



A chapter of the Friends of the Seattle Public Library

June, 2008

Welcome Theresa Mayer, Our New Branch Manager



Theresa Mayer is now the new branch manager for both Southwest and South Park branches. Theresa was previously branch manager at High Point and South Park. (Former branch manager Christy Tyson retired a few months ago.) The staff members who know Theresa are all smiles, so we know Theresa will be great. **Mark Guzman** is now the new assistant manager at Southwest Branch (full-time). He was previously at South Park. Theresa and Mark both also speak Spanish. Southwest branch is second only to South Park in number of Spanish speaking patrons.

Everyone is invited to meet Theresa Mayer on Monday, July 28, 6:30–7:45, in the Southwest Branch meeting room upstairs. SWT Friends is sponsoring the event and will provide refreshments.

Thank You, Deborah Jacobs

Deborah Jacobs, City Librarian for SPL, is moving to the Gates Foundation Global Libraries Initiative. She spearheaded the Libraries for All campaign that nearly doubled the size of the branches and gave us our new landmark downtown library. Deborah has been an enthusiastic believer in the Friends of SPL and SWT Friends in particular. Thank you, Deborah, for everything you have done for SPL.

The SPL board of trustees is beginning a search for a new City Librarian. SPL board of trustees contacts and meeting schedules are at www.spl.org.

Budget Cuts Ahead?

The last two budget cycles helped the library recover from earlier budget cuts, but next year's budget will be tight, and could take back some of the ground we recovered. The city council needs your input. City council contacts and meeting schedules are at www.seattle.gov.

Summer Reading for Adults

Read three books or listen to three audio books between June 15 and August 31. Write a short description of each book on the entry form available at the library. There will be a drawing for a prize (a Booklover's Bag) at each library each week. You must be 18 years or older.

Shake, Rattle & Read

Summer reading for kids! List the books you read on your reading log, available at the library. When you have read 10 books, you will win a paperback book of your choice. There will be a drawing for the City Librarian's Breakfast of Champions at the Sheraton.

Pick up the pamphlet that describes more summer programs for kids. Listed for Southwest Branch: *Twinkle, Twinkle: Jazz and Blues* 2pm Wed, Jul 9; *Myth Understandings* 2pm Tue Jul 15; *Dance Around the World with Lulu the Library Mouse* 11:30am Wed, Jul 23; *Thumbelina* 3pm Wed, Jul 30; *Bringin' Da Noise* 7pm Thu, Aug 14.

Ro Cooper to High Point

Ro Cooper, long-time coordinating library associate at Southwest Branch and all-round nice guy, has moved to High Point Branch. We'll miss you, Ro! See you at High Point.

Books Donated to Roxhill

In April, we donated \$200 of selected used books from the Spring Booksale to Roxhill Elementary.

Call for Active Members

Please, become an active member of SWT Friends. 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. By the way, Christy Tyson, former SWT Branch Manager and liaison with SWT Friends, is our newest active member. Her sparkling personality is still lighting up the meeting room.

Membership in SWT Friends is free and open to anyone: email j.enevoldsen@wlonk.com, or call Julie at 206-932-3741.
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Friends of Southwest Branch Library
2008 Events Calendar

Date	Day	Time	Location	Event
Jul 28	Mon	6:30–7:45 pm	SWT Branch upstairs	Meet Theresa Mayer, our new Branch Manager
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
Sep 26–28	Fri*	6:30–9:30 pm	Building 30	Friends of SPL Fall Book Sale *Friday is members preview
	Sat	9 am – 5 pm	Magnusen Park	
	Sun	11 am – 4 pm	7400 Sand Point Way	
Oct 27	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

Friends Recommend

Dreamers of the Day by Mary Doria Russell
 (from Julie Enevoldsen)

After losing her family to the flu epidemic in 1918-1919, a woman goes to Egypt with her dachshund. She meets historical characters such as Lawrence of Arabia and Winston Churchill. Beautifully written.

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus and ***Pigeon Wants a Puppy*** by Mo Willem
 (from Christy Tyson)

Picture books about a pigeon with attitude. Pigeon wants a puppy, NOW!

The Sword in the Stone by T. H. White
 (from Dennis Gruenig)

Light-hearted presentation of the King Arthur legend. Arthur's nickname is "the Wart." Merlin's memory of the future hints at locomotives and airplanes.

American Shaolin: Flying Kicks, Buddhist Monks, and the Legend of Iron Crotch by Matthew Polly
 (from Tina Chang)

The author, a Princeton student and weakling, decides to erase his list of "what's wrong with me." He journeys to the Shaolin temple, is gradually accepted by the monks, and becomes a Kung Fu master. After two years, he restarts his American life.