

Eager buyers, volunteers, businesses, all make book sale a success

More than 50 buyers were waiting as the doors opened to the public at 9 a.m. on Thursday, August 1, for the annual Friends’ Book Sale. Through Saturday afternoon, August 3, patrons browsed and bought, and volunteer Friends restocked the tables lined with offerings. Business was steady. This year’s sale net \$6,700, just under last year’s record total.

The three-day sale offered approximately 15,000 items including hardcover books, paperbacks, cds, and vinyl. More than 70 volunteers worked to set up, sell, and pack up remaining items. Some of these were stored for future sales. Some children’s books were donated to youngsters attending the Summer Lunch Program at the library.

This year, the local St. Vincent de Paul store was unable to accept this volume of paper for resale or recycling. However, the store allowed use of its truck to transport items discarded from the sale. The Goodwill store in Portage was able to accept them.

Among the businesses and organizations contributing to the book sale effort are the director and staff of the Portage Public Library, city of Portage, Portage Parks and Recreation Department, Portage Academy of Achievement, Portage Printing, The O’Brion Agency, Douglas W. Kammer, Portage Chamber of Commerce, Wisconsin Dells Visitor and Con-

vention Bureau, Columbia County Visitor's Bureau, Portage Community Schools, St. Mary's Best Fest, Crawford Oil, Cascade Mountain, St. Vincent de Paul, Friends of the Wycena Library, Link's Greenhouse, Pepsi-Cola Co., Smith's Farm Market, Portage Daily Register, The Big Cheese Magazine, The Express, Magnum Broadcasting and other area businesses, libraries and offices."

Recent Memorial to Portage Library

Donor	In Honor of	Title
PHS Class of 1954	Edward Klappstein	Next Bite Fishing TV Series seasons 4-8
PHS class of 1948	James Crowley	The Other Classroom: the Essential Importance of High
Sierra Anacker-Swantz	Garth Anacker	Treasurer: 2017 Poetry Collection
PHS Class of 1953	Jane E. Burright Herrington	The Great Course: How to Grow Anything: Food Gardening for Everyone by

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If you have questions about the Friends of the Library contact any of the above board members, or send email to [portagelibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:portagelibraryfriends@gmail.com)

New book totes available

You can support the library with your purchase of a tote bag. The attractive forest green tote bag with the Friends logo is available at the circulation desk. Each tote is \$3, and proceeds will support Friends activities. Thanks to Friends member Marv Jensen who underwrote the cost of this fundraiser.



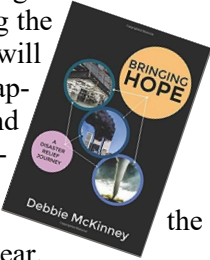
Supper Clubs, Red Cross relief  
Topics for October programs

Debbie McKinney, author of *Bringing Hope: A Disaster Relief Journal*, will be the speaker at the **October 17 annual meeting of Friends of the Li-**



**brary.** Refreshments will be served beginning at 5:30 pm with the author’s program to follow. McKinney served on the scene in New York City after the 9/11 disaster, in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, and on the Atlantic coast after Hurricane Sandy. She will share her experiences that she found both challenging and uplifting.

At the annual meeting of Friends of the Library following the program, members will vote for officers, approve the budget, and hear a report on activities for the past year and plans for the upcoming program year.

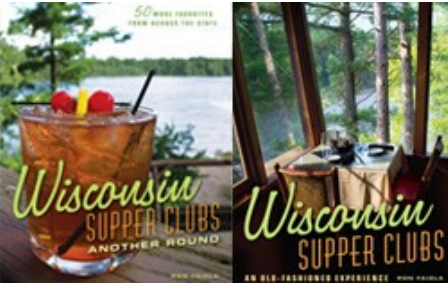


The program and the meeting are both open to the general public although only members of Friends of the Library will be able to vote.

The following week, a special program is available for adults thanks to donations provided in memory of life-long Portage Library supporter Dr. Stewart Taylor, Sr. (1921-2017). The presentation is scheduled to take place at 5:30 p.m. on **Thursday, October 25**, in the Bidwell Room.

Greendale, WI, resident Ron Faiola will share insights based on research for two pop culture volumes: *Wisconsin Supper Club: An Old-fashioned Experience* (2013) and *Wisconsin Supper Club: Another Round* (2015.) Faiola will recount his experiences touring restaurants from the Northwoods to the cities in the southern part of the state.

These restaurants share an emphasis on “old-fashioned hospitality, slow-paced dining, and good scratch cooking.” Restaurants as close as Ishnala and the Del Bar in Wisconsin Dells/Lake Delton are among those featured.



Time to register for kids’ fall programs

- Toddler Thursday story times for ages 18-36 months begins the fall session on Sept. 6 @ 9:30 & 10:30
- Preschool Story Time fall session for ages 3-5 years begins on Tuesday, Sept. 11 @ 10:00 a.m. & Wed., Sept. 12 @ 10:00 a.m.
- Our first "FamilyFunEvent" for the fall is Saturday, Oct. 6, 10-11

a.m. We kick-off the new season of family programs with a carnival! Games, prizes, crafts, refreshments & more!

- Be sure to check out the Children's Department's Facebook page for details on all children's programming, birth to 12 years!





Former school teacher turned children's performer, David Landau, gets kids to pretend to sleep during a song, only to wake them up to sing & dance! His lively program was part of the celebration of the 5th anniversary of the expansion of the children's department.



At left are just some of the amazing teen volunteers that were on hand to assist at the Children's Department's 5th birthday party celebration held on Wednesday, August 8. The party began with children making a birthday hat to wear during a performance by Madison performer, David Landau. Following a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday," kids and their families enjoyed cake and frozen custard. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for providing the funds for the Landau appearance and the cake; also, thank you to Culvers for the custard.



## Teen programs growing in popularity, participation

I'm proud to report that we had an extraordinarily successful Teen Summer Library Program. During June and July, we had a diverse range of both pre-planned and drop-in programs totaling 35 events with over 500 total teen attendance.

The Teen Reading Program saw registration jump from 62 teens in 2017 to 89 teens this summer, or a 34.8% participation increase. More importantly, we jumped from 1,564 total hours read in the summer of 2017 to 2,375 hours this summer, a whopping 51.8% increase. This shows that we are not only getting more teens signed up, but also we're seeing a significantly higher completion rate. All of this was possible due to the gracious funding raised by the Friends of the Library.

Throughout the fall and winter we plan to continue this trend of teen success with plenty of exciting and creative pro-

grams. I am expecting to have regular Teen *Dungeons & Dragons* meetups, similar to our ever-popular *Magic: the Gathering* Club. Additionally, we are going to be receiving a fresh box of different Japanese snacks each month for our Teen Anime Club, so interested teens can try snack foods they can't get in America, and we will be having more Teen Virtual Reality Nights now that the Friends of the Library purchased a PlayStation Virtual Reality kit just for us. We may even use this VR kit for adult programs some day - it's a wild experience unlike any other!



Stay tuned to our Teen Facebook page for specific program details as we move through September and October

Chris Baker, Teen Services Coordinator

### Children's Department

#### Back-to-School Coffee

Tues, Sept 4, 9—10:30 am

Coffee and treats provided!



## New library director seeks input from community

Formulating next year's budget was the first task newcomer Emily Goad tackled in July when she began serving as Director of the Portage Community Library. That meant meetings with city, county, and South Central Library System officials. It meant interviewing staff and assessing data to develop a budget proposal.

Now Goad looks forward to going out and being in the community. Coming from Kewaskum where she was the library director, Goad is excited about the possibilities offered by the Portage staff, facility, and community. She plans to gather information to answer questions such as

- How can we attract more library users of all ages?
- What should be the library's role as a community center?
- What "little things" can we use out in the community to attract interest?
- How can a variety of fundraisers supplement the funding provided by government entities?
- How can we attract Friends of all ages?
- What should be the library's role in adult literacy?
- What resources for employment search should the library provide in this age of reduced government support?

Goad praised the Library staff, the Board, the Friends, and the services already offered here. She welcomes input to address her questions and other library concerns. She can be contacted at [emilyg@portagelibrary.gov](mailto:emilyg@portagelibrary.gov).

## Programs for adults nourish creative and curious minds

There's no shortage of opportunities for getting creative or expanding your in knowledge about the world if you come to the library this fall. A partial list of programs September through November include

After Hours @ the Library (registration required)

*Paint Party* Sept 8, 6:30 pm

*Fox Cities Paranormal Ghost Hunters*, Oct. 19, 7 pm

*100 Years of Green Bay Packers History*, Nov 3, 6:30 pm

Culinary Series (all at 5:30 pm)

*Apple Feast*, Sept. 10

*Game Day Appetizers with a Crock Pot*, Oct 29

*Vegan Night with the Cheeze Factory*, Nov. 12, 5:30

How-To Series (all at 6:30 pm)

*Essential Oils for Cleaning, combatting germs*, Sept 25

*Family Pet Care with Dr. Cooper*, Oct. 24

*Winter Car Maintenance*, Nov. 27

New Things Thursdays (all at 5:30 pm)

*Banned Books* with Judy Eulberg, Sept 27,

*Old Fashioned Supper Club Experience* with Ron Faiola, Oct. 25

*Personal Safety Tips with Portage Police Dept*, Date TBD

Books Clubs

*Far and Away Book Club*, Sept 10, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, (6 pm)

*Mystery Lovers Book Club*, Sept 11, Oct. 9. Nov. 13 (1:30)

*Cookbook Club*, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, (12 pm)

For information on other programs for adults (Craft Programs, Knit @ the Library, Genealogy @ the Library, Create @ the Library; and Movie Mondays, see <https://www.portagelibrary.us> or email to [programs@portagelibrary.us](mailto:programs@portagelibrary.us)