



October, 2005

## Artists Showcase

### October 24–November 12

We are grateful to the High Point branch library for hosting the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Southwest Artists Showcase during our branch closure.

Registration began October 1. Interested artists can register at the High Point branch, 3411 S.W. Raymond St., or call the library at (206) 684-7454. The last day to sign up for the Artists Showcase is Wednesday, October 19.

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 Monday, Oct 24 through Saturday, Nov. 12. 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 Southwest Library from 1 to 2 P.M. Saturday, Nov. 5 at the High Point branch. (The annual meeting of the Friends follows; see next article.)

## Annual Meeting: Everyone's Invited!

Please join us for our annual meeting on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 3 to 5 P.M. (immediately following the Artists Showcase reception. There might even be some goodies left over!) *We need your input on where we should put our efforts in the coming year! What should we be working on while our branch is closed?* 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 Sarel Rowe, 937-3499 or email [sarel@speakeasy.org](mailto:sarel@speakeasy.org), for more information. We welcome young and old; our youngest officer was 12 years old, and our eldest, an octogenarian.

## City Budget—Library Needs More Hours and More Books

Members of Southwest Friends joined Friends of Seattle Public Library at the October 12 City Council hearing on the proposed budget. Although the city expects a modest surplus in the general fund, the mayor's proposed budget includes no funding to restore library hours or collection budget cuts. Mimi Winslow, vice-president of the Friends of Seattle Public Library, and Julie Enevoldsen from Friends of Southwest Library testified to the need to restore hours and collections.

Currently, only a few branches are open Sundays, and those only for four hours. Most branches close by 6 P.M. half of the days they are open, and don't open until 1 P.M. at least two days. No branch in the city is open after 8 P.M. any day.

The next Council hearing on the budget will be Thursday, Nov. 3 at 5:30 P.M. We encourage Friends to attend to show support for the library; Friends of SPL request that you email them at [advocacy@splfriends.org](mailto:advocacy@splfriends.org) to let them know you'll be attending, and that you check in with them at the hearing (they'll be wearing light green shirts).

If you cannot attend the hearing, you can still help support the library by emailing City Council members and the mayor ([budget@seattle.gov](mailto:budget@seattle.gov)) or write City Council at: P.O. Box 34025 Seattle, WA 98124-4025. You can also call in to the live broadcast from 4:30–5:30 P.M. on Nov. 3, at 684-8821.

The City Council will adopt the budget Nov. 28.

## Join the Friends of SPL

Friends of Southwest Library encourages all members to join the Friends of Seattle Public Library, our parent organization. We receive financial and organizational support from the Friends of Seattle Public Library, and their efforts support the entire library system. Members of Friends of SPL receive their newsletter, access to the members-only book sale previews, and invitations to special programs. As a Friend, you help build a strong library system.

Membership applications are available at any Seattle branch library, or you may call the Friends office at (206) 386-4098, or print out a membership form from their website, [splfriends.org](http://splfriends.org).



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## Friends of Southwest Library 2005 Event Calendar

Oct 26	Wed	6:30–7:45 pm	High Point Branch	Monthly Meeting
Oct 24–Nov 12			High Point Branch	Community Artists' Showcase
Nov 3	Thur	5:30–7:30 pm	City Hall, 600 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	City Council budget hearing
Nov 5	Sat	9–4 pm	Salvation Army, White Center, 9020 16 <sup>th</sup> Ave. SW	Friends of Seattle Public Library Neighborhood Book Sale
Nov 5	Sat	1–2 pm	High Point Branch	Community Artists' Showcase Reception
Nov 5	Sat	3–5 pm	High Point Branch	Annual Meeting

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

### Building Update

Construction is underway! (Actually, it's more in the *destruction* phase, as you can see from this photo taken in early October.)



### Book Sale in White Center

Missed the big Friends of Seattle Public Library book sale in September? Friends of SPL are bringing the book sale to our neighborhood! Nov. 5, 9 to 4 P.M., at the Salvation Army (9020 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.W.). More than 2,000 items will be available, most selling for \$1. Videos and CDs will be priced individually. Items for the sale are donated by private individuals, book stores and the Library. Proceeds benefit the Library.

#### *In Memoriam*

*Friends were saddened to learn of the death in September of Shai Kane, long-time member and former facilitator of the Friends of Southwest Library.*