



A chapter of the Friends of the Seattle Public Library

March, 2008

## SWT Friends Annual Meeting

At the SWT Friends annual meeting in December, we elected Julie Enevoldsen as facilitator and Tina Chang as treasurer. The offices of co-facilitator and secretary are open. Any volunteers? In 2008, we plan to continue to sell used books at our popular kiosk and buy children's books for Roxhill Elementary. We'll co-host the artist's showcase and two poetry read-arounds. We'll participate in the retirement party for one branch manger, and we plan to host a reception for the new branch manager. We plan to engage with the new branch manager and liaison to discuss how we can best be supportive of SWT branch. We have funds available for small grants to SWT staff, as needs arise. We'll continue publishing the newsletter and website. As always, we also plan to advocate for the Seattle Public Library by attending neighborhood events and city council meetings, and writing letters to council members and newspapers.

## Two Poetry Read-Arounds

We're having two Poetry Read-Arounds this year: Mon, Mar 31, 6:30-7:30 pm and Sat, Apr 12, 2-3 pm. Read aloud from your favorite poems or just come and listen. Each reading is limited to 5 minutes. Readers and poets of all ages are welcome.

## Oh No! We're Shrinking!

Due to several recent losses, the number of *active* SWT Friends is very low. The number of members attending the monthly meeting is down to just five, four, or sometimes three. If we don't get a couple more *active* members this year, we'll be in danger of dissolving altogether (like the Wicked Witch of the West).

**Please, become an active member.** Come to the monthly meetings. It's informal and friendly. We just gather around a table in the meeting room upstairs and decide (with our library staff liaison) what little things we can do to help the library. Then we talk about books we've read. It's a great thing to do for people of all ages ranging from teenagers to seniors.

## Spring Book Sale

The Friends of SPL Spring Book Sale, open to the public, will be Saturday, April 12, from 9 am to 5 pm, and Sunday, April 13, 11 am to 4 pm in Building #30 at Magnuson Park, 7400 Sand Point Way N.E.. The member preview sale is Friday, April 11, 6:30-9:30 pm, with memberships sold at the door. Bring your own boxes or bags. If you've never been there, don't miss it—it's amazing. Over 200,000 books and other items. Most books are \$1.00.

## Help Us Choose Used Books

Want to help pick the books for our kiosk? After the SPL Friends Book Sale closes, April 13, 4pm, we, the SWT Friends, get an extra hour to choose used books to fill our used book sale kiosk at SWT Branch. We need volunteers to help pick hundreds of books quickly. It's fun; it's like a free shopping spree. For more info, come to the March 24 monthly meeting at SWT Branch, or call Julie or Keith at 206-932-3741.

## Send-off for Christy Tyson!

Christy Tyson is retiring! For many years, Christy has been Southwest Library's beloved Branch Manager, well known to all patrons by her wide smile, her voluminous knowledge of all things bibliographical, her wry remarks, her love of children's books, her loving encouragement of bouncy young patrons, and her patience with nutty old patrons. More seriously, we have all grown accustomed to her smoothly running library and her happy staff.



Southwest Library is hosting a retirement party for Christy on Sunday, March 16, 5-7 pm, at the SWT Branch. Everyone's invited—members of SWT Friends, SPL staff, and anyone who considers themselves a friend of Christy. An RSVP is not required but would be appreciated by Rehka Kuver, rehka.kuver@spl.org, 206-684-4832. The theme is green. The good news is that it's not good-bye, because Christy will still be a patron. See you around, Christy!

Membership in SWT Friends is free and open to anyone: email [j.enevoldsen@wlonk.com](mailto:j.enevoldsen@wlonk.com), or call Julie at 206-932-3741.  
SWT Friends website: [swtfriends.wlonk.com](http://swtfriends.wlonk.com)



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**2008 Events Calendar**

Date	Day	Time	Location	Event
Mar 16	Sun	5–7 pm	SWT Branch	Christy Tyson Retirement Party
Mar 24	Mon	6:30–7:45 pm	SWT Branch upstairs	Monthly Meeting
Mar 31	Mon	6:30–7:30 pm	SWT Branch upstairs	Poetry Read-Around
Apr 11–13	Fri*	6:30–9:30 pm	Building 30	Friends of SPL Spring Book Sale
	Sat	9 am – 5 pm	Magnusen Park	*Friday is members preview
	Sun	11 am – 4 pm	7400 Sand Point Way	
Apr 12	Sun	2–3 pm	SWT Branch upstairs	Poetry Read-Around
Apr 28	Mon	6:30–7:45 pm	SWT Branch upstairs	Monthly Meeting
May 19	Mon	6:30–7:45 pm	SWT Branch upstairs	Monthly Meeting
Jun 9	Mon	6:30–7:45 pm	SWT Branch upstairs	Monthly Meeting
Jul 23	Mon	6:30–7:45 pm	SWT Branch upstairs	Monthly Meeting
Aug 25	Mon	6:30–7:45 pm	SWT Branch upstairs	Monthly Meeting
Sep 22	Mon	6:30–7:45 pm	SWT Branch upstairs	Monthly Meeting
Oct 27–Nov 15			SWT Branch	Artists' Showcase
Nov 8	Sat	2–3 pm	SWT Branch	Artists' Reception
Nov 8	Sat	3–5 pm	SWT Branch upstairs	Annual Membership Meeting
Nov 24	Mon	6:30–7:45 pm	SWT Branch upstairs	Monthly Meeting

## Friends Recommend

### *Lion of Ireland* by Morgan Llewelyn

(from Dennis Gruenig)

The legend of Brian Boru, high king of Ireland around 1000 AD. It is a mix of fact and myth. Interesting relationships of kingdoms, subkingdoms, and tribes.

### *Agnes and the Hitman* by Jenifer Cruise and Bob Mayer

(from Sandra Sinner)

Agnes is a cook and food writer. When the first hitman comes in, she whacks him with a frying pan. The second hitman is for her protection. Funny, dark, tangled.

### *Yellow Raft in Blue Water* by Michael Dorris and *Tracks* by Louise Erdrich

(from Sarel Rowe)

It was magical when I discovered these two books at the SPL book sale, written at the same time by husband and wife and inscribed to each other. They shared an intimate writing relationship. Both books have Native American themes told from multiple viewpoints.

### *Shelter* by Susan Palwick

(from Julie Enevoldsen)

This can't-put-it-down read, set in a near-future San Francisco, explores what it means to take care of each other and ourselves. Tenderly-drawn characters, including a sentient house and Mr. Rogers.