



A chapter of the Friends of the Seattle Public Library

March, 2006

Calling all hands!



Project artist Katherine Kerr will be in Seattle on Saturday, May 6 to make plaster casts of hands to be used in the cast bronze art pieces she is creating for the expanded Southwest Branch, projected to open in late 2006. She will need a range of models (big hands, little hands, working hands, pampered hands) for the five sets of hands she will be making.

If you are interested in being a model or if you would like to suggest someone, please contact branch manager Christy Tyson by e-mail (christy.tyson@spl.org) or telephone (206) 684-7454 by Saturday, April 12.

And if you don't want to volunteer but are interested in the process, please feel free to join us from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at the High Point Branch, 3411 S.W. Raymond St., in the meeting room.

Where are they now?

Some of you may wonder where your favorite staff members are working while the Southwest Branch is closed. Here is a list of who is where. Drop in and say hello!

Branch manager Christy, circulation supervisor Ro, clerks Bettu and Keith, and student assistant Lynna are all at the High Point Branch where they see Southwest Library patrons daily.

Children's librarian Jan and teen services librarian Ken are both at the Delridge Branch, and Sandra, the adult services librarian, and Betty, another Southwest Branch clerk, are working at the West Seattle Branch.

Jill, the third clerk, started her deployment assignment at the Delridge Branch but will be finishing up at the Ballard Library.

The whole team gets together every other month to report back. While all are enjoying their deployment assignments and are discovering lots of new ideas to bring to the new Southwest Library, everybody also misses their home branch and look forward to coming back when we are open again!

Meeting summary

At the annual membership meeting in November, Friends of Southwest Library elected officers and set their priorities for 2006:

2006 Officers:

Facilitator	Sarel Rowe, 937-3499 sarel@speakeasy.net
Co-facilitators	Dennis Gruening
Treasurer	Tina Chang
Secretary	Jason Gift

Priorities summary:

- Books for Kids, Roxhill Elementary
- Artist showcase and reception
- Promote Friends of Seattle Public Library events
- Newsletters and website
- Membership drive at the SW opening
- Morgan Brig's commissioned artwork
- Branch and system advocacy
- Booksale gleaning in September for kiosk
- Assist with SW Branch opening
- Staff appreciation

Membership survey

Friends of Seattle Public Library, our parent organization, would like us to share our mailing list with them, so that they may contact our members with information about opportunities to support the Seattle Public Library system.

Because we need to have your permission before we share this information, we are planning to send a short survey postcard asking for your permission and updated contact information. Although we hope you will choose to share your contact information with the Friends of Seattle Public Library, we will *not* share it unless you give us permission.

We will appreciate your returning the survey promptly!

More hours & more books!

Have you noticed the longer hours at library branches? In November, the Seattle City Council responded to our requests to expand the library budget. As a consequence, hours that had been cut due to budget shortfalls starting in 2001 were restored for 2006. In addition, the collections budget was restored by adding \$1.5 million.

If you appreciate the restoration of this important service, be sure to thank the mayor and city council members!



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Friends of Southwest Library 2006 Event Calendar

April 17	Mon	6:30–7:45 pm	High Point Branch	Monthly Meeting
April 21–23			Magnuson Park	Friends of Seattle Public Library Booksale
May 8	Mon	6:30–7:45 pm	High Point Branch	Monthly Meeting
June 12	Mon	6:30–7:45 pm	High Point Branch	Monthly Meeting
July 17	Mon	6:30–7:45 pm	High Point Branch	Monthly Meeting
August 21	Mon	6:30–7:45 pm	High Point Branch	Monthly Meeting
Sept. 15–17			Magnuson Park	Friends of Seattle Public Library Booksale
September 18	Mon	6:30–7:45 pm	High Point Branch	Monthly Meeting
October 16	Mon	6:30–7:45 pm	High Point Branch	Monthly Meeting
Oct 24–Nov 10			High Point Branch	Community Artists' Showcase
October 28	Sun	1–2 pm	High Point Branch	Community Artists' Showcase Reception
October 28	Sun	3–5 pm	High Point Branch	Annual Meeting
October 29			TBA	Friends of SPL Annual Meeting
November 13	Mon	6:30–7:45 pm	High Point Branch	Monthly Meeting (tentative)

See swfriends.wlonk.com for calendar updates

Booksale

Don't miss the next Friends of Seattle Public Library Book Sale! April 22-23 at building #30 in Magnuson Park, 7400 Sand Point Way N.E. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Members Preview Sale Friday, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., with memberships sold at the door. Please bring your own boxes or bags. For more information, see the Friends' website, splfriends.org.

Friends Recommend...

The Orientalist: Solving the Mystery of a Strange and Dangerous Life by Tom Ries (from Christy Tyson):

This investigation into the life of Kurban Said, a Muslim novelist and historian, now believed to be

the pen name of Lev Nussimbaum, a Russian Jew born in Baku, Azerbaijan in 1905, who became convinced that the East was the source of all knowledge and civilization.

The Book of Abraham by Marek Halter (from Dennis Gruenig):

This family saga, written in 1986, begins with the burning of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. and ends two thousand years and a hundred generations later. Part novel, part autobiography, this is a huge and wonderful history of the Jewish people.

The Children's Blizzard by David Laskin (from Julie Enevoldsen):

This true story explores the human and scientific aspects of a devastating prairie storm in 1888 America. "I couldn't put this one down."