

# PAGE TURNER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY ANN LOWREY

We are cautiously optimistic about having a book sale in November! While we will be monitoring the level of Covid cases in our area, the planning starts early. We are definitely in planning mode. And I feel like I've waited a long time to be able to say that!

We haven't had a book sale since November of 2019! We have missed three of our usual May and November events and we are really looking forward to getting back to our usual routine. In the meantime, we had a "mini" book sale at the end of July for Friends members only. It was well attended and much appreciated by all. We also have had several book dealers and vinyl dealers in to purchase some inventory. All in the interest of contributing to the library!

Our volunteers have been busy sorting and shelving books that have been donated to the library. The two yellow bins in the lobby of the library are constantly filling up with beautiful gently used books. Thank you to those who supply us with the "raw material".

The book room has a new look and we've received compliments on it lately. Take a peek next time you are in the library. You'll see more front-facing books, an "author of the month" section, children's books grouped by series and much more.

We will thank our volunteers as we do every October during National Friends of the Library week. We have quite a few new volunteers thanks to our recent advertising. We also had a group of summer workers, mostly high school students. They helped us cull out old books and do some reorganizing. It has been fun to make some new friends and work with our new volunteers.

The book sorters, eBay workers and researchers celebrated summer with a picnic in Schoolhouse Park in August. This is becoming a fun tradition.

Fingers crossed that I will see you at the book sale!  
Ann

## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

BY NYAMA Y. REED

The Whitefish Bay Public Library is excited to announce the return of our annual Photo Contest, with lots of gratitude to Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library for sponsoring this great program.

Started in 2016, to date we have awarded 131 prizes, 51 honorable mentions, and over \$5,000 in award money to amateur photographers. While libraries are about books, they are also about supporting the passions of our community members, and offering cultural and artistic programming. The WFBPL Photo Contest is a wonderful outlet for local photo aficionados to share their best pictures and to celebrate the art form with others.

Please join us at a reception for the winners on Saturday, November 6 from 4-5:30PM at the Whitefish Bay Public Library. Winning photos will be on display for the reception and over the next year in the Adult Services wing.

2021 WFBPL Photo Contest – Best in Show Winner by Glenn Meyers



Sincerely,  
Nyama

## Adult Services Updates

By Scott Lenski, Community and Adult Services Librarian

### Take and Tinker Collection

Excite your mind, try out a hobby, learn a new skill, or just have fun with our new Take and Tinker collection! This is a collection of tools, games, and more made up of items that you wouldn't expect to find in a library. Take and Tinker is generously funded by you as Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library!

Browse the Take and Tinker collection and reserve an item with your library card. Items have a 7-day checkout (with a 3-day grace) and can be renewed up to 2 times if no one is waiting. Late fees are \$.50 per day. Items can only be picked up at Whitefish Bay Public Library. Items must be picked up AND returned to the Adult Services Desk. DO NOT place items in the bookdrop.

Check out the different items in Take and Tinker on our website:

[https://www.wfblibrary.org/read\\_research/take\\_and\\_tinker\\_collection.php](https://www.wfblibrary.org/read_research/take_and_tinker_collection.php)

Place a hold on items through CountyCat:

- Cricut Air Explorer 2- A DIY Cutting Machine that can make custom stickers, personalized home decor, home-made gifts and party favors, unique greeting cards, custom designed apparel, and more.
- Brother Sewing Machine
- Epson Projector/DVD Player- Host an outdoor movie night in your backyard.
- Portable Projector Screen
- Portable DVD Player
- Promaker Button Machine- Make your very own buttons! Great for block or birthday parties.
- Ukulele Beginner Kit
- Various Yard Games including Giant Jenga, Kubb and Yard Dice
- And more!

### Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library Writing Contest

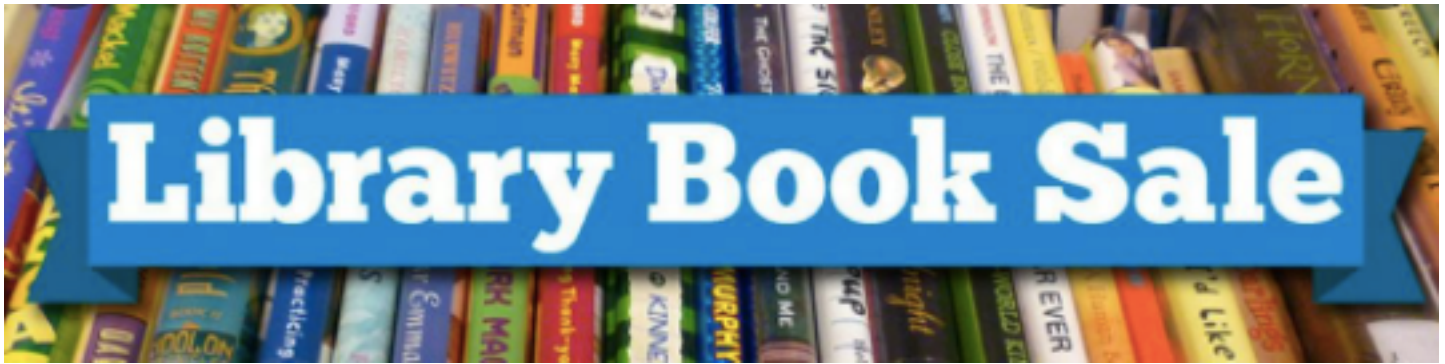
Friends are once again offering Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library Writing Contest. This will be the 9th straight year for the contest, which includes submission categories for short story (1,000 words or less), memoirs (1,000 words or less), and poetry (200 words or less). The contest is open to anyone 16 and up. Submissions will be accepted from January 10-February 14 and are limited to one entry per person per category. Cash prizes will be awarded in early spring. Please include a cover page on your entry with the following: Name, address, email, phone number, entry date, and category.

Email entries to [reference@wfblibrary.org](mailto:reference@wfblibrary.org). Or you can drop them off in person at the Adult Services Desk or mail them to:

Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library Writing Contest  
5420 N Marlborough Drive  
Milwaukee, WI 53217

Depending on the status of the pandemic, a reception may be held where winners will be on hand to read their pieces on Tuesday, March 29 at 6:30PM. Winners will also have their entries posted to the library's website.





## Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library Book Sale Returns

*By Jan Concannon*

We're back!

The November Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library book sale returns the first full weekend in November. The sale will happen at the Library, located at 5420 N. Marlborough Drive.

On Friday, November 5, our usual Friends Night – for Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library - will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. If you're not a Friend, you can join Friday night and attend the Friday night sale for as little as \$15 annually.

On Saturday, November 6, our hours are 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. And on Sunday, November 7, join us from noon to 3 p.m. for our popular bag sale. Fill a bag for \$5. We supply the bags!

We postponed our last 3 book sales due to the pandemic. But now we feel it's safe for customers, volunteers and library personnel to take part in our November sale. We recommend that masks be worn. But we will not require or enforce mask wearing. All sale workers will be masked. Masks will be provided as will hand sanitizer. We also recommend that you monitor the status of the sale at [WFBLibrary.org](http://WFBLibrary.org) to make sure the sale will still be held. If the pandemic becomes more serious than it is now, the sale may be cancelled.

We're excited about resuming our semi-annual sales which help raise money to supplement the wide range of activities at the Library including reading programs, computer equipment purchases, guest speakers, furniture and much more.

Thanks to the generosity of the community, we have a tremendous selection of gently-used books, DVDs and CDs. Books are sorted fiction versus non-fiction. Fiction offerings are alphabetized by author. Non-fiction books are for sale by category. So if you have a favorite author, or are looking for just the right book, you'll find it all at the Book Sale.

Reminder: We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express, checks and cash.

We can't wait to see you in November!

## Friends Scholarship Winners

### Sydney Cottongim

*University of Minnesota Twin Cities studying Nutrition on a Pre-Dental Track*



Before high school, the Whitefish Bay Public Library was a place to entertain me with movies, music, and books. It wasn't until I was in high school that the library became a place that would set me up for academic success and inspire a love of learning.

My sophomore year, I had a tutor for chemistry. Every week we met at the Whitefish Bay Public Library. It never crossed my mind to use this facility for a tutor session or for studying. The library offered a warm and peaceful environment that eliminated distractions and increased my productivity. I started studying at the library between tutor sessions. My obsession with the library inspired a new Saturday study routine. I arrived when the library opened so I could secure my favorite seat with a view of Birch Avenue and Marlborough Drive. At noon, I went home for lunch and quickly returned to reclaim my spot. I stayed until everything was crossed off my study list. At the end of the day, I did not suffer from mental fatigue, like I did at home. Instead, I was energized and proud of my accomplishments. Throughout the semester, I saw a direct correlation between my time at the library and my grades. The more time I spent at the library, the higher my grades. I earned B+ in chemistry that year and made the honor roll.

My junior year, I reserved study rooms to prep for upcoming exams with classmates. Studying with a small group encouraged me to think creatively, build communication skills, and prepare for tests in a collaborative environment. Junior year was very overwhelming with AP classes, ACT prep, and college research. The library continued to be my sanctuary and gave me a positive environment to retreat from the chaos. While COVID-19 closed everything in the spring, I was still able to finish my junior year strong and again, made the honor roll.

With all activities cancelled, I found time to enjoy reading for pleasure and started a book club with my girlfriends. We have all utilized the library's curbside pick up. I'm so thankful for the creativity and dedication of the library staff to allow the community to utilize its resources in this new environment. Again, the library has provided me with another sanctuary and place to retreat during this time...inside of a good book.



## Friends Scholarship Winners

### Margo Middleton

*Washington University in St. Louis and majoring in Economics & Strategy*



There is no greater pleasure than reading a good book. Libraries help provide the escape that books bring. A library is a place of imagination – I am able to leave myself behind as I travel into new worlds. If a book is a passport, then a library is the plane transporting me to new places. Through books I have been able to explore the nature of the world, analyze power conflicts, and ponder character development. The library shelves, full of novels from every corner of the world, are the sole place in the world without boundaries. My tie to the library in my community has allowed me to transport for years. As a child, I walked the hall of Hogwarts with Hermione, and traveled around the world with Jack in his Magic Treehouse. Geronimo Stilton made me laugh, and Sam-I-Am taught me to try new things. Though I grew up a shy, quiet girl, I knew that I could tag along on an adventure as soon as I opened a book. Walking into a library I was always excited to find a new book to go somewhere new.

From the very beginning of my childhood, I was influenced by our own community library. Each summer I participated in the reading challenges, and even though I had little interest in prizes I was happy to document all the reading that I did. As I grew up, I

no longer participated in the summer read challenges, but instead volunteered my time to give rewards to children who were participating. The Whitefish Bay Library brings our community together, and I am beyond happy to have volunteered my time to support the next generation of young readers. My interest in books and reading has helped me become a strong English student. Reading library books helps me grow my vocabulary and strong sense of imagination. Writing is an essential skill, and without having had the opportunity to read books at the library, I know I wouldn't have become such a strong writer. The library has always been a firm foundation for me as I've grown up, and I know that libraries around the world will influence me as I grow up and leave Whitefish Bay. Without a doubt, reading – with the help of libraries—will continue to be an important part of my life.

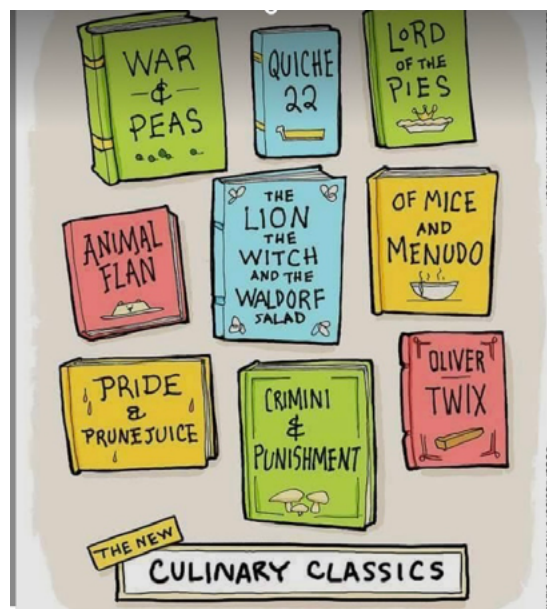
## Welcome New Members!

It's a pleasure to welcome the following new members who have joined Friends since the last newsletter was published:

Adriana Calderon	Wilfred de Junco
Reesa Gottschalk	Alyssa Gruenwald
Lisa Shah	Joan Harms
Katherine Lewis	Sandy Lewis
Anne O'Connor	Diane Shumaker
Mary Coffee	Alice Rozek
Lisa Cusick	Sue Crosby

*Thank you for your support.*

*Members are the lifeblood of our organization!*



## Youth Services Update

By Katie K

This summer, the Youth Services Department took programming outdoors! In order to safely gather and have in-person programming, we used School House Park (across the street from the library) to host in-person storytimes and crafting programs for kids and for teens. It was rewarding being able to gather again in-person with our community, and we received a lot of great feedback from those attending programs.

Since it was such a positive experience for our staff and for patrons, we continued outdoor programming in September and October. One particular program was especially successful, and it wouldn't have been possible without the generosity of Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library.

In September, we held "Books and Bagels" for middle schoolers and high schoolers in School House Park. We wanted to welcome our teens back to school (and back to the library) with a simple program where we'd serve Bruegger's bagels in the park and also have paperback books that they could browse and take home. (The books we used were leftover prizes from previous years' Summer Reading Programs.)



Thanks to promotion from our local school library colleagues and some Facebook posts, we had a huge crowd of nearly 75 teens attend this program. To say that it was unexpected is an understatement (and the size of the crowd also had me driving to Sendik's to buy last minute supplemental bagels)! We went through all of our bagels and sent home a lot of great books with some very enthusiastic teens. Hopefully the momentum from this successful program continues.

Thank you again Friends!



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## In Loving Memory

One of our Honorary Board Members, Jack Weiland, passed away recently. We are grateful for his contributions to the Board. Some of our members fondly remember how he always closed a Board meeting with a humorous anecdote.

## FRIENDS' BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Nyama Reed

Board Meetings are held at the Library at 6:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month (except July and August). Friends members are welcome to attend to get an idea of our work in progress, ask questions, or contribute ideas.