



Watermarks

President's Message

The arrival of June marks the end of another busy year for The Friends of Lake Oswego Public Library. Some of our accomplishments include:

1. Increase in membership to 570
2. New website with expanded capabilities will be up and functioning this summer. Some of the features include the ability to pay dues on line; receive newsletters and notices of coming events; and notice of Booktique sales.
3. Creation and presentation of The Maxine Collins Award (see separate article)
4. Gave \$50,000 to the Lake Oswego Public Library
5. Defining ways for people to support The Friends
6. Major sponsor of LO Reads which this year chose "All The Light We Cannot See" which received the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction



With our busy year concluded, it is time to think about next year and new projects to increase the visibility and membership of the Friends of Lake Oswego Public Library. Our present Board of Directors is strong and includes members with a wide range of experience which benefits The Friends. With this in mind, I recently informed the Board that I will not be continuing on as President when my term expires in September.

I have been President for six years and feel that it is time for someone younger and with more energy to keep the Friends active and growing. My decision was made easier knowing that we have good people on the Board. I have enjoyed my time as your President and will continue to be involved with The Friends in their support of the LO Library.

Terry Huber, President

MAXINE COLLINS AWARD

The first Maxine Collins Award was presented to Bev Ross at the LO Library Volunteer Luncheon on May 29, 2015 by The Friends of Lake Oswego Public Library. The inscription on the award reads

"In recognition of those individuals who work behind the scenes to assist The Friends in support of The Lake Oswego Public Library"

Bev Ross, the Administrative Assistant at the Library, was an obvious choice for the first award. She serves on the Library Advisory Board, the LO Reads Steering Committee, and The Friends of LO Library Board. If there is an event at the Library or if The Friends need a vol-

unteer, she is there. The choice of Bev Ross to be the first winner of the award was apparent by the standing ovation she received.

This award was designed to honor long-time Friends of Lake Oswego Library member, Maxine Collins, who has volunteered for the organization for over 40 years. She remembers serving as one of 3 members of The Friends Board when The Friends membership consisted of about 7 members.



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.

- Be a Friend:
- www.friendlol.org

Manager's Notes



Well, it happened again this week. A customer asked us for a particular book and we helped them hunt with no result, then an hour later someone else came in and donated that very book. This time it was the children's book "Stink" by Megan McDonald. It's a cute series for 7-10-year-olds: Stink is the little brother of third-grader Judy Moody, who manages in the first book to convince Stink that he is shrinking. The horror! (I know, I've lost an inch in height over the past few years and it is NOT a good feeling.) But back to the Booktique: our story would have a happy ending if only the first customer had left her name on our Wish List! We would have called her and celebrated together a successful and inexpensive end to her hunt. Not the end of the world, but we see this happen a couple of times a week, and it is frustrating.

Did you know about our Wish List? Customers who call or come in looking for a particular title and are unable to find the book in the store, are invited to leave their request on our Wish List. We do not keep a database of all the books on our shelves, but we do have a wonderful volunteer Rhonda Allen who keeps our Wish List (aka "Books on Request") in order, deleting fulfilled requests and entering new ones each week on the computer and printing us an up-to-date copy. Then our sorters watch for requested titles in the incoming donations, and Rhonda on Tuesdays,

Joann Bittner on Wednesdays and others throughout the rest of the week take the list around the store and HUNT. I would call it a thankless job except it is far from that: the delight in someone's voice when we call to tell them that we now have the book they want, is music to our ears.

Right now "All the Light We Cannot See" is number one on the Booktique Wish List. Normally after "Lake Oswego Reads" comes to a close at the end of February, we see people donating the selected book back to the Booktique and the library. Not this year! I can't imagine why people are not parting with their copy! It might have something to do with author Anthony Doerr winning the Pulitzer...

Of course most of the fun of shopping at the Booktique comes from browsing with nothing particular in mind. Check our Staff Picks display behind the cashier's desk (also a small bin in the Children's section) for fiction and non-fiction that our voracious-reader volunteers recommend. Look through our Northwest section for books of local interest. Check the "Travel Narratives" for stories that might inspire you to travel, or might make you glad to stay home this summer! Enjoy your summer (one of the four best seasons in the Northwest), and we will see you at the Booktique!

SPECIAL MUSICAL EVENT

The guests at the Friends of the Library Appreciation Luncheon had a special treat when our own Stephanie Foster's son and four of his friends entertained us with several vocal selections. These kids love music and decided on their own form a small group (no name yet).

Their music was wonderful and enjoyed by all!



OOPS!

Due to a technical glitch by our editor, our last edition failed to include all of the items in our library grant requests for the following year. Please note that the following should have been included:

Special shows for youth	\$9000.00
Summer Reading Clubs Incentives	5000.00
Program Hospitality	1500.00
Books for Babies	500.00

Charitable Gift Annuities

Interested in giving to the Friends to help support the Lake Oswego Public Library? How about helping our library and in return you receive income for life?

A charitable gift annuity allows you to benefit our Library and also yourself.

This is how it works. In return for a donation of cash or other assets, the Friends will pay you and/or someone designated by you a fixed payment for life and you can claim an immediate charitable income tax deduction for the amount of the transfer above the value of the annuity purchase.

In coordination with the Oregon Community Foundation, the Friends are able to issue a charitable gift annuity for annuities originating in Oregon that meet the following guidelines:

Minimum age of the annuitant is 60 (55 for deferred gift annuities).

Annuity rate does not exceed the rate published by the American Council on Gift Annuities.

Minimum gift amount is \$25,000. Please contact President Terry Huber at terry@thehuberfamily.com to learn more about charitable gift annuities.

EMAIL ADDRESSES ???

Since our Newsletter is in the process of going 'digital', we are requesting that all of you who receive the Watermarks Newsletter email your own email to our membership chairman, Nancy Niland at: nancy.niland@gmail.com so that she can update our records. Your email will not be shared with any other entity and will be used only for the purpose of communicating with you regarding Friends of the Library information and, ultimately, the Newsletter itself.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance,

Dolores Minson, editor

KNIGHTS OF VERITAS RETURN

Knights of Veritas is a non-profit organization specializing in interactive educational demonstrations of medieval combat, knighthood, and chivalry. They will perform at Rossman Park, Lake Oswego, on July 31st at 11:00 a.m., courtesy of the Lake Oswego Library. Our usual mini-hot dogs will be served by the Friends of the Library.

We encourage you to come and bring not only your kids, but all may have an interest; it will fun for all!!



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