



A chapter of the Friends of the Seattle Public Library

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Building Update



Progress on reconstruction of the Southwest Branch was affected by the recent concrete workers strike, which has now been settled. Although no revision to the timeline has been set, it is possible this may delay our opening.

New materials for SWT are coming in daily and are being stored in a city warehouse until the branch is ready to open. Tidbit: we will open with 133 new magazines, 15 more than we had in the old building!

While you wait for Southwest to re-open, you can visit the new South Park Branch and greet a familiar face: Ken Gollersrud, teen services librarian at Southwest Branch for 6 years, is the new teen/adult services librarian at South Park! He will be missed greatly at Southwest; a new teen services librarian will be hired closer to opening.

Membership survey

Thanks to all who responded to our postcard survey requesting that you tell us whether we may share your contact information with the Friends of Seattle Public Library, our parent group! Excepting surveys returned as undeliverable or which requested removal from our list, we have 36 responses so far.

If you're one of the 40 who hasn't returned your survey yet, please do! It's quick and easy, and we've even paid the postage for you! If you've misplaced your survey, please contact Julie Enevoldsen, j.enevoldsen@wlonk.com, 206-932-3741.

Art Show

It's not too soon to begin thinking about the annual Southwest Library Community Artists' Showcase (generously hosted again this year at High Point library)! Artists of all ages are invited to participate; watch for more information in the next newsletter and at the High Point branch.

Fall Book Sale

Don't miss the next Friends of Seattle Public Library book sale!

Saturday, September 16th, 9 am to 5 pm

Sunday, September 17th, 11 am to 4 pm

Members Preview Sale:

Friday, September 15th, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

(memberships sold at the door.)

The sale will be held at building #30 at Warren G. Magnuson Park, Seattle (7400 Sand Point Way NE, just northeast of the University of Washington. The park may be reached by Metro buses #74 and #75 and it has excellent and abundant free parking facilities.) Please bring your own boxes or bags.

More than 200,000 books (including large-print books), CDs, books on tape, records, software, videos, sheet music, art prints, and posters are among the items up for sale at bargain prices.

Most hardcover books cost \$1, but there is a section of "better books" priced separately. On Sunday, everything will sell for half-price.

Friends of the Seattle Public Library is our parent organization. Funds from the book sale help support Seattle Public Library collections and projects. The book sales are a great way to contribute to the Seattle Public Library system and find some excellent bargains at the same time!

Tell us your story!

Last year, in response to citizens' advocacy, the Seattle City Council began to reverse decades of budget cuts to the Library, restoring some hours and increasing the collections budget closer to that of the 2000 budget year. But purchasing power has been diminished by inflation, and general circulation is up 50% since 2000.

Mayor Nickels will propose to the Seattle City Council a two-year budget for 2007-2008 on September 25, 2006. In November, the Council will adopt a new city budget, including a new budget for The Seattle Public Library.

The Friends of Seattle Public Library are soliciting stories from library users, describing why the library is important to them and how they depend on it. Stories can be one sentence or a hundred sentences long, handwritten, typed, or scrawled in crayon. Stories will be given to City Council members during the upcoming budget deliberations. You can e-mail your story to advocacy@splfriends.org, or you can mail it to Friends of Southwest Library at the address on reverse. Please include your name and tell us your neighborhood! And, don't forget to ask your own family, friends, and associates to send us their stories. Thank you!

Stories received by October 10 will be hand-delivered to individual Council members in meetings next month. Stories received between October 11 and October 29 will be delivered to City Council members at public hearings to be held in October.

During September, library supporters will visit programs at

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Friends of Southwest Branch Library 2006 Event Calendar

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)

Membership in Friends of Southwest Branch Library is free and open to anyone: email j.enevoldsen@wlonk.com, or call Julie at 206-932-3741. We will not share any of your information without your permission.

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and newsletter archives.

libraries throughout The Seattle Public Library system to ask patrons for their stories. If you'd like to help, call Debra at 206-235-9052 or contact Jennifer at chamaemelum@hotmail.com.

Friends of Seattle Public Library invite you to join other Library supporters at the City Council public hearings on October 11 or October 30 to tell council members directly how important your library is to you. Hearings start at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in downtown Seattle. They'd like you to let them know you'll attend by sending an e-mail to advocacy@splfriends.org or leaving a message at (206) 235-9052.

Friends Recommend...

Ireland: a Novel by **Frank Delaney**, (from Dennis Gruenig, co-facilitator):

This story, set in 1951, tells of a rural lawyer who meets an itinerant storyteller who fascinates him and

his son with tales from pre-Christian through modern Irish history.

Balzac and the Little Chinese Mistress by **Sijie Dai** (from Christy Tyson, Branch Manager):

Two teenage boys, victims of the Chinese Cultural Revolution's "reeducation" program in 1971, find themselves working the coal mines in a remote mountain village where a contraband novel teaches them the power of storytelling. Funny, heart-wrenching, informative, and profound.

Emerald Magic: Great Tales of Irish Fantasy edited by **Andrew M. Greeley**, (from Jason Gift Enevoldsen, secretary):

This collection of modern tales by such master-storytellers as Jane Yolen, Tanith Lee, Ray Bradbury, and Morgan Llywelyn offers fresh perspectives on the classic themes of Irish fantasy and legend.