

# Friends of the Bellevue Public Library

2010 Newsletter



2010 Board: Mary Jo Hopfensperger, President, Evonne Edgington, Vice President, Mary Yonkers, Treasurer, Neil Edgington, Secretary, Loretta Donnelly, Phyllis Anderson, Frankie Hannan, Marilyn Parker, Maureen Kowker. Bev Lusey, staff advisor

## Upcoming Events

- July 24 - July 28 Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the large meeting room during business hours until 6 p.m. on July 28. Last year we sold \$1100 and earned \$258. To receive a cash payment this year, we need to sell \$1800 in Scholastic products. Alice Boeckman, Children's Librarian, will encourage the Junior Friends to help in the book sale this summer. *Please put this date on your calendar.*
- August 12 - Wrap Party at 2 PM. Come help wrap books for our "Books for Babies" program.
- October 11- Annual Meeting at 7 PM. Review of Bylaws and election of 2011 Board members. Save the date!!
- Board meetings of the Friends are held at the library on the second Monday of the month at 5 P.M., except July, August, and December.

## A Message from our President

The Board has had a fun year planning and working on many activities with the staff that have increased the visibility of the library and extended the scope of library services a bit. Our emphasis for the next year will be to sustain what we have begun and actively recruit new members to the Friends.

We have 27 members—some on the board, of course and others help in the Book Sale Room, make posters and flyers. This newsletter is being put together by a gifted member, in fact. There were over 25,000 registered users of the library this spring—so we have some recruiting to do! If you would like to get more involved, please contact me at 292-3736.

Mary Jo Hopfensperger, President

## A Message from our Web site

Join a group of people who love libraries and share your passion for books and learning. Join fellow library enthusiasts to get involved in supporting your local library by planning and volunteering at programs and special events.

Download and print a membership form from the Bellevue Public Library Web site:

<http://www.bellevuelibrary.org/abplfriends.htm>

## A Message from our Treasurer

Thanks to our membership dues and donations, Scholastic book sales (\$258.02), and sales of Younkers community days tickets (\$85), our bank balance as of June 15 is \$4,174.37. We have had \$2,146.65 in expenses, one of which was a \$100 donation to the library for books and another expense of \$1797.48 for the "Books for Babies" program.

We received \$4,435 in donations earmarked for the "Books for Babies" program and another \$4,500 for that program from the University Hospital Auxiliary in an University account. We continue to try to keep expenses to a minimum while still supporting the programs we have initiated. We look forward to acquiring more new members.

Mary Yonkers, Treasurer

## What Have the Friends Been Up To?

- The Book Sale Room is now open on Sundays from 1 - 4 p.m. Starting March 1st, Friends have been volunteering in the Book Sale Room. We hope that the staff will note an increase in revenue due to Sunday access.
- The first Adult Reading Program, "Water Your Mind--Read" was held from the 5th of April through the 14th of May. Friends participated in the planning and sign-up of patrons for the program. We arranged the speakers for the three events:
  - Canoyer Gardens: Container Gardening
  - Lauritzen Gardens: Duane Iwin Past, Present and Future of the Lauritzen Gardens
  - Joanne Langabee from the Bellevue Garden Club spoke on EARTH-KIND gardeningDoor prizes purchased by the Friends for the events included: two day passes to Lauritzen Gardens, two tour passes for the Bellevue Garden Tours in June and a \$25 gift card for Canoyers.
- We helped at the BPL 80th Birthday Party. It was a fun event celebrating the history and growth of the library. We supported the 12 Book Project with a donation of \$100.00 which was matched by the Foundation in purchasing needed books for the library. This project was in memory of the gift of 12 books which were given to the library by the Dundee Woman's Club in 1929. Those 12 books were the beginning of the Bellevue Public Library.



- Bellevue Public Library @ Home was initiated on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. Five Friends will deliver and pick up books for Bellevue homebound patrons. We are very excited about extending the services of BPL to our homebound neighbors.
- 501(c)3 status is in progress. Aleta Allen, an attorney serving on the BPL Board, has volunteered to accomplish this for the friends. We are grateful for her interest and time.
- "Books for Babies" was designed to promote literacy and encourage parents to read to their children starting at birth. "Books for Babies" was in place for the first baby born at Bellevue Medical Center (BMC). We are so excited to offer this program to every baby born there. This is an expensive venture. We have requested the support of community organizations. We have received donations/commitments from:
  - Alpha Delta Kappa - Kappa Chapter
  - Altrusa International of Bellevue
  - Bellevue Public Library Foundation
  - Bellevue Woman's Club
  - Friends of the Bellevue Public Library
  - Kathleen Birk Memorial
  - Kiwanis Club of Bellevue
  - University Hospital Auxiliary

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