

Watermarks

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring has arrived – the sun is out, flowers are blooming, the birds are singing and the deer are eating everything in the yard. A Spring day like this is one of the reasons I love living in Lake Oswego – well, maybe without the deer.

Another reason to enjoy life in LO is our Lake Oswego Public Library. The staff and LO Reads Steering Committee filled the month of February with activities for the 9th Lake Oswego Reads featuring the book, *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. The Friends have been a major sponsor of this program since its inception. Thanks to you, our members, the entire city has been able to enjoy this wonderful program which is very unique as not many other cities have a group reading program that provides an entire month of activities. This year's Lake Oswego Reads was our most successful yet so if you enjoyed it, please take time to thank the Library staff.

In other Friends' information, watch for our new website which should be up and operating by May. This will allow us to send dues notices and receive payments online as well as having our newsletter available online. We will also be able to provide more rapid information regarding book sales and notices of special events.



Good news! The Friends' membership now totals 560 which is an indication of how important the Lake Oswego Public Library is to our town. Let's keep the membership numbers going up – tell your friends and neighbors about us and ask them to join. The larger our membership becomes, the stronger our support for our Library. Let's see if we can reach 700 members this year!



Membership

Benefits

Your membership in the Friends brings many benefits to you and the community. Your membership dues, together with proceeds from the Friends' Booktique Used Bookstore, go to:

- Publishing and distributing the Friends Newsletter which keeps you informed on what is happening with the organization, at the library, and in the Booktique.
- Providing members tickets and a free copy of the book chosen for the "Lake Oswego Reads" program each year.
- Supporting library programs and events for children, teens and adults.
- Enriching the library's collections (books, DVDs, CDs, etc.)
- Building the Friends fund for a new library to meet the future needs of our community.

The BOARD OF THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY APPROVED THE LAKE OSWEGO

LIBRARY GRANT REQUESTS OF \$26,000 FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Third Tuesday Author Program:

\$1,000 PROVIDES THE COMMUNITY WITH PROGRAMS AND DISCUSSIONS OF BOOKS AND IDEAS WITH LOCAL AUTHORS.

Educational & Cultural Programs

\$1,940 PROVIDES FUNDS FOR CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & EVENTS TO FULFILL THE LIBRARY MISSION TO MEET THESE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY.

Language Learning Materials

\$1500 WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION MATERIALS ON CD AND DVD'S.

Adult Summer Reading Prizes

\$1,010 WILL PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR ADULT PARTICIPATION IN THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM WITH WEEKLY DRAWINGS AND A GRAND PRIZE FOR A NIGHT AT SYLVIA BEACH HOTEL IN NEWPORT.

Makerspace

\$4,000 WILL UPGRADE THE 3D PRINTING PROGRAM AND ADD AN ADDITIONAL STATE OF THE ART 3D PRINTER .

MESSAGE FROM OUR BOOKTIQUE MANAGER

Last week while wandering around the library, I came across a collection of essays titled "My Bookstore: Writers Celebrate their Favorite Places to Browse, Read and Shop" (Ronald Rice, 2012, Black Dog & Leventhal Publishers). Of course I checked it out. Inside I found 84 celebrations of bookstores written by 84 famous writers. Powell's is here, described in loving detail by Chuck Palahniuk. The Elliott Bay Book Company in Seattle is well-covered by Tim Egan, author of *The Big Burn* (which is also on my nightstand right now). Eighty-four bookstores across America: eighty-four independent retail establishments in 34 states (and the District of Columbia: Politics and Prose), all thriving to some degree in spite of Amazon and e-books. My bookstore, my favorite place by far to browse, read and shop, is The Booktique. (Well, duh, you say.) What does our humble store have in common with the 84 worthy establishments included in the Rice collection? Good books, of course, but good books are not sufficient to make a great bookstore. Store after store, essay after essay, author after author writes that it is the people who make a bookstore worth visiting and revisiting, week after week, year after year. It's the people who greet you, who get to know your favorite genres and best-loved authors, who select the unusual titles to display on the "Staff Picks" shelf, who arrange the displays so you can't

help picking up something you might otherwise never notice, who help you find the perfect series for your grandson who is just learning to read, who help you restock your neighborhood's Little Free Library.

Our volunteers make The Booktique special. Our book donors contribute of course, bringing us the well-loved, well-read books they can hardly bear to part with. But it's the volunteers who point you to them, who suggest something new when you've finished all of Evanovich or have a yearning for more about Teddy Roosevelt or Normandy. It's the conversation that begins with "I'm looking for...", continues with a volunteer digging something out of the back room that "just came in", and concludes with a pile of serendipitous treasures stacked on the cashier's desk for you to take home and explore. It helps that your entire pile of treasures costs less than that one book you intended to download from Amazon, but more important is the conversation with other readers, other book-lovers, other explorers in the universe of words and ideas. The best treasures you find here are the living, breathing, smiling kind. Treasure-hunters, welcome to The Booktique!



March 18, 2015

Dear Friends of the Lake Oswego Library,

This year's Lake Oswego Reads month of events was truly spectacular, and a wonderful success! Your sponsorship of \$14,500 helped make possible the 32 free events in February which were all well attended, often to standing room only; distribution of 1,000 copies of *All the Light We Cannot See* to residents of Lake Oswego; and the presentation by Anthony Doerr, where almost 700 people attended. More than 16,000 people participated in the events this year, and we have had only positive comments from the community.

This year was your ninth sponsoring Lake Oswego Reads, and we are grateful for your continued support of the Lake Oswego Reads program. We believe it was the best year so far.

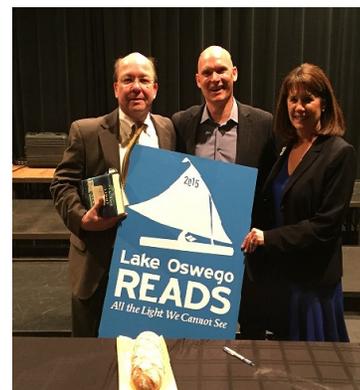
On behalf of Lake Oswego Library, thank you for the Friends of the Lake Oswego sponsorship. We could not have put together these amazing events without your continued generous support.

Warmest regards,

Cyndie Glazer

Coordinator of Programs & Volunteer Services

P.S. DVDs are available to be checked out from the Library to view Anthony Doerr's presentation, Holocaust survivor Alter Weiner's presentation, "Memories of World War II" panel discussion and Barbara Schmitter Heisler presentation-From German Prisoner of War to American Citizen.



STORAGE SPACE NEEDED

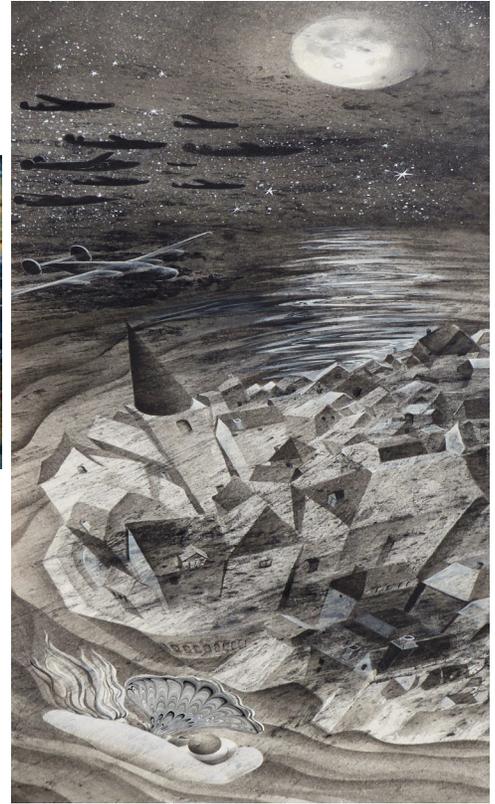
Storage has become a problem for the Friends. Currently we store over 200 boxes of yet to be sold books and other supplies at the West End Building. The city has kindly provided this space to the Friends at no charge.

With city intending to sell the West End Building, the Friends are looking for new storage space.

We need 500 square feet of dry, preferably climate controlled, replacement storage space.

If you can donate storage space, or know of any leads, please call President Terry Huber at (503) 638-2707. Thank you.

Nineteen local artists read "ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE " and submitted a painting of their interpretation of the book. Below are some of the paintings submitted. The Lake Oswego Reads Art Show will be moved to several libraries in Oregon over the next several months so that many others will be able to see the wonderful things that our local library does each year.



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