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## Meet the Architects for SWT Expansion

Four finalists from the fourteen architects who submitted proposals for the Southwest Library expansion will display examples of their work and be available to answer questions at a public reception at the Southwest Library, Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. Please come; the Architect Selection Advisory Panel welcomes your comments! On July 12<sup>th</sup>, the panel will interview the four finalists, and recommend one to the Library Board, who will make the final decision.

## July Readaround: Views of America

Readers of all ages are invited to share their favorite passages from books that reflect the diverse American experience. (Some possibilities to whet your appetite: *How My Parents Learned to Eat*, by Ina Friedman; *In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson*, by Betty Bao Lord; *Little House on the Prairie*, by Laura Ingalls Wilder; *Travels with Charley*, by John Steinbeck. If your favorite "View of America" isn't listed, come and share it with us!) Whether you want to share a passage or just enjoy what others bring, plan to attend this special event. Each reading is limited to 5 minutes. Call 684-7455 for more information.

## Margo Harris: Volunteer of the Year

At the annual Southwest Library Volunteer Reception on June 9<sup>th</sup>, Friends of Southwest Library honored Margo Harris as "Volunteer of the Year".

Margo says that volunteering is genetic. As long as she can remember, books were a part of her life. "I came from a family of readers," says Margo. Her parents reading to her, her first library card, and being part of a summer reading program, coupled with her mother's active volunteering, are among her earliest impressions of what was really important in life: books and volunteering.

When the Margo and her husband Dave moved to Seattle in the fall of 1984, they wandered into the Friends of the Library book sale in the old Lincoln High School in Wallingford. Margo was so impressed, she said, "How do you volunteer for this?" She has worked the Friends' book sale ever since.

At Southwest, Margo has been a Saturday computer coach. Last fall, when Young Adult Librarian Ken Gollersrud needed adult chaperones for a library sleepover event, Margo volunteered, passing out pizza and sodas, doing readarounds, storytelling, and, after settling everyone down in sleeping bags for the night, served juice, muffins, and milk at the closing continental breakfast the next morning. She had a great time! She led the "Kids' Books Too Good to Miss" readaround last year, and was the Children's Book Discussion leader for "Holes" this spring, using costumes and props to make this a truly unique and creative experience.

Margo's volunteer activities are divided among the Y, the South Seattle Community College Foundation Board, where she serves as Treasurer, and both the Seattle Public Library Friends and Friends of Southwest Library. Currently she is active as a member of the architect selection committee for remodeling the Southwest Library and, of course, you'll see her at the September 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> book sale! We all benefit from her dedication.

If Margo's story inspires you, read on!

## Volunteers Needed:

### Newsletter Editor

The Friends of Southwest Library needs your help! Our quarterly newsletter needs a new editor. Responsibilities include sitting in on steering committee meetings, collecting information and articles from the secretary, staff, and others, and pasting them into the newsletter format. This person is also responsible for getting newsletters printed, labeled, and mailed to our 120 members. It's the perfect job for someone who wants to contribute but hates running meetings and doing public speaking! Email Julie Enevoldsen at [jenevold@aol.com](mailto:jenevold@aol.com) or call 932-3741 for more information.

### Magazine Exchange/Bulletin Board Manager

Southwest Library needs someone to manage the put-and-take magazine collection and keep the community information and bulletin boards neat and up to date. Responsibilities include stopping by the library several times a week for about 30 minutes per visit to restock community information displays, remove out-of-date materials, fill up the scrap paper and pencil baskets, and straighten the Put-and-Take collection. These tasks need someone with strong decision-making skills. Hours are very flexible. This volunteer position makes it possible for the library to continue to offer this very popular service! Call Christy or Ro for more information at 684-7455.

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## Friends of Southwest Library 2002 Event Calendar

July 9, Tuesday	7-8:30 p.m., <i>Meet the Architects</i>
July 11, Thursday	6:30-7 p.m., <i>Monthly Meeting</i>
	7-8:30 p.m., <i>Read-Around: "Views of America"</i>
August 8, Thursday	7-8:30 p.m., <i>Monthly Meeting</i>
September 26, Thursday	6:30-7 p.m., <i>Monthly Meeting</i>
	7-8:30 p.m., <i>Read-Around: Banned Books</i>
October 10, Thursday	7-8:30 p.m., <i>Monthly Meeting</i>
October 28—11/9	<i>Community Artists Showcase</i>
November 2, Saturday	2-4:00 p.m., <i>Artists' Reception</i>
November 14, Thursday	7-8:30 p.m., <i>Annual Membership Meeting</i>
<i>No meetings scheduled for December.</i>	

### Teen Book Group

Since last fall teens have been meeting on the last Thursday of the month at 5 p.m. to discuss their chosen "book of the month". The Friends of the Southwest Library donated May's selection, *Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson. At that meeting, four teens participated in the discussion; most meetings average 4-6 teens. Interested teens are welcome to join the group; they may pick up copies of the current month's selection at the front circulation desk. A sign-up sheet is used to give a reminder call a couple of days before the group meets. For more information, contact Ken Gollersrud, Southwest's Young Adult librarian, at the library, or call him at 684-7455.

*Speak* is the story of Melinda, a freshman at Merryweather High School in Upstate New York. Her funny and barbed observations skewer such high-

school realities as cliques that range from druggies to Martha Stewart wannabes, and the on-going battle for finding an acceptable and politically correct school mascot, ("*GO* \_\_\_\_ (*you fill in the blank!*)"), but Melinda's humor masks a much darker secret stemming from an end-of-summer party that got way out of hand. The only place where both Melindas seem to come together is in her art class, where the instructor, Mr. Freeman, challenges each student to create something true. Melinda slowly begins to make sense of things, and finally finds her voice to *Speak* about what is wrong. This is a powerfully-written look at high school on a very important subject. *Speak*, Anderson's first novel, has received many awards.