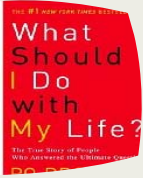




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Library *Letter*

FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Monelle's Missive

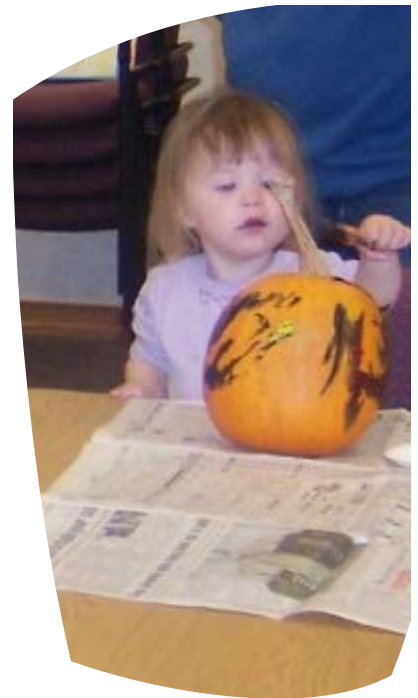
[*mis-sive* (mĭs'ĭv) n. A written message; a letter.]

I had the privilege to work at the Friends of the Library book sale in October. I received enjoyment watching the children sort through all the books to find some that were of interest to them. There was one girl in particular that drew my attention. She was about 9 years old and was given free reign from her parents to choose whichever items she wanted, up to a limit of \$10.00. All of the young adult books were priced reasonably at 25 cents each so I started her off by giving her a grocery bag to place her items in. When that was full I provided her a second bag. When her second bag was full she decided to quit. Her total was \$9.60. That young gal was amazed at all the wonderful books she could read and also keep for such a low cost. Her parents were patient while she browsed through all the items

and kind by allowing her that opportunity to broaden her horizons and making her day. That's what the library is all about—encouraging youngsters to read and appreciating the library for all its resources. We will be holding another book sale in April. Hope you can attend and bring your family members with you to make their day.

The Friends of the Library currently has one open position on its board. If you or someone you know is interested in getting involved with our group, please contact one of our current board members. New ideas for programs and fundraising are always appreciated. Wishing you a healthy and happy holiday season.

Monelle Johnson



Book Sale Results are in

The fall book sale was held October 14th through the 17th and had a fair turnout considering this was the week that schools were closed for the flu, keeping many residents in their homes. However, our total sales were \$1,345.55 and we received several membership renewals, as well as a few new members. Saturday has always been our "bag sale" day; shoppers purchase a bag and fill it with as many books as the bag will hold. This year we increased the price of the bags from \$2 to \$3, but the price hike did not seem to discourage our Saturday shoppers. Thank you to all of the volunteers who assisted with the book sale. Whether you sorted, worked a shift at the sale, or helped with clean up, your time was greatly appreciated!

EVENTS PLANNING CALENDAR 2009 - 2010

November

Harvest Day Parade,
November 1

Membership Meeting
Monday, November 30

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December

Arts at the Library Event
Saturday, December 5
2 - 5 p.m.

January 2010

Membership Meeting
Monday, January 25

February

Membership Meeting
Monday, February 22

March

Membership Meeting
Monday, March 29

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April

Membership Meeting
Monday, April 26

Book Sale
April 14 - 17

May

Membership Meeting
Monday, May 24
Officer Election



The Great Pumpkins

The Friends sponsored pumpkins and supplies that were used for the Annual Pumpkin Painting event at the Library on Saturday, October 31. Twenty-four painters showed their creative spirit and thanked the FOL for their donation.

Breezing Through Clean-up Duty

The old vacuum at the library just wasn't getting the job done. So, with a friendly donation from the Friends, the Library was able to purchase the powerful 12 amp Hoover Wind Tunnel from Ackeret Brothers downtown.

The \$180 was well worth the investment as it now makes clean up a breeze. And with a few more weeks of Storytime Fridays left, the new Hoover (and Library staff) will be sure to get a workout!



Masterpieces to be Unveiled at Library Event



The Library Foundation, the group dedicated to managing and distributing funds to support library offerings and services, is hosting an “Arts at the Library” event on Saturday, December 5th from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Approximately fifteen local artists are planning on displaying their work and possibly demonstrating their talents during the event. Each artist will have a small booth area to showcase their skills; creative artists will include basket weavers, painters, stain glass workers, Christmas ornament makers, homemade jewelry and more!

Artists have the option to sell certain items if desired at the event; however, it is not required. A bucket raffle will also be held with certain samples donated from the artists. Tickets will be sold the day of the event and people can place their tickets in the bucket of their choice. Those items will be on display at the Library the week before the event.

A WORD BETWEEN FRIENDS

Find the matching definition:

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| 1. malaise mā-lāz', -lēz' \noun | A. laborious work, study, thought |
| 2. magnate \māg'nāt' \noun | B. leader state of being talkative, verbosity |
| 3. loquacity \loh-kwas-i-tee \noun | C. A person of influence, tycoon, |
| 4. lucubration \lōō'kyōō-brā'shən \noun | D. Unease, doldrums, weakness or lassitude |

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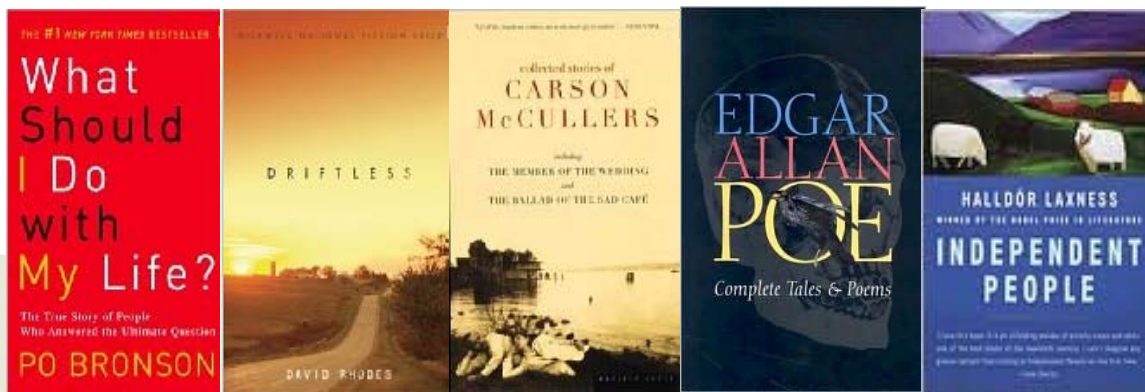
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Open Position: Member from the Library Board

<u>DATE</u>	<u>BOOK</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>REVIEWER</u>
November 10	<u>Driftless</u> <u>Driftless</u> was read on Chapter-A-Day on Wisconsin Public Radio this past spring. Rhodes is a Wisconsin author whose novel takes place in the driftless area in southwestern Wisconsin. It is a collage of stories, revolving around a large cast of characters whose lives intersect in various ways.	David Rhodes	Peggy Stalhiem
January 12	<u>The Ballad of the Sad Cafe</u> This is a novella that, like a ballad, tells the ultimately tragic tale of Miss Amelia. She falls in love with a hunchback, dwarflike stranger who convinces her that he is her cousin, Lyman, who is a trickster figure in this “grotesque” tale taking place in a nameless rural Georgia town.	Carson McCullers	Jim Elliot
March 10	<u>Tales of Edgar Allen Poe</u> Poe is well known for his tales of horror (“The Black Cat”, “The Fall of the House of Usher” and “The Pit and the Pendulum”). He also wrote what would be the first detective stories (“The Murders in the Rue Morgue”, “the Mystery of Marie Roget” and “The Purloined Letter”) which Sir Arthur Conan Doyle would pattern his Sherlock Holmes stories after some 50 years later.	Edgar Allen Poe	Ron Shifler
May 12	<u>Independent People</u> This Nobel Prize winning author writes an epic novel about the struggles of poor Icelandic farmers in the early 20 th Century.	Halldor Laxness	Scott Stahlheim

Books available at the library please check with staff. All are welcome!! Group starts at 7:00 p.m at the Library.
Questions: call Liz Archibald 748-6536

Library Reading Group



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