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Library Letter

FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Earl's Excerpt

[ex·cerpt (ek-surpt') n. a part or passage taken from a book, speech, play, etc. and considered on its own; extract]]

This month, Donna passed her dispatch on to another FOL general member, Earl Finkler. His "except" is noted below.

Feeling like going on a little journey? The Simek Memorial Library has astronomy and space books that can transport a reader to the moon, Mars and other planets in our solar system. Even frosty Pluto, which some call a "dwarf" planet, but which has an atmosphere and four moons. Quite a "dwarf!"

One morning in August I went on a tour of library books with library director Ann Harris and librarian Marlene Klemm. "The magic key to books on a certain subject is the Dewey Decimal System, which for astronomy and space is about 520 to 523," Marlene said. "And this applies to both adults and children's books."

First stop –the adult books. As Marlene pulled out various titles, the vastness of the universe started to make it clear. She ran some of the titles through the computer and said one of the most popular with patrons is "Astronomy" a 2006 book by Ian Redpath. Another was titled "Astronomy, A Visual Guide."

There is also a new DVD from the Discovery Channel with the well-known physicist Steven Hawking taking us on a fantastic tour of the universe, "scanning the whole of space and time." Oh the wonders of computer simulation. Hawking has a very disabling disease, leaving him paralyzed, but he shares with us what he has learned and what he thinks about.



*Librarian Marlene Klemm and Alaska Husky Avu check out children's book "Cars on Mars".
Photo by: Earl Finkler*

Then we went across the library to the children's section. Every time I wander over there, I feel like giving a puppet show, or wandering the aisles, looking for adventure.

Well, the astronomy/space section for children has a good array of books to fuel the imagination, and help young people dream of a discovery, and maybe a voyage to a planet or even a very distant star.

One of the popular books in the children's astronomy section, according to Marlene, is one called "On Stars

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EVENTS PLANNING CALENDAR 2011 & 2012

September

Membership Meeting
Monday, September 26

October

Membership Meeting
Monday, October 31

Book Sale

Wednesday – Saturday
October 12-15,
Wednesday - Saturday
Large Conf. Room

November

Membership Meeting
Monday, November 28

Newsletter

GUINEA PIG PASSES

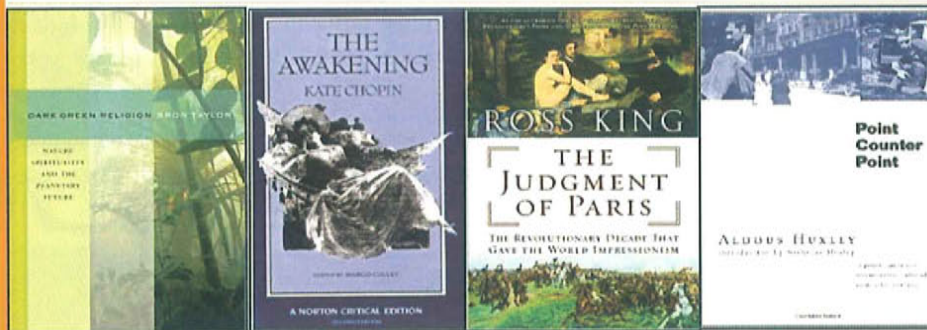
On August 26, Sassy, the beloved Guinea Pig of the library, passed away. She was laid to rest in the Pool Garden.

Don't worry though. The library still has plenty of pets to admire including Missy the Guinea Pig, Rosie the Tarantula and Hubba Bubba Max the Python. Next time you are in, please feel free to give them some of your love and attention.

Storytime Fridays

Big & Little BEARS (Be Excited About Reading Stories)

From 10:30 – 11:00 in fall the library presents a 20/30 minute program that is designed for children. The program features picture books, songs, finger plays, puppets, and flannel boards. The groups are segmented into Little Bears for 2 – 3 year-olds and Big Bears for 4 – 5 year-olds. Storytime is scheduled on most Fridays but does not meet when Medford Public Schools are closed. This fall's theme is Jungle. For a full schedule, pick up a flyer at the library.



Library Reading Group

DATE	BOOK	AUTHOR	REVIEWER
Tues., Sept. 20	<i>Point Counter Point</i>	Aldous Huxley	Doreen Eldred
First published in 1928, Huxley's satiric view of intellectual life in the '20s expresses his lifelong concern with the dichotomy between passion and reason. By presenting a vision of life in which diverse aspects of experience are observed simultaneously, Huxley characterizes the symptoms of "the disease of modern man" in the manner of a composer—themes and characters repeated, altered slightly, and played off one another in a tone that is at once critical and sympathetic.			
Tues., Nov. 8	<i>The Judgment of Paris</i>	Ross King	Ron Shifler
A tale of many artists, it revolves around the lives of two, described as "the two poles of art"—Ernest Meissonier, the most famous and successful painter of the 19th century, hailed for his precision and devotion to history; and Edouard Manet, reviled in his time, who nonetheless heralded the most radical change in the history of art since the Renaissance.			
Tues., Jan. 10	<i>The Awakening</i>	Kate Chopin	Jim Elliot
Kate Chopin's "The Awakening" is the classic novel about women that "Madame Bovary" purports to be but isn't. It's not just a "woman's" novel, though; it perfectly (and poetically) captures the inner life of a solitary person who is forced to live for the sake of others. This is a twentieth-century tale of discomfort with and reaction to antagonistic surroundings.			
Tues., March 13	<i>Dark Green Religion</i>	Bron Taylor	Cathy Mauer
In this innovative and deeply felt work, Bron Taylor examines the evolution of "green religions" in North America and beyond: spiritual practices that hold nature as sacred and have in many cases replaced traditional religions. Tracing a wide range of groups, Taylor addresses a central theoretical question: How can environmentally oriented, spiritually motivated individuals and movements be understood as religious when many of them reject religious and supernatural worldviews?			
The May book will be selected at a later date. 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.			

Fall Back Book Sale

October 12th-15th

Back to school means back to the book sale! October 12th through the 15th the book sale will be held in the large conference room at the library. Weed through those stacks of books and clear out the clutter by bringing salable items to the sale. An ad will be placed into the paper encouraging those folks holding garage sales to bring the books that didn't sell to the library for our sale to help encourage new donations.

Tuesday, before the sale, the alternative high school students will set up the tables and bring all the books in for sorting. The exclusive membership sale will be on Wednesday with the public able to purchase Thursday through Saturday. Someone may be contacting you for set up or clean up. To donate books, bags or media: Drop off at the library anytime prior to Wednesday. To donate your time: Contact any of the board members. Please remember to encourage potential FOL members to stop by—we'd love to, not only see them, but all our existing friends there!

Tues., Oct 11: Setup (AHS)

Wed., Oct 12: Morn. Set-up, 3 – 7, Members Only Sale

Thurs: Oct 13: 9 – 7, Sale to Public

Fri., Oct 14: 9 – 7, Sale to Public

Sat., Oct 15: 9 – Noon, Sale & Cleanup after

Garden Tour – Cancelled

The FOL fundraiser, the Garden Tour, was cancelled this past summer due to not having enough landscape tours. Of the five tentatively planned, only two were able to confirm. As a result, the tour was cancelled. We hope to generate more interest and confirmed gardens next time around. Thank you to all who helped and donated their time to this event. We appreciate your assistance.

A WORD BETWEEN FRIENDS

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| 1. perspicuous \ (puhr-SPIK-yoo-uhs) \ adj. | A. Expressing a request |
| 2. recondite \ (REK-uhn-dyt, ri-KON-dyt) \ adj. | B. Easily annoyed; oversensitive |
| 3. tetchy \ (TECH-ee) \ adj. | C. Little known; obscure |
| 4. precatory \ (PREK-uh-tor-ee) \ adj. | D. Clearly expressed; easy to Understand |

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EARL'S EXCERPT

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and Galaxies.” Another popular read is in “Stars and Planets.” I’ve always been fascinated with the planet Mars. One exciting book in the children’s section is “Cars on Mars,” featuring the very determined Mars rovers – Spirit and Opportunity.

Want to find something in space? Try “Mapping the Sky.” Just want to try and learn everything? Not possible, but reading the book “One Million Things in Space” will get you going.

Ann said the library does its best to keep up with astronomy books for adults and children. But they can always use donations – of books, magazines and DVDs. She stated the library could use a new children’s book on the night sky and constellations as the one they did have wore out.

Earl Finkler



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Month by Month

This quarter, the FOL's monthly donation was for the following items. As there were so many books purchased, only a selection is shown here. Ask the front desk for a full listing.

June was keeping with the J's with fictional books for Juveniles. Both boys and girls were taken into consideration with topics ranging from sports, animals, friendships and adventure. Just Jump in and Join us in Judging these Journals of June!

Large print books can offer those who suffer from eye strain some relief. July's purchases offered a wide choice of genres to make most patrons, whether they prefer larger print publications or not, happy. Again, only a few of the options are shown below.

August is known as the dreaded/heralded "Back to School" time and the donations reflected that theme with a wide selection of youthful publications on that topic. With the summer reading program wrapping up during the month, it was a perfect way to get children back into the swing of school without actually attending!

At one of the FOL meetings, it was voted 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 to the library and second, it would fund seasonal or needed materials the library would require or desire anyway.



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