

Recent Gifts and Memorials

GIVEN BY	ITEM	IN MEMORY OF
Ruth Evans	<u>The Hamilton Affair</u> (Large Print) Cobb	Elaine Sweney
PHS Class of 1953	<u>In the Shadow of Denali</u> (Large Print)	Ruth E. Haase

A bounty of new resources awaits you at library

To update the adult nonfiction collection, acquisitions have focused on several specific areas, according to Adult Services Director Lynn Harthorne. She specifically mentioned purchases in family life and parenting. She noted that PCL now subscribes to two wedding magazines for first time. Titles for science are being considered, though Harthorne noted that the breadth of that subject means that acquisitions must be thoroughly considered and will be gradual. Youth Services Director Amanda Pardo pointed out purchases in YA social studies categories, specifically in African-American history. She commented on the intense interest of YA readers in new fiction, which she finds exciting because the offerings are "constantly changing."



Remember to register *The Friends of the Portage Free Library Inc.* as your choice for charitable organization to receive a portion of the purchase price for items purchased at smile.amazon.com. Once you have registered, just remember to return to Amazon Smile every time. It's that simple, and every little bit helps! The

Friends recently received a check for \$35.98 based on purchases made the last four months of 2016.



SAVE THE DATE:
JULY 19-22
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
ANNUAL BOOK SALE

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Portage Public Library
253 W. Edgewater St.
Portage, WI 53901

March 2017 Friends of the Portage Library

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Bylaws amendments proposed
This winter the Friends Board considered certain changes in language to the By-laws of the organization. The Portage Library website contains a links so that members can review and comment on these changes. The Board will take a final vote on these changes at the May meeting. Copies of the proposed changes are also available on the small table on the south wall by the circulation desk. Comments about the changes should be directed by April 15 to portagelibraryfriends@gmail.com or mail to Friends of the Library, c/o Portage Public Library, 253 W. Edgewater St., Portage, 53901.



Service to homebound: we can help!

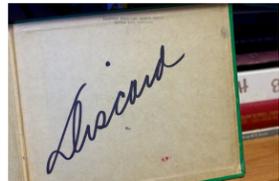
Know someone who enjoys using library resources but has trouble getting downtown? We can help! Delivery / pickup of resources to residents in the Portage School District is available. Just contact Portage Library Director Jessica Bergin at jbergin@portagelibrary.usa, or phone the library at 742-4959. Staff members can suggest titles according to the interests of the patron. Presently the schedules allows pick up and delivery every two weeks, but that could change as demand increases. FRIENDS, want to help with this service? Contact Jessica to volunteer.



Discarding: Out with the old, in with the new

"All libraries discard books, and it is part of the life cycle of a book and of a library collection," explained Portage Library Director Jessica Bergin. She likened the process to the one we use at home with our own clothes closets, and cited the need for display space as one of the primary concerns.

- Among the reasons for discarding a books are that
- It is in poor condition
 - It contains inaccurate or outdated information
 - It is no longer checked out, and/or
 - It doesn't qualify for addition to the historical or other special collections.



Bergin noted that the library adds dozens ("sometimes hundreds!") of new books each month, and we need to find space for them.

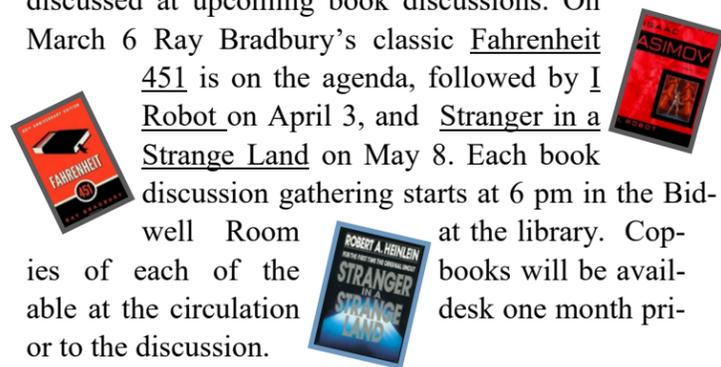
"Shelves that are stuffed full compress books and damage them," she explained. "Besides, it is visually easier to browse a shelf that is not completely full, and space on a shelf allows us to display books face-out, which is known to improve circulation."

She noted that many recent discards have come from the adult non-fiction collection, which the staff is working to develop and update. "We're playing catch up there," she commented about the effort to make nonfiction offerings more relevant.

Items discarded from the library are stored by the Friends and are available at bargain prices at the book sales held occasionally during the year but primarily at the main book sale held each July. Offerings will be available this year July 19-22.

Join the circle of Sci-fi readers

Three more science fiction books will be dissected and discussed at upcoming book discussions. On March 6 Ray Bradbury's classic Fahrenheit 451 is on the agenda, followed by I Robot on April 3, and Stranger in a Strange Land on May 8. Each book discussion gathering starts at 6 pm in the Bidwell Room at the library. Copies of each of the books will be available at the circulation desk one month prior to the discussion.



.... Or solve a good mystery

The Mystery Lovers book club has three books lined up for discussion in the near future. On March 14, they will be talking about Donald Westlake's Money for Nothing, and on April 11 The Hemingway Thief by Shaun Harris will be under the microscope. The final book on the agenda for spring reading is The Magician's Lie by Greer Macallister.

Library signage gets updates

According to Adult Services Director Lynn Harthorne, there's been reorganization and "lots of relabeling" in media areas. On the west end of the Adult Library proper, CDs are displayed in new, accessible towers. Movies are housed alphabetically in one set of shelves on the main floor, while audio-books are housed in another set of shelves. More specific classification of vocal and instrumental CDs has been provided. Patrons can now browse through categories including Blues/Jazz; Bluegrass/Folk; Classical Contemporary Christian. New Age, Rap/Hip Hop/R & B, Soundtracks/Musicals.

New signage at the library includes one reminding library users to NOT use the space set aside for teens, and the sign (below) clearly indicating "family friendly" library materials.



Art-o-Rama, Bingo ahead in Children's Department

Saturday, March 4: **FamilyFunEvent** will be an "Art-o-Rama" for children up to age 12 (siblings welcome); 10-11 a.m. in the Children's Program Room. Families will visit four stations of art activities that include: thumb print art, sock monsters, extended art, and art rubbings. The snack station will allow kids to create an edible art piece. No registration required. All supplies provided. Funding provided by Friends of the Library

Portage Community Schools will be on Spring Break March 20-24; there will be no regular story times that week. Instead, the Children's Department will have a special carry-out **Spring Break Bingo Card** activity for kids in PreK-5th grade (age 4-12 years). Pick up the Bingo Card at any time; complete a Bingo & turn in card to the Children's Desk to be entered into a random drawing. All cards due by 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 25. Prize drawing will be on Monday, March 27. Winners will be contacted by telephone.



Check the Portage Public Library Children's Face Book page for more information on programming, literacy tips, book recommendations, and more.



Local artist Chris Dreyer gives instruction to budding artists at a three-part watercolor class at the library.

New and renewing Friends of the Library

(current as of 2/1/17)

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