



A chapter of the Friends of Seattle Public Library

October-November, 2007

Meet the Artists Reception

by Sandra Sinner

Friends of Southwest Branch Library are sponsoring a Meet-the-Artists Reception Saturday, November 10 at 2 p.m. at the Southwest Branch. This is an opportunity to meet your creative neighbors! Coffee and dessert will be served.

This event is part of the 16th Annual Southwest Artists Showcase. Art work by Southwest community members will be on display at the Southwest Branch from October 29 through November 17. Artists participating in the Showcase are encouraged to attend the reception. This reception is a chance to discuss art with the artists in a low-key, friendly setting. Join us!

Friends of Southwest Branch Annual Meeting

by Sarel Rowe

Have you ever wondered what Southwest Friends do? Are you interested in becoming more involved in support of Southwest Library? Join us at our Annual Meeting November 10 in the upstairs meeting room at Southwest Library from 3-5 p.m. We'll review the past year and elect officers to serve in 2008. All are welcome. Please come, we need new officers!!

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William Layman, winner of the 2007 Washington State Book Award in General Non-Fiction, will read from *River of Memory: The Everlasting Columbia* at the Friends of the Library Annual meeting on November 3. Join Mr. Layman and Friends for refreshments and a year end review at Beacon Hill library from 2-4 p.m..

HELP NEEDED NOW! Support Full Library Funding

Are you #330 on a hold list or do you have trouble finding current titles in the Seattle Public Library System? That's the result of prolonged lack of investment. Seattle voters committed to libraries when they passed the Libraries for All Bond Issue in 1998, but City Hall hasn't returned that commitment by fully funding the library's acquisition, maintenance, and access needs. New libraries mean increased demand. We must urge council members to meet that demand and close the 2.5 million dollar gap in the library budget this year.

Please email your councilmembers:

<http://www.seattle.gov/council/councilcontact.htm> and include a specific example of how you're impacted by budget woes. Then join us at the Oct 30 hearings at 5:30 in council chambers on the second floor of City Hall 600 4th Avenue. We need sign-holders in the audience. Patron turnout absolutely makes the difference. Can't join us? Call 684 8821 to voice your opinions between 4:30 and 5:30 on 30 Oct. For more info or questions contact Sarel Rowe 937 3499 or sarel@speakeasy.org

Our Books-for-Sale Kiosk is Back!

by Sarel Rowe

The kiosk is operating again in the lobby at Southwest across from the circulation desk. We have enough books to last through the holidays and into spring....we hope. Hardbounds \$1 Softbound just 25 cents. You'll find biography, plenty of fiction, and children's books. Your book donation dollars go directly to Southwest Friends for application to programs and grants at the library and book donations to nearby Roxhill Elementary.

Grant to SWT Children's Librarian

by Alice Gift Enevoldsen

In September, through SWT Friends' fundraising, we donated \$120 to Jan Hogan, Southwest's own Children's Librarian for an easel to support her big picture books during storytime. She was able to get the perfect easel: It's a whiteboard, magnetic, has a feltboard on the back, and is designed especially to showcase large books.



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Friends of Southwest Branch Library

2007 Event Calendar

| Date | Day | Time | Location | Event |
|-----------------|-----|-------------|--|---|
| October 30 | Tue | 5:30pm | Council Chambers City Hall 600 4th Avenue\ | Budget Hearing |
| Oct 29 - Nov 17 | | | Southwest Branch | Community Artists' Showcase |
| November 3 | Sat | 2:00-4:00pm | Beacon Hill Branch | Friends of Seattle Public Libaray Annual Meeting |
| 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 . . .

The Olive Farm: a Love Story by Carol Drinkwater
(from Toni Reineke)

Get the audiobook, and the rest of the series too. Carol Drinkwater reads her books about the restoration of a neglected property in France. Her skill as an actress and her soft French accent add another dimension to her books.

The Places in Between by Rory Stewart (audiobook)
(from Toni Reineke)

Rory tells of his walk through the mountain passes of Afghanistan in 2002--in winter! A historian and journalist, he wisely focuses on the people and landscape (mostly harsh) of the country.

The Covenant by James Michener

(from Dennis Gruenig)

This is a historical fiction of the recorded history of South Africa. It starts in 13,000 BC and then skips forward to 1400AD, and covers time up until about 1970. The story shows the good parts, but doesn't shy away from the bad parts too.

Dvořák: His Life and Music by Gervase Hughes
(from Sandra Sinner)

A very good story. It's a biography, but talks about the music without getting too technical for people without musical background to read. Well researched.

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