



Friends of the James Blackstone Memorial Library Member Newsletter

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ANNUAL MEETING



The Annual Meeting of the FRIENDS of the JBML was held on Tuesday, June 13. Polly Fitz was approved as vice president to replace Lee Sullivan who resigned that office. Fran Dombrowski and Tom Wilson were honored for their contributions to the Friends. Fran has run the children's book sale, and Tom was a past co-chair of the sale for many years and presently manages the sorting of the collection. A check for \$5,000.00 was given to the library in their names for book purchases and accepted by library trustee, Sandra Reiners. President Richmond Browne introduced Robert MacAlister, the newly hired consultant for development who expressed his pleasure in being associated with so fine a library.

Tom Wilson, Sandra Reiners, Richmond Browne, and Fran Dombrowski at the Friends of JBML Annual Meeting.

ANNUAL BOOK SALE

The Book Drop is open every Friday and Saturday morning from 9 to 12 noon on the ground level of the Volunteer Services Center, 30 Harrison Ave. Volunteers are on hand to collect the books and help you unload your car. Bringing your used books makes you a party to what we hope will be **Book Sale** history on Friday (9 a.m.-8 p.m.), Saturday (9 a.m. - 6 p.m.), and Sunday (11 a.m. - 2 p.m.), September 28th, 29th, and 30th.

If you are a new member or have never been called before and would like to help in some way, please contact Pres. Richmond Browne at 315-1237. We need many strong backs to help on Thursday, September 27, in loading the books to bring to the green and unloading them into the tents. Once in the tents volunteers must unpack the books, put up table signs, and set up the books. During the sale we need cashiers and helpers to replenish the books that have been sold. Many volunteers are needed and it's fun!

LAST DAY FOR BOOK DROP-OFF is Saturday, September 22.

BOOK SORTERS

If you stop at the VSC on Friday or Saturday morning from April through September, you will be greeted by special FRIENDS – The Book Sorters. They help to make our BOOK SALE the great success it has been. A sincere thank you to the following good FRIENDS: Betty Eckert, Alexine Wallace, Marie Crowley, Marjorie

Thompson, Joan Jenkins, Judith Spehar, Faith Tingley, Betsy Klarman, Harriet White, Rosemary Booth, Em Fielding, Kay Kazmaier, Tom Wilson, Gerry Reider, and Deb Ahlefeld. John Loeb is in charge of vintage books. Helping him are Bercee Cameron and Polly Fitz who sort and price under the expertise of Curt Wendler.

MINI BOOK SALE

Many thanks to the following people who volunteered their time for the mini book sale held in June at the JBML: Gusta Abels, Marjorene Ainley, Kay Burns, Barbara Carlson, Fran Dombrowski, Adela French, John Lambert, Blake and Lois Lehr, Beverly Madeska, Jeanne McKeon, Audrey Nelson, Jerry and Florence Osochowsky, Lucille Pascarella, Norcott Pemberton, and Barbara Tamulevich. Audrey Nelson organized the sale which netted \$465.00.

Letter from the Library Director

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Staff, I would like to thank you for your generosity this past year, 2006-2007.

For nearly ten years the Friends have supported the library by purchasing materials in our media collection; i.e. books on tape and CD, music CDs, and videos on tape and DVD. Beginning July 1 with the adopted library budget, the media expense will be covered by the library materials expense line, freeing the Friends from this expenditure. We thank you for your generosity this year with your gift of over \$7,000.00 for media materials.

Passes to museums allow our patrons to visit museums in our area either at no cost or at a reduced cost. These passes are a very popular item to our patrons. We appreciate the Friends' expenditure for the numerous museum passes you purchase each year.

The phone system installed ten years ago following the 1997 renovation was cumbersome and expensive to maintain. We appreciate that the Friends were able to give \$5000.00 towards a new phone system which was installed in December 2006. Another capital purchase for the library was a new microfilm reader/printer for our reference area. Because of the age of the old machine, it was unable to be fixed as parts were no longer available. A \$5,000.00 gift from the Friends allowed the library to purchase a new microfilm reader/printer, which is a state-of-the-art computer driven machine. The new machine is now conveniently housed in the reference department along with the microfilm reels the library owns.

Another very much appreciated gift from the Friends has always been the monies for programming. The Friends cover nearly all the programs for children that correspond to our Summer Reading Program. They also pay for the movie license that the library has in place so that we are able to show movies without any violation of copyright.

The gifts from the Friends enable the James Blackstone Memorial Library to be a better than 'average' library and enhance the life in our community. Thank you again for everything you do.

Sincerely,
Kathy Rieger, Library Director

REMINDERS

Don't forget to check your mailing label. If you have renewed, it should read 07. If it doesn't, please renew now by sending a check to Treasurer, Joan Ahern, 19 Lincoln Ave.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at the library at 5:15 p.m. Any member of the FRIENDS is invited to attend.

See you at the BOOK SALE.