



Fall, 2004

Building Expansion Update

You may have noticed that the Southwest Library isn't closed! It was supposed to close in June, in preparation for construction on the expansion—but the construction bids came in way over budget, partially because of a spike in the price of steel. Library administration decided to delay closure while the bids were reviewed for possible cost savings. The library hopes to rebid the project soon; the branch is now expected to close sometime this fall. Stay tuned!

Art Show October 25–November 13

Since we expect the Southwest branch to remain open through November, the 14th Annual Artists Showcase will be held at Southwest, not at High Point as we had originally planned.

Registration begins Friday, Oct. 1. Interested artists can either register at the branch, 9010 35th Ave. S.W., or call 206-684-7455 to sign up. The last day to sign up for the Artists Showcase is Thursday, Oct. 23.

Artists of all ages may enter up to three pieces for display. All artwork formats are accepted.

The Artists Showcase is a non-juried, nonprofit exhibit. The exhibit will be on display at the branch Saturday, Oct. 25 through Wednesday, Nov. 13. This popular event gives members of the community a chance to showcase their work, as well as see the creative talents of friends and neighbors.

Everyone is invited to a special reception hosted by the Friends of the Southwest Library from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6 at the branch. (The annual meeting of the Friends follows; see previous article.)

Annual Meeting: Everyone's Invited!

Please join us for our annual meeting on Saturday, November 6 from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. (Immediately following the Artists Showcase reception, see previous article. There might even be some goodies left over!) *We need your input on where we should put our efforts in the coming year!* We'll review our accomplishments for the year, set our goals for next year, and elect officers. If you are interested in an officer position, please call Julie Enevoldsen, 932-3741, or email j.enevoldsen@wlonk.com, for more information. We welcome young and old; our youngest officer was 12 years old, and our eldest, an octogenarian.

Library Budget Advocacy Campaign

A letter from Friends of Seattle Public Library:

Dear Southwest Friends,

The mayor's budget calls for a \$20 million reduction in expenses, including a \$2.1 million cut to The Seattle Public Library. The good news is this budget does not cut any more hours or reduce the collections budget any further; the bad news is that the Bookmobile service will likely be eliminated and some management positions will be lost.

The Friends of The Seattle Public Library launched the 2004 Advocacy Campaign to give the City Council and Mayor this message:

- We deeply appreciate that this budget cuts no more hours and proposes no further reductions to collections.
- Arrangements must be made for homebound residents to continue to have access to library materials.
- Our new and expanded buildings mean huge increases in patron use and circulation of materials. The unfinished work of building our new library system requires critical managerial support. Cutting management may be necessary and certainly is most palatable politically, but it prevents us from creating the library system we need.
- Finally, we ask that when the economy improves, the City Council and the Mayor commit to making up the shortfalls that the Library has endured in recent years. We must put dollars back into the Library, so that it can provide excellent services to the residents of Seattle. The operations of our libraries should match the quality of the beautiful buildings in which they are provided.

How can you help?

- If you are interested in helping with our lobbying campaign, email us at [<advocacy@splfriends.org>](mailto:advocacy@splfriends.org) and send us your name, phone number and email address. We will contact you with details on how to help. Check out [<www.splfriends.org>](http://www.splfriends.org) for more advocacy information.
- Spread the word about the Mayor's budget proposal; volunteer to talk with your Seattle neighbors at farmers' markets in Magnolia, University District, and West Seattle. There is material on our website that you can print out and share with your friends and neighbors.
- You can also help spread the word by volunteering to write to the City Council. You can send a personal note outlining in your own words the message we've outlined above and explaining how important the library is in your life. Or, you can go to our website and print a message we've already created for you—just sign it, and drop it in the mail to the City Council.

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Friends of Southwest Library 2004 Event Calendar

Oct 13	Wed	6–8 pm	<i>Monthly Meeting</i>
Oct 25–Nov 13	-	-	<i>Community Artists Showcase</i>
Nov 6	Sat	2–3:30 pm	<i>Community Artists Showcase Reception, immediately followed by:</i>
Nov 6	Sat	3:30–5:30 pm	<i>Annual Membership Meeting</i>
Nov 10	Wed	6–8 pm	<i>Monthly Meeting</i>

No meetings scheduled in December

See <swfriends.wlonk.com> for calendar updates and newsletter archive.

- Come to the City Council budget hearings. Attending the public hearings is a very effective way to get our message across. You don't need to speak, but your presence is invaluable. The dates for upcoming meetings on the budget are October 7th and October 14th. *Wear a Friends polo shirt to the hearing to make your presence known (see <www.splfriends.org> for details on how to order your shirt).*

Council Town Hall Budget Meeting
Thursday October 7th, 2004, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Mount Zion Baptist Church
1634 19th Ave (at East Madison Street)

Public Budget Hearing
Thursday October 14th, 2004, 5:30 pm
City Council Chambers
Seattle City Hall
600 - 4th Avenue, Floor 2

Thanks so much for your support of The Seattle Public Library.

Betsy Graef, President,
The Friends of The Seattle Public Library

Return of the Book Kiosk

Since the branch is still open, we decided to restock our Book Kiosk; we collected books from the huge semi-annual Friends of Seattle Public Library book sale, and offer them to you on our kiosk at the checkout counter at Southwest. We suggest \$1 donation for hardbacks, and 50 cents for paperbacks. Come check out the fresh offerings—you can't beat the price, and you don't have to return these!