seberg and Lee Marvin had been important to the Baker area in 1968. I wanted to see if there was coverage of it in the *New York Times*, so I searched under “Baker” and “Oregon” for the year 1968. I found an extensive article by the film critic Rex Reed who went to Baker to interview Jean Seberg. There was great information about making the movie but it just brings a smile to my face to think of Rex Reed trekking out to Baker for an interview with Jean Seberg.

Because Leo Adler lived to age 98, working on this project has been a refresher course in twentieth century American history and there was a lot that I was fuzzy on. The Library's website really helped me sweep away the “fuzz.” I give special commendation to their Homework Center link [www.multcolib.org/homework](http://www.multcolib.org/homework). It is a great resource for finding the basics out about a variety of different topics, no matter what age you are as a researcher.

I also love reserving books CDs, videos and DVDs. I have friends who are not patient enough to do this, but I keep trying to inspire them. I recently borrowed and watched

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Left: Board member Greg Simon (left), new Friends of Library president Stephanie Vardavas (center) with outgoing president Adair Law. Middle, from left: Board member Darren Beatty, Sara Lindgren, office manager for the Friends and Karl Souza, Treasurer for the Friends, greet guests at the door. Right: David Yamashita, retiring board member, speaks to a crowded room.

## Friends of the Multnomah County Library Annual Meeting

By Greg Simon

As befits a blustery spring evening in Western Oregon, several shiny new leaves were turned over at the Friends 2004 Annual Meeting. A near-capacity, weeknight crowd enjoyed a splendid repast from **Salvador Molly's Restaurant**, and delicious Oregon wine. Outgoing Friends President **Adair Law** handed her gavel to **Stephanie Vardavas**, President-elect.

Adair praised the unstinting efforts of three long-time Friends volunteers: **Sheila Finch-Tepper**, who has worked for the Friends at every level imaginable, including Board President; **Carol Clifton**, an expert in more than one category of collectible books, and stalwart member of the record-setting Book Sale Committee; and **Jo Burch**, who with an infectious sense of humor and endless aplomb has helped run the Friends' Library Store as long as it has been in existence.

Guest of honor for the night was Multnomah County Library Director, **Molly Raphael**. She told the audience that she had been in perpetual motion since moving to Portland in mid-winter, visiting the far-flung branches of our multi-faceted library system. She said the MCL Executive Team had helped her decide, very reluctantly, to meet the county-mandated 1.5 million dollar budget reduction by cut-

ting back selected library hours, rather than days or further cutbacks in material acquisition. She acknowledged the difficulty staff and supporters will have trying to explain this bitter necessity to a county population that uses its library more extensively than any other similarly-sized system in the country. At the end of her talk, she pushed back her sleeves and began shaking hands.

Adair Law also welcomed six new board members, and spoke briefly to

honor **David Yamashita**, who served the Friends in many estimable ways during his six years on the Board, including a year as Treasurer. Adair and David will both be going off the board. In accordance with the Friends' tradition, they each picked a book to be purchased for the library. David chose *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck and Adair chose the plant compendium *Flora*, published by Portland's powerhouse garden publisher, Timber Press.

### Friends of Multnomah County Library

The Friends of Multnomah County Library is a non-profit community organization dedicated to supporting the Multnomah County Library. We accomplish this principally by promoting public involvement in the Library and by raising money through membership fees, the Friends' Library Store, and the sale of used-books.

#### Board of Directors:

Stephanie Vardavas, President  
 Amy Fuller, Vice-President  
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 Bryan Aptekar, Darren Beatty, Patrick Forster, Diane Gutman, Nancy Lee, Tami Parr, Ann Pearson, Carol Ramsay, Carla Rathbun, Samantha Roddy, Ron Savitt, Greg Simon, Kevin Thomas

**Staff:** Sherry Alicki, Sara Lindgren, Anne McFall

**Library Liaison:** Penny Hummel

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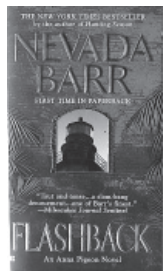
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# New Board Members join Friends of the Library

*The members of the 2003-04 FOL nominating committee (Adair Law, Carol Ramsey, and David Yamashita) are pleased to introduce our newest board members to our members. The nominating committee looks for a range of different skills. Board members are eligible to serve two three-year terms.*

## Bryan Aptekar

Bryan is a park planner with Portland Parks & Recreation, mostly doing public involvement for city planning projects. His interests range from things natural (hiking, bird watching, a bit of gardening) to travel. Before settling in Portland, he spent years teaching kids about nature as an outdoor educator in public and private programs in the Bay Area, years as a National Park Ranger in places like Denali, Olympic and Pt. Reyes National Seashore, and as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Poland. Places he has enjoyed traveling to in-



clude: Khabarovsk, Russia, our sister city; the highlands and islands of Scotland; all of New Zealand; and most recently the coast of Ghana, where he was doing a volunteer park planning project.

As far as book interests, currently he's reading *Red Mars*, by Kim Stanley Robinson. Nevada Barr is one of his all-time favorites, because of the characters and story telling and because she was a park ranger and describes park service life so well (minus the random murders that she seems to always find herself entangled with). *Ender's Game* (Orson Scott Card) and the entire series following that are both modern classics, and favorites. Gregory Heights library is his home branch.

## Diane Gutman

Diane is a former elementary school librarian who also worked at PSU's School of Education and at PCC. Retired for a few years, she has a variety of volunteer interests including jobs with the Friends and with the Library. She can be found at the Friends' Li-

brary Store on Saturday mornings.

She belongs to two book groups, First Unitarian Church (active with Adult Education) and is a local president of a group of educational leaders (Delta Kappa Gamma.) She is a member of a Citizen's Review Committee for kids in foster care in Multnomah County. She likes to travel and recently did a very quick tour of Beijing.

Diane is having fun decorating and landscaping her home in Woodstock. She also does a lot of scrapbooking and a little quilting. She is a native of West Virginia but has been an Oregonian for 40 years. Diane uses several branches of Multnomah County Library and is now reading *Year of Wonders* by Geraldine Brooks and *The History of God* by Karen Armstrong. A recent favorite was *Uncle Tungsten* by Oliver Sachs.



## Tami Parr

Tami is an attorney working in the procurement/contracting department at Portland General Electric. Prior to attending law school several years ago, she taught Literature, Writing and History courses at local colleges and community colleges including Marylhurst, PCC and Mt. Hood Community College.

Tami lives with her family in the Concordia neighborhood. She most often uses the Central Library, but has also used the Hollywood and Albina branches, and can sometimes be found in the Periodicals section of the Central Library on her lunch hour.

She likes to garden, hike, take pho-



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tographs and also experiments with cheesemaking. Books recently read: *It Must've Been Something I Ate* by Jeffrey Steingarten; short story collections by Maile Meloy and Jhumpa Lahiri; and *Crescent* by Diana Abu-Jaber.

### Anne Pearson

Anne is very excited to be joining the Friends of the Library Board. She is an avid library user and is happy for the chance to give something back to an organization that has enriched the lives of her family so much.

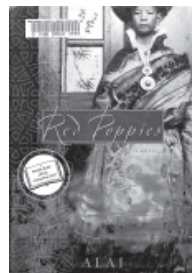


Anne is a stay-at-home mom of two sons, Tyler age 13 and Andrew age 9. She tries to be very involved in both of their schools and activities, especially helping in their classrooms. She is a PSU graduate with a degree in Elementary Education, but hasn't taught since before her oldest son was born. She loves to read, cook, and enjoys all the amenities that the beautiful Pacific Northwest has to offer.

Recent favorite books include *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel, *Middlesex* by Jeffrey Eugenides, *Plainsong* by Ken Haruf, and anything by Ann Patchett and Barbara Kingsolver.

### Carla Rathbun

As she joins the FOL board, Carla is looking forward to working with people and learning more. Analyzing business models engages her creative processes by exploring their potential and finding ways to make things work better. Business models energize her creative processes to analyze the potential and how they could be better. Currently, she has the privilege of working with neurological re-



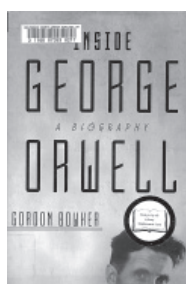
searchers at the Neurological Sciences Institute at OHSU and the many volunteers who support them.

Carla was reared in Eastern Oregon and graduated from Oregon State. She has an adult son who currently lives in Arkansas. Carla visits Central Library for researching topics, but she freely admits to loving shopping at the many terrific bookstores in our area.

Books most recently enjoyed are *Crucial Conversations* by Kerry Patterson et al, *Red Poppies* by Alai and *Good to Great* by Jim Collins.

### Ron Savitt

Ron Savitt is just joining the FOL board. He and his wife Ann moved to Portland two years ago from Vermont where he was a trustee of the South Burlington Community Library. He is currently working on a major study of the management of polar expeditions, volunteering for the Salmon Watch program of Oregon Trout, and doing as much fishing as possible. For the Jensen Arctic Museum at Western Oregon University, he developed course units on discovery and exploration.



Ron joins the board after a 35-year academic career in management and marketing and is still involved in consulting. Although Albina is his home library, he spends a great deal of time in the Sterling Writers Room at the Central Library and often ventures to the Hollywood Branch. They live in Alameda with their two cats Peet and Tiny.

His current reading agenda includes: James Gustave Speth's *Red Sky at Morning—America and the Crisis of the Global Environment*, Gordon Bowker's *Inside George Orwell, A Bibliography*, Marco Polo's *The Travels*, and he is always waiting for the next great book by Barbara Vine.



## Third time is a charm!

By Adair Law

The Friends held their third annual sale at Gresham Library and it was a roaring if damp success! For our third year of selling in Gresham, Book Sale chair Amy Fuller added several innovations. In years past, three categories of books, all fiction came out to Gresham and this year there were eight with healthy collections in history and biography. Previously we had sunny weather, this year it poured. It is hard to know what the precise combination was that made this year special, but we brought in over \$6,000 in our sale, with over 1,060 customers. Last year we brought in over \$3,300 with 750 customers.

Because of the continued success with our Gresham sale, we are looking at a large expansion of it next year. If you would be interested in helping us, please contact Sara Lindgren at 503 224-9176 or [foladmin@europa.com](mailto:foladmin@europa.com).

### How I Use the Library *continued*

*Brideshead Revisited* and *The Jewel in the Crown* on DVD since I could never quite get around to them in the eighties. I've borrowed Carl Dreyer's amazing 1923 film, *The Passion of Joan of Arc* on DVD. After reading Claire Tomalin's great biography *Samuel Pepys: the Unequalled Self*, I borrowed her earlier work *Jane Austen: A Life*. I'm always stunned by the great things that I can find at our library. So, if it has been a while since you've been stunned, find a new way to connect with your library. Your life will be richer for it.



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## Pageturners: Wrapping Up 2004, Gearing Up for 2005

By Joe Dressman

Supported by a generous grant from the Friends of the Library, 19 Pageturners book discussion groups have met each month at 15 Multnomah County Library locations to engage in stimulating conversation about books. More than 1,800 readers exchanged unique perspectives about characters and plot over the past year. Patti Vincent, Capitol Hill Library's book group facilitator, told us, "A participant at my last meeting made an unsolicited announcement about the Friends of the Library buying us our books, and several members said 'remember when we had to get our own?' Everyone agrees it is such a treat to get nice quality books in a very timely manner. Thank you so much!" The evening book group at Capitol Hill has been so popular that they are adding an afternoon

book group for next season. Hillsdale Library is also adding a second book group at its newly-reopened building, bringing the total to 21 groups for next year.

Even as this season wraps up, these dedicated readers are preparing for next year. Some of the books the Pageturners book groups will be reading and talking about during the 2004/05 season include *Angels & Demons* by Dan Brown, *The Curious Incident Of The Dog In The Night-time* by Mark Haddon, *The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold, and *Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books* by Azar Nafisi. Later this summer, visit [www.multcolib.org/books](http://www.multcolib.org/books) for a complete list of titles, schedules and locations. The groups are open to all readers so please join the group at the neighborhood library nearest you.

You'll get to know your neighbors and might even make some new friends!

In early 2005, all of the Pageturners book groups will participate in Everybody Reads, Portland's annual community-wide book discussion. The 2005 selection is *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros. Set in the Latino section of Chicago, the novel tells the story of Esperanza Cordero, a young girl in the process of self-invention and discovery. For more information about related programs and events, visit [www.multcolib.org/reads](http://www.multcolib.org/reads).

