

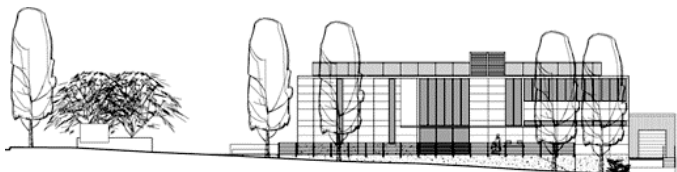


Winter, 2005

## Building Expansion Update

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, members of the Friends of Southwest Library met with representatives of the building expansion team to learn about changes to the expansion plan in preparation for the re-bidding process.

Overall, the square footage will be slightly less than the first expansion design, but will still meet the project specifications of 15,000 square feet. Outside finishes will be simpler, and the extended entry colonnade and canopy is eliminated. The height of the building is slightly reduced.



On the first floor, the study rooms will not have doors, and the bay windows in the children's area are eliminated.

On the second floor, the size of the meeting room is reduced, and the staff restroom may be eliminated.

In general, those present expressed regret for the need to cut back, but approval for the changes proposed to keep the project within budget.

## Annual Meeting Summary

At the annual membership meeting in November, Friends of Southwest Library elected officers and set their priorities for 2005:

### 2005 Officers:

Facilitator	Sarel Rowe, 937-3499 sarel@speakeasy.net
Co-facilitators	Mary Ellen Wheeling and Dennis Gruenig
Treasurer	Tina Chang
Secretary	Jason Gift

### Priorities:

- Consult with the architect and artist, to determine the final definition and location for our artwork commissioned for the expanded branch

- Membership outreach—expand our mailing list to keep patrons informed during the library closure
- Continue book donations to Roxhill Elementary, purchased from Friends of Seattle Public Library book sales in April and September.
- Plan and sponsor a closing party for the Southwest Branch
- Continue library advocacy activities
- Increase newsletters to at least five per year
- Assist with the Artist Showcase (temporarily to be hosted at High Point branch) and host reception
- Maintain group identity during branch closure
- Support branch staff
- Pre-plan events and activities for 2006

## Library Budget Advocacy Campaign

Last fall, we informed you about the advocacy campaign by the Friends of the Seattle Public Library, our parent organization, to raise awareness about the effect of the mayor's proposed budget cuts on the library system. Friends of Southwest Library member Mary Ellen Wheeling spoke about the effects of the proposed cuts to the Bookmobile at the City Council budget hearing. The city council restored \$500,000 for the bookmobile, and another \$500,000 to the library's books and materials budget, which has been cut by 28% over the last few years. These restorations still left an overall cut to the library's budget of \$1.4 million; library advocates have their work cut out for them in coming budget cycles to ensure that the library's budget is restored as the economy improves.

## Artwork Fundraising Success!

Thank you for your donations! We have met our goal, raising \$2200 to commission a gift of art from the Friends of Southwest Library to commemorate the expanded branch. Details of the commission from artist Morgan Brig are pending the final design for the building expansion.

## Farewell, Book Rack

Because we expect the branch to close sometime this spring, we do not plan to restock the Book Rack when the current supply is exhausted. We appreciate your support of the book rack; we'll keep you posted on whether it will return in the expanded branch.

*(see over for event schedule and great reads!)*



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## Friends of Southwest Library 2005 Event Calendar

Feb 23	Wed	6:30–7:45 pm	High Point Branch	Monthly Meeting
Mar 23	Wed	6:30–7:45 pm	High Point Branch	Monthly Meeting
Apr 27	Wed	6:30–7:45 pm	High Point Branch	Monthly Meeting
May 25	Wed	6:30–7:45 pm	High Point Branch	Monthly Meeting
Jun 22	Wed	6:30–7:45 pm	High Point Branch	Monthly Meeting
July 27	Wed	6:30–7:45 pm	High Point Branch	Monthly Meeting
Aug 24	Wed	6:30–7:45 pm	High Point Branch	Monthly Meeting
Sept 28	Wed	6:30–7:45 pm	High Point Branch	Monthly Meeting
Oct 26	Wed	6:30–7:45 pm	High Point Branch	Monthly Meeting
TBD			High Point Branch	Community Artists' Showcase
TBD			High Point Branch	Community Artists' Showcase Reception
TBD			High Point Branch	Annual Meeting

See <[swfriends.wlonk.com](http://swfriends.wlonk.com)> for calendar updates.

### Friends Recommend...

At the last Friends of the Southwest Library meeting Friends shared some recommendations from their recent reading:

***The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd** (from facilitator Sarel Rowe):

During the summer of 1964 a young Southern girl is given a home by three black, beekeeping sisters and discovers what she's been looking for all her life. "To know this happened just in my lifetime! A wonderful first novel that helps you find your mother inside you. Have your tissues nearby!"

***Peking Story: the Last Days of Old China* by David Kidd** (from treasurer Tina Chang):

A true story about a young American's life in

Peking during the late 1940's and early 1950's. He is a teacher and the husband of a woman from a wealthy Chinese family when the Revolution comes and his whole world changes.

***Schott's Original Miscellany and Schott's Food and Drink Miscellany* by Ben Schott** (from newsletter editor Julie Enevoldsen):

"Such fun to dip into! The first is totally random and guaranteed to intrigue readers—you never know when you might need to know how to drape a sari, or rules of dueling. The second, everything from pasta shapes to frog legs to Charles Dickens on Oysters to idioms featuring bread. Edward Lear's recipe for Gosky Patties, anyone? Beautiful typesetting and illustrations as well."