

# FOOTNOTES

A newsletter for the Friends of the Multnomah County Library

## Friends' Bookstore Brimming with Bargains

By Babs Adamski, Manager, Friends' Library Store

The Friends' Library Store is having **Double-Discount Days** for Friends members **December 5 – 10**. Please visit the store during these dates for 20% off your purchases of used books and gifts. If you need to renew or are not a member, you may become a member at the store! I'm looking forward to seeing those members who don't often get downtown to the Central Library.



Books, cards and gifts – we have them all at the Friends' Library Store!



*Delight the book lover in your life with a gift from the Friends' Library Store*



Another exciting event lined up for the holiday season is a book signing on Sunday, December 10. Deborah DeWit Marchant will sign her book, *Traveling Light: A Photographer's Journey: Chasing an Illuminated Life* and Gabriel Boehmer will sign, *City of Readers: The Booklovers Guide to Portland*. Deborah's book has been reissued after being out of print for a year. Many images from her paintings are represented on cards that

have been carried in the store since it opened. The first conversation I had with Gabriel Boehmer in the store was about Deborah's

work. What a happy coincidence that the re-release of *Traveling Light* came at the same time as *City of Readers*! Come join us **Sunday, December 10th, 2 – 4 p.m.** to meet the authors and get signed editions of their books.

In anticipation of the year-end festivities, I've stocked up on boxed holiday cards from Artists to Watch and Papyrus. Artists to Watch has a variety of lovely nature scenes and the

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Fill up a bag with a pair (or more) of whimsical bookends from the Friends' Library Store.

## From the President



Dear Friends

The first thing I need to say in this post-election newsletter is **THANK YOU!** Thanks to all of you who volunteered your time or donated money to the LibrariesYes! Campaign — your efforts made a big difference in the election results. And, thanks to all of you who voted “Yes” for the library. I’d hate to even think of where we’d be without you! It’s great to know that our fabulous library system gets to continue on with business as usual, with the added prospect of two new branches opening in the future.

The next thing I need to say is thank you again, this time to everyone who volunteered at the book sale in October. It was a great success, with over \$86,000 in donated books sold over 4 days. The book sale is a culmination of a year’s worth of hard work on the part of our staff, and a great deal of effort from our volunteers during the sale. Again, we couldn’t do it without you and we very much appreciate your time and efforts during our biggest money-making event of the year.

Now that I’m finished thanking everyone, I’d like to talk about something really exciting, and that is how the Friends of the Library can help you and your family have a fabulous and stress-free holiday season! Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanza, Winter Solstice or Festivus, the Friends’ Library Store at Central has something for everyone on your gift list. We have a great selection of high-quality used books, in such good shape, that they would make fabulous holiday gifts for the budget-minded shopper. If you’re looking for something a little more extravagant, how about a lovely pair of bookends? For that hard-to-buy-for person on your gift list, a membership to the Friends of the Library could be just the ticket — not only will it give the recipient a 10% discount at the store, but they’ll get to shop the fall book sale on members-only night and will be able to attend our annual meeting in May. We are offering a discount on memberships purchased by January 1, 2007 (see page 3). Finger puppets from the Unemployed Philosophers Guild are the perfect stocking stuffer (who wouldn’t want to wake up and see Sigmund Freud poking his head out of their Christmas stocking?!). Holiday cards? We’ve got those as well! Calendars for the New Year? Just ask Babs or Phoebe, they’ll try to find whatever you’re looking for. And our store volunteers are so friendly and cheerful that after your enjoyable shopping experience, you’ll leave knowing that every gift you buy will not only delight the recipient, but will benefit the library as well. You can’t say that about shopping at the mall, now can you?

As I reflect on all the wonderful things in my life that I have to be thankful for, one of the things that is high up on my list is that our library system has such great “Friends” in all of you. You are all part of what makes Multnomah County Library successful. Not only are we lucky to have such a stellar library system, but the library is also lucky to have each of you.

Thanks for being such great friends, and have a safe and happy holiday season!

Anne Pearson

## Year End Giving

You’re a Friend. You know how important the library system is to you, and the more members that the Friends of the Library has, the better we are able to support the Multnomah County Library system. During this holiday season, consider giving a Friends membership as a gift to your family, co-workers, friends and other library-lovers or encourage them to join. Use the application form in this newsletter or print out a form from [www.friends-library.org](http://www.friends-library.org). We will welcome them with a nice gift card.

Another way to support the library, and other arts and cultural organizations, is to make a donation to the Oregon Cultural Trust (OCT). For each dollar you have contributed to the Friends of the Library, and other eligible organizations in 2006 up to \$500 per person, you can make a matching donation to the Oregon Cultural Trust, and then get this same dollar amount as a tax credit on your 2006 state taxes. It’s a way to target your state tax dollars toward causes you support. Arts and Cultural organizations statewide can apply to the OCT for grants. These donations must be made by the end of 2006. Check out the details by calling the OCT in Salem at 1-503-986-0088 or visit [www.culturaltrust.org](http://www.culturaltrust.org).

### We’re Number 1!

Multnomah County Library is number 1 in annual circulation of library materials among all public libraries in the United States.\*

In 2005, residents checked out 19.5 million books and other items — that’s more than 28 items per man, woman and child in Multnomah County!

\* Public Library Association Statistical Report 2006

# Voters Overwhelmingly Say: Libraries Yes!

By Beckie Lee, Campaign Staff

Six months ago I attended the Friends' annual meeting to let you know the library levy would be on the November ballot and to ask for your help to keep our libraries open. Thanks in large part to Friends of the Library members, staff and board, Multnomah County voters approved the library levy on November 7th with 61% of voters saying Libraries Yes!

Measure 26-81 will keep our libraries open and provide the same hours, programs and services we rely on today. The levy will begin funding our libraries on July 1, 2007 and last until June 30th, 2012. In addition, the levy will provide operating funds for two planned libraries in underserved neighborhoods of North Portland and East County.

This is a huge accomplishment. When we first talked about going to the ballot we knew the challenges would be great. We knew that although residents loved their libraries, there would be many ballot measures and candidates on the ballot, making it hard to communicate with voters about the importance of the library levy. We also knew that voters felt weary of paying more taxes, even if it was for a service they used and appreciated.

But we also knew that 55% of the library's budget would expire if we did not go to the ballot. Waiting until a future election was just too much to risk. Library supporters like the Friends stepped up to get involved in the campaign. You gave money, time, and helped spread the word from St. Johns to Fairview to Capitol Hill neighborhoods about the importance of libraries in our community.

The actual vote tally of the election is just part of the success of this campaign. We were able to mobilize a tremendous amount of support to pass this levy. In fact:



From left, Molly Raphael, Library Director, congratulates Ted Wheeler, Jon Kruse and Beckie Lee on election night.

Over 500 supporters volunteered their time hosting house parties, talking to voters at farmers markets, participating in "Library Days" at their local library, stuffing envelopes, making phone calls, writing letters to the editor, and so much more.

Over 900 individuals, businesses and organizations made financial contributions to the campaign, totaling over \$380,000. The Friends of the Library donated \$60,000 to the effort.

2,500 households displayed their support for the library by putting up a

lawn sign exclaiming "Libraries Yes!"

The levy received the endorsement of *The Oregonian*, *The Gresham Outlook*, the *Portland Tribune*, the *Portland Mercury*, *The Skanner*, *The Portland Observer* and *Willamette Week*.

And for the first time, the campaign produced and ran a television ad promoting the importance of the library. We ran perhaps the most positive political ad on television that put forward a great message about why libraries are essential in our community.

We truly could not have renewed the levy without your support. Please accept our sincere thanks for your ongoing advocacy on behalf of the Multnomah County Library.

Whether or not you were able to donate time to the library campaign, there continues to be volunteer opportunities available with the Friends to help support our library. Please contact Sara at the Friends' office to learn how you can help, 503-224-9176 or foladmin@europa.com.

## Friends of the Library Membership Special!

Your support, through annual membership dues, helps the FOL in its advocacy, outreach and stewardship efforts. Your membership benefits our libraries and strengthens our community. **Become a Friend at this special discount rate!**

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Most used library branch \_\_\_\_\_

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# Welcome New FOL Board Members

**Bob Patton** joined the Friends of the Library Board in September 2006. This is his second year of serving on the FOL Membership Committee. Raised in Bakersfield, California, he received an AA from Bakersfield College, a BA from West Texas A & M University, and an MA from the University of California, Los Angeles. He taught one year in Amarillo, Texas before joining the Los Angeles City Schools where he worked for 31 years as a teacher, research specialist and psychologist.

Since moving to Portland twelve years ago, Bob has worked with the Oregonians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty organization as well as volunteering for City Commissioner Sam Adams in his office. He has volunteered at both the Northwest and St. Johns library branches, working mainly with the Pageturners groups. Lately, he has been seen helping at the Library Days in connection with the November 2006 Library Levy.



And you may have seen him in the “LibrariesYES!” television advertisement.

Bob and his wife Nancy are the parents of four children and eleven grandchildren. Even though he is retired, he still works as a companion caregiver for older adults. Besides staying busy reading recently published books, he is also trying to read some of the older books he missed reading as a younger person.

He is usually reading several contemporary books at a time. The current list includes *The Audacity of Hope* by Barack Obama, *What It Used to Be Like – A Portrait of My Marriage to Raymond Carver* by Maryann Burk Carver, *The Great Risk Shift* by Jacob Hacker and *Life, Death & Bialys* by Dylan Schaffer.

**Carol Clifton** has been a volunteer with the Friends of the Library for over a decade, initially working in the book sorting room packing books; then working at all the FOL book sales except 2001, when she was in New York City with the Red Cross after 9/11. She is the co-chair for the book sale for 2007. While working in the book sorting room, she noticed that romance books were not being sold at the book sales and did some internet research which launched a sideline of selling the romance books on ebay for FOL under the name: luv4salebooks. Not being a romance reader herself, she went to her friendly local neighborhood library, Midland Library, to learn about the genre.

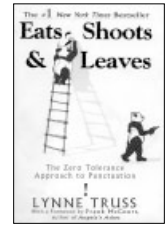
Carol came by her love of libraries at an early age when she made trips to the library three days a week to choose the five books she was allowed to check out at a time. She then worked in her junior high, high school and college libraries, and for many years had a dream of owning a bookstore in the Rockies. Her first career was in journalism and she was also involved in some book publishing. She then taught journalism for a few years before returning to graduate school. Now she is a psychologist in private practice in Clackamas. Carol likes to read mysteries, especially by authors Linda Howard, Tess Gerritson and Kathy Reichs. She also enjoys colored pencil art books, gardening books, cookbooks, and psychology books.

After many, many years working as a librarian, English teacher, and curriculum coordinator in Illinois, Colorado, Utah, Japan, and Greece, **Elayne Scoofakes** retired to live in Portland. The things that made her choose Portland included the cli-



mate, Powell's Book Store, the Multnomah County Library system and the Tri-Met public transit system. The art museum, symphony, opera, and ballet company are added bonuses.

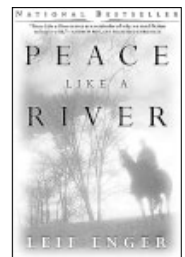
Some of Elayne's recent activities have included volunteering in the Friends' Library Store, working to pass the library levy, teaching a two-week library seminar for high school teachers in Phnom Penh, and helping her daughter-in-law open her high school library in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. She has also been spending time traveling to Greece, Mexico, and Arizona; reading (of course), and tending her patio garden. *Eats Shoots and Leaves* is one of her recent favorite books.



**Mary Monson** is a relative newcomer to Portland. After retiring from the University of Iowa Libraries, she decided to try life on the West Coast. She came to Portland for a two-month visit and never left! Within a week of her arrival she had her library card and shortly thereafter, she began volunteering at the Friends' Library Store.

Mary also volunteers at the Portland Art Museum. In her spare time she enjoys visiting Portland's unique neighborhoods and trying new restaurants. She also loves watching movies that she's checked out from the library.

Some of Mary's favorite books are: *The Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion, *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger, *Snow Falling on Cedars* by David Guterson and *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant.



# 33<sup>rd</sup> Friends' Used Book Sale Another Success!

By Anne Pearson, 2006 Book Sale Chair

The Friends held their 33rd annual fall used book sale the weekend of October 6 - 9. Over \$86,000 worth of good, used books and materials were sold to over 4100 sale patrons. As always, proceeds from the sale go to help fund library programs like Pageturners, Bucket of Books, Teen Lounges and for library advocacy.

We were delighted to be able to use the same location for the fall sale that we've used since 2004, 1635 NE Sandy Blvd. (site of the former Lyman Slack car dealership). Having the same location makes it so much easier for our patrons to find us from year to year, and we really couldn't ask for a more visible, easily accessible location. On the downside, the paving work done on Sandy Blvd. right in front of the sale on Monday, October 9th, did not make it easy for either volunteers or patrons to make it through the door. But they persevered - those books at 75% off were just too alluring to keep people away!

The new book sale policies regarding hand-held scanners and returning to the "no more than one box of books on the floor at any time" rule were very successful and our patrons were quite cooperative. The book sale



Scenes from this year's successful book sale include (top left) Angie Surmon and Anne Pearson welcoming Friday night's members; buying books and, of course, reading them.

seemed to be less chaotic because of the new policies, and we received many compliments from patrons on how efficient and well-organized the sale was.

Our tireless staff: Angie Surmon, Jason Greene and Sara Lindgren were instrumental to the success of this year's sale, along with the over 100

volunteers who helped throughout the weekend. Our Book Sale Committee works all year preparing for this sale—we couldn't put on this event without their good work and input. In addition to FOL members, we had volunteers from Wells Fargo and Hands On Portland—we truly appreciate everyone who does so much to make this annual event so successful. The businesses that donate merchandise and advertising to the sale are also a big part of our success—they are listed in the box on page 6. Please think of them as you are out shopping and tell them thanks for their support!

Watch our website ([www.friends-library.org](http://www.friends-library.org)) for dates and location for our spring sale in Gresham and our 2007 fall sale, and thank you for your continued patronage.

(Editor's note: And to Anne, our capable and generous Book Sale Chair for two years, many thanks for her leadership. She, too, was tireless.)



## Thank you

for your generous donations!

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And the many hours of volunteer  
time donated by our members!

## Store Enters Second Year with a Little Help from Friends

By Babs Adamski, Manager, Friends' Library Store

As I start my second year as the Friends' Library Store manager, I would like to tell about the kind folks who have been helping me so generously with their time and efforts. As noted in the last newsletter, Phoebe Daurio has joined the staff as a store assistant. Her presence has made a real difference in how we attract and engage volunteers. Phoebe and I just tallied the number of volunteers and hours for this week in early November: 23 marvelous volunteers gave a total of 74 hours!

During the month of October we said good-bye to three long-term volunteers: **Jo Burch**, **Ralph Wright** and **Elizabeth Joseph**. Jo and Ralph have been volunteering with the store during its gift shop and book store incarnations since the opening of the store in 1996. Elizabeth came later to volunteer and has shared a shift with Jo over the last few years. I've really appreciated the dedication and the institutional memory they've shared with me. We wish them all our best and offer gratitude for the many, many hours of volunteer service. They will be missed.

As we say good-bye to these stalwart volunteers, we are also saying hello to new volunteers. **Anne Scott** started in the store in October and twice a week she comes in for the late afternoon shift as well as substitutes on the night of the Friends' board meetings, which allows new board member **Elayne Scoofakes** (our Wednesday afternoon volunteer) and me to get to the meeting on time!

Other recent volunteers include **Laura Newton** (all day on Sunday), **Carissa Clark** (the editor of her high school's paper), **David Sneed** (late of NYC), **Eloise Holland** (late of New Orleans) and **Dick Fallstad** (late of teaching career in Gresham schools).



Long-time volunteer, Barbara Brown, is ready to ring up your sales at the Friends' Library Store.

All of the new volunteers bring great ideas, new thoughts, and talents to improve the Friends' Library Store. I appreciate the positive energy that volunteers throughout the Friends bring to the store!

### More Volunteers Needed

Currently, we have eight shifts open (3 hours long, once per week). We are always ready to welcome more into our fold. Phoebe Daurio does most of the scheduling for volunteers. Give her a call at 503-988-6762 or e-mail her at [dauriop@gmail.com](mailto:dauriop@gmail.com) and she'll tell you more about the number of volunteer possibilities. For those of you who can't make a weekly commitment but still want to help out, we also have marketing and public relation projects that could be done outside of store hours. We would love your help in these areas, especially if you are knowledgeable in research, graphics, or publicity. Give us a call to talk about it!



## Everyone Connects at the North Portland Library Computer Lab

By Patricia Welch, Supervisor,  
North Portland Library

The North Portland Neighborhood Library is the home of the first and largest public computer laboratory in the Multnomah County Library system. It is a destination point for computer users throughout the county, offering the longest hours and greatest variety of classes of any location. Established in 2001 with funds from a Gates Foundation grant, all 12 lab computers offer Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint and Publisher, plus Typing Tutor and Photo Editor.

“A microcosm of Multnomah County passes through our doors each day,” said Lab Coordinator Charlotte Sherman. “Students, business owners, seniors new to computers and job seekers upgrading their skills are all part of our demographic. We attract county-wide users because we’re open five days a week, and offer a variety of services.”



The computer lab at North Portland Neighborhood Library is popular with users of all ages.

## Friends Win Awards

Friends of Libraries, U.S.A. is pleased to announce that Friends of the Multnomah County Library has received three **Best Friends Awards for 2005** in recognition of outstanding publicity materials in the categories of:

- Membership Brochure, Large Public Library, Winner
- Friends Stores, Large Public Library, Winner
- Newsletter, Large Public Library, Winner – tie

“It is clear that you do an outstanding job of promoting your library and your group,”

said FOLUSA Executive Director Sally Reed. “You should know that we received a number of outstanding entries, so you can be doubly proud. We wish you all the best in your continuing endeavors on behalf of your library”. We wish to thank our Committee chairs, FOL staff and graphic designers Jeanne Galick and Nancy Boudreau for the work they have done to create these award-winning pieces.



Stephanie Vardavas (left) and Anne Pearson (right) accept the Partnership Award from Multnomah County Chair Diane Linn, on behalf of the Friends.



Diane Linn, Chair of the Multnomah County Commissioners, has chosen the Friends to receive one of her **Chair's Partnership Awards for 2006**. Chair Linn recently presented the special award and plaque to the FOL board during its monthly board meeting. She spoke about the Friends' partnership and efforts to embrace the library campaign and increase voter turnout. Chair Linn stated that there is no better example of where the taxpayer gets a greater benefit for their tax investment than the library. We're grateful for this recognition.

Patrons can drop-in or make reservations for up to two hours per day. There are classes for many software programs in both English and Spanish. Seniors learn computer basics at their own pace in Cyber-Seniors classes.

Teens, the true lab “power users,” get homework help, do online research or just relax with friends in the after-school Teen Lounge. The North Portland Lounge is #1 in attendance and steadily growing. In response to this growth, a second Lounge was added to the weekly schedule.

Overall lab usage is growing, too. “Class attendance increased when we added Wednesday evening and Saturday classes,” notes Sherman. She credits loyal and talented volunteers for much of the lab's success. “Our volunteers teach classes, assist users, tutor students and help us keep the doors open. We couldn't do this without them.”

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 503-988-4810.



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**Dec. 5 – 10**

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Papyrus line has a more standard, but pleasing, approach. I'm personally excited to see images of penguins represented in both lines. I'm also enjoying the many styles of calendars we are carrying; our selection is especially interesting for 2007.

The Friends' Library Store has always been known for their large selection of bookends and this year is no exception. We have a stunning array of these useful and popular items.

What better gift to accompany our high quality used books than a charming set of bookends?

Happy Holidays to all from the staff and volunteers at The Friends' Library Store!



*Manager Babs Adamski replenishes the book shelves every week with good used books.*

**Store Hours:** Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Sunday, 12 to 5p.m.  
Monday, Closed (*also closed on Dec. 24 and 25*)

### **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.

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