



A chapter of the Friends of the Seattle Public Library

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Who We Are and What We Do

Friends of the Southwest Branch Library is a neighborhood chapter of the Friends of Seattle Public Library. Friends of the Seattle Public Library are volunteers who assist their local libraries through fundraising, volunteer to do projects, promote community awareness of libraries, advocate for city funding, and support the freedom of individuals to read what they wish. For more info visit the FOSPL website at www.friendsofspl.org.

Officers for 2009

At the annual meeting of the Friends of Southwest Branch Library in December, these officers were elected:

Facilitator: Julie Enevoldsen

Co-Facilitator: Toni Reineke

Secretary: Christy Tyson

Treasurer: Tina Chang

Also, Irene Gendron graciously volunteered to continue managing our popular Book Kiosk, and Alison Kennedy and Keith Enevoldsen kindly agreed to edit and produce the newsletter.

Plans for 2009

2009 is here, and with it new programs are in the works at the Southwest Branch Library.

April is National Poetry Month and we will be co-hosting the famous Southwest Branch poetry readaround again; start thinking about a poem or poems to share, and look for more details in the next newsletter!

Discussions about introducing a board game night at the library are circulating.

The annual artists showcase will be held this year from Monday Oct. 19 to Sunday Nov. 8. Our annual membership meeting will be held on Saturday Nov 7th from 3-5pm, following the community artists showcase reception.

Spring Book Sale

Where will the book sale be held this year and in future? The location of the book sale is currently being debated by the City Council. The spring sale will probably continue to be held at Hanger 30 at Sandpoint, April 17th – April 19th as planned. We will keep you informed as we find out more.

Budget Results and a Request

Thank-you everyone who contacted your elected officials expressing support for The Seattle Public Library in October and November! Your voices made a difference. The Seattle City Council voted to increase the library's budget by 300,000 dollars in both 2009 and 2010.

Please take the time to thank your council members for their strong support of the library in this difficult budget year. See the Friends of The Seattle Public Library website, www.friendsofspl.org, and their blog, friendsofspl.wordpress.com, for continued information on the library.

The Friends will also be attending District Council meetings throughout 2009. If you're interested in being a part of this project to strengthen neighborhood relations, please contact Sarel Rowe: sarelis03@yahoo.com.

Calling All Archivists!

Do you enjoy scrapbooking? Have a knack for organization? Friends of the Southwest Public Library are looking for a special someone who'd be interested in tackling our archives. Interested? Contact Julie Enevoldsen at 206-932-3741



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Events Calendar, Friends of Southwest Branch Library

2009 Date	Day	Time	Location	Event
Feb 23	Mon	6-7:30 pm	SWT Branch upstairs	Monthly Meeting
Mar 23	Mon	6-7:30 pm	SWT Branch upstairs	Monthly Meeting
Apr 11 or 12?	Sat, Sun?	2-3 pm?	SWT Branch upstairs	Poetry Read-around
Apr 17-19	Fri*	6:30-9:30 pm	Building #30	Friends of SPL Spring Book Sale
	Sat	9 am - 5 pm	Magnuson Park	*Friday is members preview
	Sun	11 am - 4 pm	7400 Sand Point Way	
Apr 27	Mon	6-7:30 pm	SWT Branch upstairs	Monthly Meeting
May 18	Mon	6-7:30 pm	SWT Branch upstairs	Monthly Meeting
Jun 22	Mon	6-7:30 pm	SWT Branch upstairs	Monthly Meeting
Jul 27	Mon	6-7:30 pm	SWT Branch upstairs	Monthly Meeting
Aug 24	Mon	6-7:30 pm	SWT Branch upstairs	Monthly Meeting
Sep 28	Mon	6-7:30 pm	SWT Branch upstairs	Monthly Meeting
Oct 26	Mon	6-7:30 pm	SWT Branch upstairs	Monthly Meeting
Oct 19 - Nov 8			SWT Branch	Artists' Showcase
Nov 7	Sat	2-3 pm	SWT Branch upstairs	Annual Membership Meeting
Nov 23	Mon	6-7:30 pm	SWT Branch upstairs	Monthly Meeting

Friends Recommend

West Wind and *New and Selected Works* by Mary Oliver

(from Sarel Rowe)

The way she writes about nature is so tender. Wonderful metaphors, such as describing the experience of nature as the Rapture. Great poems about her dog.

Doubt is Their Product by David Michaels

(from Julie Enevoldsen)

To avoid regulation, the tobacco, pharmaceutical, and chemical industries must instill doubt that scientific research is valid. Badly written, but provocative.

The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl by Timothy Egan

(from Toni Reineke)

Masterful job of interweaving stories of numerous people to paint a picture of the hardship during the 1930s; helps me understand my dad better.

Agent Zig Zag by Ben Macintyre

(from Sandra Sinner)

True story of a prisoner on the Channel Islands who is freed when the Nazis capture the prison. He becomes an agent for the Nazis, a double agent for the British, and an agent both for and against the Norwegians.