A Case for Baskets

We are still in need of FOL members to come up with a few baskets for our silent auction at the library. Find a friend, get a partner and thin of a basket that would be great for a holiday gift. The library already has bags that we can wrap the baskets in—we just need the baskets!! Ideas include: Star Wars, Italian Dinner Night, Great BBQs, “Frozen” the movie, Minecraft, and cuddling with Cocoa. Choose one of these or make your own! Just bring your basket to the library by the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The Auction will be final on December 10th, the same day as the Art in the Library evening.

Contact Kim Wilson (info at right) if you are interested so we can get a gift tag made up for your basket. We’d love to see your creation.

Month by Month

The selections for October were Top Booksellers with famous authors whose stories we anticipate coming out long before they ever seem to reach the shelves. Take a peek at those below and consider placing a hold or checking them out when you are next at the Library.

At one of the FOL meetings, it was decided that a monthly donation of $100 will be given to the library to purchase books, DVDs, CDs, puzzles or any other material. The objective of the donation would be two-fold. First, it would promote the FOL organization more prominently to those visitors of the library and second, it would fund seasonal or needed materials for the library that it would normally have to purchase.

Earl’s Excerpt

In November, just after the final world series, there was increased wonder on which team will prevail. It played back and forth—between the Cubs and Cleveland Indians. Hard fought at night, with various weather conditions.

People from Medford and outlying areas often focused on the Brewers or other teams. I’ve been a Cub fan for a long, long time, from when the old Milwaukee Braves moved out of town to Atlanta (for more business). Now I also try to keep up on the Brewers and go to some of their games.

As the years go by, I made a vow that I would stay alive till the Cubs win the world series—last time that happened was back in 1908.

Now as the years flew by in Medford nothing to report on the Cubbies. Then, this year, things fell into place and the Cubs were rolling toward winning a World Series. Great, great, great. Not much sleep but Cubs on their way. As usual, when I am working on something, I always check in at our library. It always has piles of materials and if they do not have it, a quick call and it soon gets here. That’s such a great service, whether you are into tax, autos, books, movies, etc.

Then I discovered that a part time employee Kurt Radtke, had worked with staff and contributed a host of Cub-related materials-----bats, balls, pennants, caps, books, etc. We sure thank Kurt and employees for the display—really a place for all kinds of items, old and new.

Hey, hey! All we need is a visit from the Cubs departed announcer Harry Caray. Wait, I think I heard someone like Harry singing “Take me out to the ballgame.” I think that was Harry. Or maybe a patron who likes to sing like him!!!

Earl Finkler

The glass case at the library is overflowing with Cubs memorabilia collected over the years from Mr. Radtke. The pieces range from baseballs to pennants to photos.

Photo by Earl Finker
Events Planning Calendar

2016

November
Bookshelf Cleaning
Tuesday, November 1
9—Noon

Basket Auction & Poinsettia Sale
November 26—Dec 10th

Membership Meeting
Lg. Conf. Room
Monday, November 28th
7 p.m.

December
Bookshelf Cleaning
Tuesday, December 5
9—Noon

Arts in the Library
December 10th

No Membership Meeting
This month

New Faces at the FOL

If you noticed a new person behind the desk at the library, you may have been watching Kurt Radtke. He is one of the new, shiny faces that is now gracing the library. He originally grew up in Schofield while his wife, Julie, is from Medford. While they decided to retire here, they have lived throughout the United States and abroad as a result of his 22-year career in the Army as an Environmental Health Inspector. He stated he lived in Thailand, Korea, Texas, Maryland, Kentucky and Germany enjoying the culture and the life each location had to offer. He moved back to Wisconsin from Tennessee, where he worked at the library in Clarksville. “We moved back to be closer to our parents,” confessed Mr. Radtke. His children, Eric and Tara, are both grown with professions of their own.

Even though he is officially retired from the Army, he wanted to keep busy and took a part time position with the library. When I asked what he was reading, he specified he didn’t have time to read books (GASP! Say it isn’t so!) but he does peruse Discoverer Magazine as he enjoys science. The FOL is part of what keeps him so busy as he has become a member (as well as his wife) and has taken on a committee (see article at right). So, we welcome him to Medford and to the FOL. Welcome!

Clear Sale-ing

The October Book Sale was a success with $1,424 in sales earned. Although it seemed the room wasn’t as packed, we felt the customers had an easier time picking through the books that were there. The April book earned $1,287 which usually is a larger earner due to the membership drive. We can’t point to any one thing that may have made this sale more successful. School wasn’t in session on that Thursday and Friday and may have accounted for the slight increase as well as the fact the bags are now priced at $5 instead of $3.

What made this sale (as well as so many of the others) so smooth, is the fact the Alternative High School Workers (AHS) came in and pre-sorted as well as take all the books and put them on the tables. It is dusty, heavy, and rather laborious work that we are VERY grateful for their willing assistance. We have become rather spoiled due to their efforts and the Wednesday sort is relatively easy as a comparison.

We would be remiss if we also didn’t thank those who assisted with clean up/box on Saturday. Many hands make light work” or so the saying goes...and it is very true. Thank you all for you time and effort.

Members are Committee’d

We are grateful for Kurt Radtke and Joleen Dassow for getting committed to heading a committee. Mr. Radtke is spearheading the gardening committee with Liz Archibald’s guidance for the first few months to get familiar with the role and responsibilities. Joleen Dassow will greet her new committee of Hospitality by refreshing the list looking for those willing to bring in baked goods or refreshments for various events held at the library. If you are interested in being involved in either of these committees, please contact them at the numbers/e-mails noted below. Welcome Joleen and Kurt!!!!

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Art In Library

Just a reminder that there will be a program hosted by the Library Foundation called “Art in the Library” on December 10th. Tickets for the event are $5 or 3 for $10 and can be purchased at the library. Multiple prizes will be drawn and numerous local artists will be on hand to showcase and even sell their wares.

Reading Group

Tues., January 9 Leader: Jim Elliot Amsterdam by Jan McEwan
On a chilly February day, two old friends meet in the throng outside a London crematorium to pay their last respects to Molly Lane. In the days that follow Molly's funeral, Clive and Vernon will make a pact with consequences that neither could have foreseen. Each will make a disastrous moral decision, their friendship will be tested to its limits, and Julian Garmony will be fighting for his political life. A sharp contemporary morality tale, cleverly disguised as a comic novel, Amsterdam is "as sheerly enjoyable a book as one is likely to pick up this year" (The Washington Post Book World).

Tues. March 13 Leader: Ron Shiffler Excellent Lomards by Jane Hamilton
Mary Frances "Frankie" Lombard is fiercely in love with her family's sprawling apple orchard and the tangled web of family members who inhabit it. Frankie desires nothing more than for the rhythm of life to continue undisturbed. But she cannot help being haunted by the historical fact that some family members ended up staying on the farm and others must leave. Change is inevitable as more than for the rhythm of life to continue undisturbed. But she cannot help being haunted by the historical fact that some family members end up staying on the farm and others must leave. Change is inevitable as

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