



A chapter of the Friends of Seattle Public Library

April, 2007

Opening Day Festivities

by Nils Enevoldsen

Southwest Branch opened Saturday, March 10th, to the noise of champagne poppers, live music, and gleeful patrons.

On hand to welcome everyone were branch manager Christy Tyson with most of the Southwest Branch staff, Mayor Greg Nickels, city council-member Jan Drago, city librarian Deborah Jacobs, Seattle Public Library Board of Trustees president Gilbert Anderson, and of course Lulu the “hip and modern library fairy”. We also appreciated the presence of artist Katherine Kerr, whose cast-bronze hands turned out to be even more interactive than she predicted. Katherine brought photographs and tools from the sculptures’ creation to help her answer patron questions.

Oohs and ahhs greeted the new building. Architect Olsen Sundberg Architects made excellent use of the extra floorspace, respecting the feel of the old library while opening up reading and circulation areas, expanding shelving, and improving sightlines and acoustics. (Denny Middle School Jazz Band’s upstairs performance went unnoticed by those who stayed below.)

The iconic Mother and Child sculpture has remained in its entryway location, and paintings from SPL’s collection now appear above the reference desk, in the Spanish language corner, and behind the main circulation desk. Morgan Brig’s enamel art pieces—commissioned by the Friends of Southwest Branch Library—adorn the wall opposite the upstairs meeting room.

I was helping the younger crowd decorate and assemble their magical library hats while limiting stapler-damage to the nice new library. I had a blast, but Greg Nickels didn’t seem too enthusiastic about participating when I approached him.

Return of the Readaround

by Julie Enevoldsen

Come celebrate National Poetry Month with a Poetry Readaround in the Southwest Branch upstairs meeting room on Shakespeare’s birthday (**Monday, April 23rd from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**) All ages are invited to bring a poem to share - one you like or one you’ve written. Each reading is limited to 5 minutes. Don’t want to read? Just come and enjoy what others bring. Call 206-386-4636 for more information.

Now that we have our branch back - with a lovely new meeting room - we have brought back our readarounds. Past readarounds have included beginning readers and published writers, sharing a celebration of the written word by reading aloud. Watch for more readarounds planned during the coming year, and do join us!

Spring Book Sale

by Sarel Rowe

Have you been hunting for a book you can’t find? Surely you’ll see it in the 200,000 books at Friends of the Seattle Public Library’s Spring sale Apr 20-22 (Friday is members-only).

See www.splfriends.org for more details about the must-attend event of the season. Many books are priced at \$1. See you at 7400 Sand Point Way NE Bldg #30.

Volunteer at the Book Sale

by Sarel Rowe

Volunteers get books free! Can you work at the booksale? Help is needed.

Email book.sale@spl.org with your availability. Help is needed during the sale and on the following dates: Thurs, April 19, Monday, April 23, and Tuesday, April 24.

Library Ambassadors

by Alice Enevoldsen

In an effort to be welcoming to all library patrons, we recruited three bilingual teen volunteers to help create new brochures about the Southwest Friends. These three volunteers (Laila, Diane, and Mayra) translated the brochures into Somali, Vietnamese, and Spanish. The flyers were available at the opening, and will continue to be available when we get our new information kiosk or bulletin board up. We are still looking for a volunteer to help us translate the flyers into Amharic.



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Friends of Southwest Branch Library

2007 Event Calendar

Date	Day	Time	Location	Event
April 16	Mon	6:30-7:45pm	Southwest Branch	Monthly Meeting
April 20-22	Fri-Sun	All Day	Sand Point	Friends' Spring Booksale
April 23	Mon	6:30-7:30pm	Southwest Branch	Poetry Readaround
May 14	Mon	6:30-7:45pm	Southwest Branch	Monthly Meeting
June 11	Mon	6:30-7:45pm	Southwest Branch	Monthly Meeting
July 9	Mon	6:30-7:45pm	Southwest Branch	Monthly Meeting
August 13	Mon	6:30-7:45pm	Southwest Branch	Monthly Meeting
September 17	Mon	6:30-7:45pm	Southwest Branch	Monthly Meeting
October 8	Mon	6:30-7:45pm	Southwest Branch	Monthly Meeting
Oct 29 - Nov 17			Southwest Branch	Community Artists' Showcase
November 10	Sat	2:00-3:00pm	Southwest Branch	Artists' Reception
November 10	Sat	3:00-5:00pm	Southwest Branch	Annual Membership Meeting
November 12	Mon	6:30-7:45pm	Southwest Branch	Monthly Meeting

Friends Recommend . . .

Beast by Donna Napoli

(from Alice Enevoldsen)

A fun multicultural retelling of Beauty and the Beast. Who was the prince that Beast used to be? How did he come to be a Beast and live alone in an abandoned mansion? This story begins in Persia, and is both an absorbing story and a glimpse into a middle-eastern mythology.

Joplin's Ghost by Tananarive Due

(from Christy Tyson)

A rich and complex supernatural tale in which a young rock musician becomes the target of the unhappy spirit of Scott Joplin who is convinced she is the wife he lost.

The Line Between by Peter S. Beagle

(from Julie Enevoldsen)

The author of *The Last Unicorn* blends humor, magic, and sentiment in this varied collection of new short stories. Includes a return to the world of *The Last Unicorn*, and a delightful story about a mouse who decides to become a cat.

The Ghost Map by Steven Johnson

(from Jason Gift Enevoldsen)

A fascinating description of one of the first uses of scientific epidemiology to track down the cause of a disease outbreak - cholera, in London, 1854.