

Joint effort with John Muir School big success

The John Muir School Family Reading Night on May 8 was held at the Portage Library. This year the school's Reading Night committee decided to hold the event at



the library to bring families to the library and encourage people to get library cards. Dawn Foster, Portage Library Youth Services Librarian, coordinated this unique collaboration with staff from the school. Families picked up a passport and toured the three departments (Adult, Teen and Children) to get their passports stamped. Departments featured exhibits, refreshments, a random drawing and more. Including students and school staff, approximately 175 people attended.

“Many of the people were new patrons,” commented one library aide. The collaboration was considered a great success by staff from both the school and



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SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM 2018



Starts
Monday,
June 4 through
Wednesday,
July 25, 2018

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. Over \$65 has accrued this fiscal year.

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It's that time again: Book Sale!

The 2018 Friends of the Portage Library book sale will be August 2 (9 — 8) August 3 (9—5:30), August 4 (9 —1:30). Preview night for Friends will be August 1 (6—8) with memberships available at the door. Over 12,000 books, CDs, DVDs, and LPs will be available at \$1 or less, with hundreds of children's books at 50 cents.

Donations of hardcover and paperback books, cookbooks, DVDs, LPs, and comic books would be welcome before July 14. Donated items need to be in good condition – with no encyclopedias or magazines, please. Donations may be brought to the library. For home pick-up, please contact Marv Jensen at 742-7783 or mjensen43@icloud.com.

The final big push before the doors open for the book sale will start at 9 am on Saturday, July 28, when boxes of books will be moved from the storage room at the library to the Bidwell Room. Work will continue of July 30 when volunteers will meet at the library at 9 am and proceed to a rented storage unit where more boxes of books will be loaded in cars and delivered to the library. **Many hands will make light work of these efforts, and volunteers are encouraged to contact Marv Jensen (742-7783 or mjensen43@icloud.com).**

The annual book sale is the largest single source of income for Friends of the Library. In 2017, over \$7,000 in proceeds from the sale supported programming for children, teens and adults.



Ed Zydowsky and Joan Indermark, both Friends of the Library board members, are among those who have been volunteering for the past several months to prepare for the book sale by sorting and boxing donated books, and most recently, carefully aligning vinyl letters on banners promoting the sale.



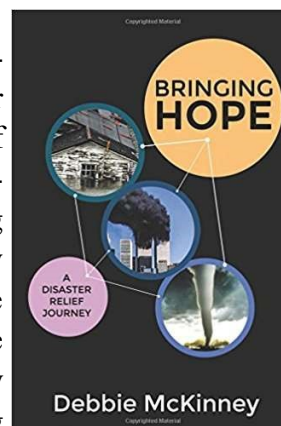
Summer Library
Program
Kick-Off Party!
Stuart Stotts
Wednesday, June 6,
6:30PM

Children's Program
Room

Annual meeting, program scheduled for October. 17

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Portage Library will be held on Wednesday, October 17, in the Bidwell Room at the library. All members are welcome to attend.

The program will be long-time Red Cross volunteer Debbie McKinney of Mauston. McKinney will discuss her experiences serving those affected by 9/11 in New York City and by Hurricane Katrina along the Gulf. These experiences are covered by the book she wrote, Bringing Hope, a copy of which she's presenting to the library.



Books, movies, games, magic, all in teens' summer program

Teens 6th to 12th grade can look forward to a fantastic Teen Summer Library Program 2018 at the Portage Public Library! There will be two teen programs a week, as well as a Reading Program, from June 5 to July 29. These programs will be on Tuesdays from 1:00-3:30 pm (typically a movie of some sort), and Fridays from 3:30-5:30 pm (a craft, board games, video games, etc.).

Additionally, our teen *Magic: the Gathering Club* will start again on Thursday, June 7, from 3:30-5:30 pm, and be held every other Thursday until the end of our Summer Library Program.

The Reading Program consists of five hour "challenges" teens can read for and log online. Contestants have a chance to win one of eight different \$50 "prize packages" when we do a drawing at the end of July.

For details about the Teen Reading Program, weekly teen events, and more, please visit our Teen Facebook at www.facebook.com/PortageTeens. See you at the library!"

Questions about your membership status?

Are you one of those busy people who doesn't remember if you sent your check for membership renewal for Friends of the Library?" Just call membership chairperson Eileen Marshall at 742-0270, or pop her an email portagelibraryfriends@gmail.com to get your question answered.

Activities for YOU at library this summer

Movie Mondays 10 am Bidwell Room

6/4 Molly's Game (rated R)
6/11 Hostiles (rated R)
6/18 Game Night (rated R)
6/25 A Wrinkle in Time (rated PG)
7/2 Black Panther (rated PG)
7/16 All the Money in the World (rated R)
7/23 Paddington (rated PG)
7/30 15:17 to Paris (rated PG-13)

Far and Away Book Club 6 pm Sanderson Room

6/2 Driftless by David Rhodes
7/2 Animal, Vegetable, Miracle by Barbara Kingsolver

Mystery Lovers Book Club 1:30 pm Sanderson Room

6/12 Christine Falls by Benjamin Black
No meeting in July

Knit @ the Library 11 am Reading Room
June 5, 12, 19 & 26; July 2, 10, 17, 24 & 31

CREATE @ the Library 6 pm Bidwell Room;
June 6 & 20; July 18

Other programs: (all in Bidwell Room)

6/5 Crafternoon: Mason Jar Terrariums, 1 pm
6/18 How to Prevent Human Trafficking, 6:30 pm
6/19 Cr-after hours with Sarah: Blue, Red & white wreath, 5:30 pm
6/16 History of Gemstones, 6:30 pm
6/27 Canning & Food Preservation, 5:30 pm
7/9 Earring Set with Prairie Flower Beads, 1 pm
7/9 Cool for the Summer! Frozen Desserts, 5:30 pm
6/28 Iditarod Adventure, 5:30 pm
7/19 Cr-after Hours with Sarah, 5:30 pm
7/25 Hiking Basics with REI, 5:30 pm
6/26 & 7/24 Genealogy @the Library, 1 pm

Saturday After Hours @ the Library

6/23 Grayling Pingle, one man band, 6:30 pm
7/21 Paint Night! 6:30 pm

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

☐ ☐ Individual \$10
☐ ☐ ☐ Family \$20
☐ ☐ ☐ 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

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