

Recent Gifts and Memorials

GIVEN BY	ITEM	IN MEMORY OF
Class of 1949	<u>British Manor Murder</u> (large print edition) by Leslie Meier	Patricia Anne (“Patsy”) Paulson
Class of 1949	<u>National Geographic’s Greatest Landscapes</u>	Henry (“Hank”) Neimeyer, Jr.
GIVEN BY	ITEM	IN HONOR OF
Friends of the Library	<u>The Anatomy of Greatness: Lessons from the Best Golf Swings in History</u> by Brandel Chamblee	Sue Conner
Friends of the Library	<u>Native Plants of the Midwest: A Comprehensive Guide to the Best 500 Species for the Garden</u> by Alan Branhagen	Susan MacLeish

Thanks to those who counted

When the library’s automatic and out of sight counter failed at the entrance to the building, the following Friends of the Library came to the rescue, manually counting each person who entered the main entrance at the library Nov. 7-11: Sue Bradley, Cathy Carlson, Jane Considine, Kathryn Crawford, Jean Damm, Linda Floeter, Dan and Laura George, Mary Grimm, Sukie Hahn, Joan Indermark, Marv Jensen, Deb Lechner, Sue Martin, Sarah Mautz, Louise Rapa, Ellie Voigt, John Waldman, and Ed Zydowsky. The report of library visitors is sent annually to WI Department of Public Instruction, Library Division.

Former board members honored

At its November meeting, the Friends of the Library voted to honor outgoing long-time board members Sue Conner and Susan MacLeish by purchasing two books that reflect their interests. (See above.) Susan left the board after 25 years of service. Sue Conner served library interests both as a member of the Friends board for 12 years, and as a library trustee for four years. At the general membership meeting, Eileen Marshall and Linda Floeter were elected to the board, and MacKenzie Reitmann was appointed as student representative.

Friends of the
Portage Public Library
253 W. Edgewater St.
Portage, WI 53901

December
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Friends of the Portage Library

Friends of the Library Board of Directors

- Jane Considine, President
- Lawrence Gramer, V-P
- Sue Martin, Treasurer
- Mary Grimm, Secretary
- Dorothy Baldwin
- Jean Damm
- Linda Floeter
- Joan Indermark
- Marvin Jensen
- Eileen Marshall
- MacKenzie Rietmann
- Ed Zydowsky

If you have questions about the Friends of the Library contact any of the above board members, or send an email to portagelibraryfriends@gmail.com

New staff bring experience, expertise

Local resident Dave Kreklow is the new Portage Library Circulation Director. He’s had experience working at SCLS libraries in Pardeeville and Wyocena. Besides knowing and assisting local patrons, he particularly appreciates the historical resources available in the Sanderson Room here. “The library is a wonderful resource,” he says, and he hopes the community will “embrace it more.”



Unofficial “morale officer” and “coffee guru” is Randy Schultz, the new Reference Library Assistant. Relocated recently to Wisconsin from Illinois and before that, Maryland, Randy worked mainly in Special and Alternative Education. He is passionate about reading and



writing and has always dreamed about joining a library staff.

Portage native Cathy Carlson came onboard Oct. 1 as Circulation Clerk. She provides information, conducts on-line searches, and generally serves patrons. Believing the library is one of the important places in the community, Cathy loves the atmosphere and notes “There’s something here for everyone!”



Newly-hired Circulation Clerk Deb Lechner has extensive experience as a library support staff member in the Wausau Public Schools, most recently at East High School. Since she moved to Portage in 2014, she’s worked in the Advertising Department at the *Portage Daily Register*.



Friends help fulfill library’s wish list

A puzzle caddy? A small vacuum cleaner for the Children’s Area? Several small shopping carts? “Nothing is left in this year’s budget, but we wish we could purchase a couple . . .” Since unexpected needs such as these arise, the Friends’ Board asked that the library staff compile an ongoing “wish list.” In September, after the record-breaking success of the July 2016 book sale, the Friends’ Board voted to allocate up to \$1,200 from its budget to purchase the items on the wish list. Look around the library for these new conveniences, including a Keurig coffee pot for patrons involved in programs, a button maker kit (for library promotion, craft projects, etc.); and a small vacuum cleaner for the Children’s area. Several other items, including a spine-label printer and a receipt printer, will help with book processing and checkout.

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Getting to know
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Sci-fi explored with book discussions

Azimov . . . Bradbury . . . Heinlein . . . Herbert . . . Weir . . . Great names in modern science fiction. One title by each of these authors has been selected for reading and discussion in the upcoming 2017 Adult Book Series. Multiple copies of each title will be available for individual patrons to check out the month before each meeting.

Participants will meet in the Bidwell Room at the library from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. according to the following schedule:

On January 9, *The Martian* (Andy Weir) – Discussion will be facilitated by Lawrence Gramer.

On February 6, *Dune*, (Frank Herbert) -- Discussion will be facilitated by Hans Jensen.

March 6, *Fahrenheit 451* (Ray Bradbury) – Discussion will be facilitated by Lynn Harthorne.

April 3, *I Robot* (Isaac Azimov) -- Discussion will be

facilitated by Jim Marshall.
May 8, *Stranger in a Strange Land* (Robert Heinlein) -- Discussion will be facilitated by Jane Considine and Ed Zydowsky.

Join us to contemplate alternative universes!



Children’s department events

Ongoing for children in grades 4K-5:
Block Party



Lego-themed building activities with different building themes each session.
Tuesdays -- 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Registration not required.
Children ages 4 – 6 years must accompanied by an adult

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!



Need a gift idea? We’ve got one!

If you need an idea for a seasonal gift, stop at the library on Friday, Dec. 16 or Saturday, Dec. 17 and purchase a gift membership to Friends of the Library. For each family membership (\$20) you’ll get a dozen homemade holiday cookies attractively



packaged and ready for giving. Each individual gift membership (\$10) will come with 1/2 dozen holiday cookies. This offer is good only for NEW memberships, not renewals. Friends of the Library board member Dorothy Baldwin is organizing the promotion, and other Friends board members will be providing the cookies.

The Portage Public Library
will be CLOSED
Dec. 23, 24, 25 26, 30 and 31,
and January 1 and 2.

Mind/body class for adults

Join TaijiFit instructor Laura Veselovsky as she leads participants through 30 minutes of moving meditation. TaijiFit is a mind/body exercise that is suitable for all ages. It combines the best of traditional Tai Chi with modern Western fitness practices. The TaijiFit movements are slow, but the whole body is constantly moving to a mix of popular, folk and instrumental music. There are no routines to learn or choreography to remember. Comfortable, loose-fitting clothing is appropriate. The class started Dec. 3, and two more sessions will be held on Dec. 10 and 17, with class starting at 11 am.



Time to renew your support of Friends of the Library

Annual Membership (Jan. 1—Dec. 31)

☐ Membership renewal ☐ New Membership

Please check the desired category

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Business/Patron | \$50 |

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL _____

☐ YES, I would like to receive information & newsletters by email to reduce mailing & copying costs.

Please indicate your areas of interest:

Children’s Department

☐ Baking

Teen Department

☐ Baking

Library Book Sale

- ☐ Pre-sale sorting
- ☐ Staffing the sale
- ☐ Set-up or clean up

- ☐ Friend’s board member
- ☐ Participate in book discussion
- ☐ Grounds beautification
- ☐ Provide refreshments

Please detach & return this section to:

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c/o Portage Public Library
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You will also find membership forms at the library.



Teen activities ahead



Special event on Teen Tuesday, December 13, from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Button-Making with the library’s newly purchased equipment.

Movie Night – To be announced.

Homework Help in the computer lab continues afternoons each week day from 3:30 to 5:00.

For further information, check with Amanda Pardo, teen and technology services coordinator.