

# FOOTNOTES

A newsletter for the Friends of the Multnomah County Library

## Dear Santa,

I've been a really good girl this year. You see me when I'm sleeping, you know when I'm awake, so I won't bore you with the details. But I have picked out a few items you could bring me!

You know I have a lot of books, so how about some book-ends? Yes, I know they're heavy, and the reindeer complain, but you can get them right here in Portland at the Friends' Library Store! My favorites are the ones that look like two overstuffed easy chairs, and the giant apple and pear. I already have a shelf picked out where they will look terrific.

They say a writer struggles inside every reader, but some of us need a little inspiration, so please, Santa, may I have a beautiful leatherbound journal? I saw some gorgeous purple ones at the Friends' Library Store, and even an elegant leather pen holder to match. I saw the black ones too, and yes, I'm sure they're more practical. Maybe I'll get one for my dad. To get me scribbling in that leatherbound journal I think I'll need a nice new pen, and I know you'll find just the right thing there.

Dad might also like one of the cool ties at the Friends' Store, one with paperclips all over it, or mini paper airplanes. I saw a brooch that Mom will really like and a cute tote bag for our nice neighbor who takes in the mail while we're on vacation. And there are cool little toys for the stockings. It's one-stop shopping, Santa, and the elves don't even need library cards (but they will get 10% off if they're Friends members)!



**Friends of the Library receive a 10% discount at our gift shop in Central Library**

Love,

*Stephanie Vandavas,  
a Friend of the Library*



### FRIENDS' LIBRARY STORE

801 SW 10th Ave., Portland, Oregon 503-988-5911

**Hours:** Monday – Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wednesday 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday 1-5 p.m.

*The store will be closed December 24 and 25.*

*Happy Holidays!*



## From the President

Dear Friends,

I've seen it before. It's the natural cycle and yet I'm always a little surprised by the way the winter seems to sneak up on me. The calendar year comes to a close in such a flurry of activity that the long, dark days of January and February can be a shock to the system. To keep from hyperventilating through the holidays, I've decided to start thinking now about some **sources of light** I've

found in this past year.

**Resources of the Multnomah County Library:** In terms of light, this is a bonfire. Digging for job leads, looking for a new title you've heard good things about, putting a video or DVD on hold or looking up electronic information about great American songwriters like Johnny Cash or Warren Zevon, I can't think of any other organization that adds as much richness, or depth to my life. And it's an organization staffed by people who will share the laugh when you tell them that you have to put another hold on that book about simplifying your life because you couldn't pick it up in time.

**Ruth Metz:** a flashlight with strong batteries. In her capacity as Interim Director of the Library she helped to keep all the pieces of the system working. She starts on a new path next year as an independent library consultant, coach and author.

**Friends of the Fossil Library:** a beacon. You may have read about this group in *The Oregonian* or heard about them on National Public Radio. Located in northeast Oregon's Wheeler County, the Fossil Library had to close its doors in August, due to budget shortfalls. By October, the Friends of the Fossil Library had raised enough money to re-open the library for three days a week, two hours a day (down from the usual five) for the next nine months. They've become an inspiration to Friends groups across the country. I encourage you to **Stretch out a hand of friendship**. Contribute what you can to: Friends of the Fossil Library, P. O. Box 505, Fossil, OR 97830.

I hope you'll take a moment to think about the sources of light in your winter days, how they brighten your life and how you can support them. Enjoy your holidays and carry your light into 2004!

Adair Law, President, Friends of the Library

### 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 an annual used-book sale. We are a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations are tax deductible.

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## Making New Friends

By Darren Beatty

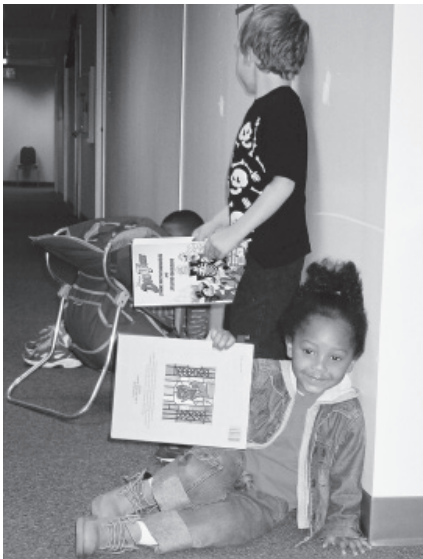
The strength of Multnomah County Friends of the Library lies in numbers. When our membership speaks to an issue in support of our library, the number of Friends, Members amplifies our voice and can positively influence public opinion. Recently, we invited past Friends to rejoin while reaching out to hundreds of potential new members who support the library through the Library Foundation. The result was a lesson relearned: If you want people to join your cause, you simply must ask.

More than 180 people have joined our membership through this effort. These new Friends will not only help us speak with a louder voice, but they've also contributed almost \$7,000, money that we will use to support Library programs like Pageturners, author lectures for children and teens, and Bucket of Books.

As a Friend, you can help us speak louder, as well. This holiday season, give the gift of Friend's membership to your friend or family member. Your gift will entitle them to 10% off in the Friends, Store at Central Library, ensure they gain entry to the Members Only night at next year's book sale, and, most importantly, show that they support our Library system.

To make your friend our Friend, call our office at (503) 224-9176 and ask for a membership brochure. Or you can take a look at our website for more information [www.friends-library.org](http://www.friends-library.org).





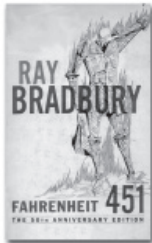
Readers of all ages helped make the annual Friends' book sale a big success! Read about it on page 4.

## Pageturners turn to Everybody Reads

What if everybody read and discussed the same book? Together, we'd talk about issues that matter to us and, in the process, create a stronger community.

**Everybody Reads**, Multnomah County Library's second annual community reading project, takes place in January and February 2004. This year's selection, *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury, explores the impact of technology on society, the importance of access to information and the meaning of freedom. Visit [www.multcolib.org/reads](http://www.multcolib.org/reads) for up-to-date event information.

Get involved in Everybody Reads by joining the Pageturners book discussion group at your neighborhood library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Pageturners meet monthly to engage in stimulating conversation about books. February's title will be *Fahrenheit 451*. Visit [www.multcolib.org/books](http://www.multcolib.org/books) for schedules and locations.



## What I'm Reading

### Master and Commander by Patrick O'Brian

By Kevin Thomas

It began when a neighbor suggested I look into a series of books by Patrick O'Brian. He knew I leaned toward reading non-fiction but had a soft spot for fictional or composite characters set in historically accurate settings, (I often talk up the *Flashman* series by George MacDonald Fraser). I had heard of these novels about the 19th century Royal Navy exploits of Captain Aubrey and Doctor Maturin, but hadn't bothered to pick them up yet. My neighbor placed the first of the series, *Master and Commander*, in my hand, and said that now there was no turning back.

By the end of the first chapter I had to purchase *A Sea Of Words: A Lexicon and Companion for Patrick O'Brian's Seafaring Tales* by Dean King to fully understand this intriguing book. For instance, a "fo'c'sle" is defined as "A short raised deck at the fore end of a vessel originally for archers to shoot arrows into enemy vessels. In a man-of-war, the part of the upper deck forward of the foremast. Also, a generic term for the crew, whose quarters were beneath this deck, as in a forecandle hand." Who knew? Soon, I knew I must read the complete series only to find out that it consisted of twenty novels. I'm rushing to read as many of this series as I can before going to see the film based on these novels, "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World."

For those landlubbers not in the loop, the characters are interestingly flawed and in constant search of prize money. This leads them into detailed sea battles and adventures on and offshore. A deep friendship develops between Aubrey and Maturin at the same time the history of the British Navy, at the height of the empire, is well chronicled. One reviewer said,

"Details are faultlessly rendered: the conversational idiom of the officers in the ward room and the men on the lower deck, the food, the floggings, the mysteries of the wind and the rigging, and the roar of broadsides as the great ships close in battle." All of the novels in the series can be found in the library. As they are in great demand, you may want to put a hold on the ones you're interested in reading.

P.S. When not adrift on the fictional high seas, I'm raising a 2 1/2 year old and I spend lots of time with him in the children's rooms of various branches. I've been reading books like *Freight Train* by Donald Crews, *Chugga-Chugga Choo-Choo* by Kevin Lewis, *1,2,3 to the Zoo* by Eric Carle and *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel* by Virginia Lee Burton over and over and over again. It's a great way to spend adult/child time.

## GIFTS TO THE FRIENDS

Gary Beaumont  
Dorothy Blume  
Shirley Brown  
Lou Burton  
Rebecca Macy  
Neil Moore

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*Happy Holidays  
to all of our Friends!*



## Friends' Used Book Sales Approach \$100,000!

The Friends of the Multnomah County Library successfully hosted the 30th annual Used Book Sale at Montgomery Park in October. This year's sale was expanded to four days and featured a Discount Day on Monday, with all items 75% off.

With the help of over a hundred volunteers, our faithful staff, and the helpful hosts at Montgomery Park, the sale hosted over 5,000 attendees and generated over \$92,000 during the four days. Both of these figures represent a ten percent increase over the 2002 sale.

Book Sale Chair Amy Fuller was very pleased with the sales and the turnout. "With our sales efforts throughout the year, we will raise over \$100,000 for the library," she said. "We are thrilled with the contributions of so many people: their volunteer time, the public's book donations to the Friends, and other sup-



port that makes all this possible."

New this year was the Monday Discount Day. At the 10 o'clock opening, 135 people were lined up to take advantage of the deeply discounted books. As many books were sold that day as during the Friday evening

Friends' Night. Fuller said, "We were extremely—and pleasantly—shocked at the popularity of the Monday hours. Our volunteers worked like crazy, as people left with bags of books for five dollars. There were many book lovers that day with huge grins. Discount Day was very well received."

This year's sale was supported by Dennis Moving and Storage, DocuMart Printing, *The Oregonian*, Tazo Tea, New Seasons Markets, Safeway, Sierra Springs, Trader Joe's and Wells Fargo Volunteer Team. We appreciate everyone's help and support. **Thank You!**