



Watermarks

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

What a whirlwind this last month has been and we haven't even started Lake Oswego Reads yet! I was delighted by the many renewals from longtime supporters and the surge of new members since December. We have increased our ranks by 75 with more coming each day. This is fantastic news and will enable us to support more programs at the Lake Oswego Public Library. Obviously, the most treasured Friends supported program is Lake Oswego Reads.

As members, you were able to avoid the long lines to pick up your book and tickets before everyone else. I'm already hearing from many of you how much you enjoyed the book. While you're at the library, check out the Edward Curtis prints that are on loan from a private collector. More prints can be found at Oswego Heritage House throughout the month of February. We are grateful to the Lake Oswego Reads Steering Committee for selecting this book and for creating more programs than there are days in the month! For many, the highlight will be watching Timothy Egan, author of 'Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher,' speak at Lake Oswego High School on February 10th, 7p.m. Plan on a busy parking lot and allow extra time to get to your seat. All ticket holders should be seated by 6:45. After that, spaces will be released to folks who show up, in the hope of hearing Egan. At this point, there is a long waiting list for tickets. Get there early!

This note would not be complete without praising the BOOKTIQUE! Manager Margaret Ogren and her devoted crew of almost 50 volunteers, who have increased sales and earned a top spot in Oregon Live's Best Portland Bookstores of 2015. We even beat out Powell's! Stop by the BOOKTIQUE to see what the buzz is all about!

Enjoy what has quickly become my favorite month of the year-- February and with it, Lake Oswego Reads. I will look forward to seeing you all throughout the month at the many activities and events. I'll be wearing my badge, so please say hello! I love to match faces to the names of all of our treasured members. We wouldn't be where we are without all of you and I am grateful! Thank you!

All my best,
Nancy



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.friendslol.org

Booktique Manager's Musings



Recently the Booktique was listed by the Oregonian as one of the TOP TEN independent bookstores in Portland. We're Number Four! We have seen many new faces in the store since the list was announced, and we are not resting on our laurels! It's great to know that independent bookstores are generally thriving in the Portland area and elsewhere, and we are happy to be on the same list with Annie Bloom's, Broadway Books, a couple of comic book stores and, of course, Powell's. Actually, being on the same list with Powell's? That is absolutely OK with us: we are willing to share the limelight. You can check the list on Oregonlive.com, and stop by the store for a pamphlet listing many independent bookstores throughout the Portland area. I can't think of a better excuse to go for a drive than visiting a couple of "new" bookstores. Just be sure you come back often to the Booktique!

This month we celebrate the tenth year of Lake Oswego Reads, a month of events connecting members of our community through the shared experience of one book. This year the book is **Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher** by Timothy Egan. The Friends organization has been a primary sponsor of Lake Oswego Reads since its inception ten years ago. We are able to provide this support almost entirely thanks to your patronage of **the Booktique**. This year for the first time the members' book giveaway was held at the Booktique instead of at the library, and we were pleased and surprised at how many Friends' members discovered the store! Welcome! We hope to see you again soon. The more customers we have, the more we can support the programs of our Lake Oswego Public Library.

If you can't make it to the store or you don't find the particular title you are seeking, we hope you will try Thriftbooks online bookseller. Thriftbooks is our online partner, selling books we are unable to sell in the store and sharing the profits with us 50-50. While you cannot see specifically which books are ours in their online catalog, know that any purchase from Thriftbooks benefits a library friends organization somewhere, and that's a good thing. Their prices are similar to Amazon, and their selection is vast.

See you at the Booktique!

SEND US YOUR IDEAS!

The Friends of Lake Oswego Public Library would love to hear your ideas for new events, promotions or marketing ideas that will increase membership, generate income for the BOOKTIQUE and/or the LOPL! No idea is too small, grandiose or wacky! Get creative and send your ideas and thoughts to: Nancy @ nancy.niland@gmail.com

All ideas will be credited in our next newsletter, so put your thinking caps on!!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Q: Communication from the website indicates that I've only been a member since last year. We've been members since 1998! What gives?

A: Because we adopted a new platform for the new site and uploaded the database at that time, all memberships started then. Be assured that your true membership start date is in our records and that we sincerely appreciate your longtime support!

Q: I have tried to pay my dues online, but don't want to use PAYPAL. Is there another way to renew?

A: Although we sincerely appreciate those who use PAYPAL and have signed up for auto-renewal, you are always welcome to send a check or cash to POBox 100, LO, OR 97034, the Lake Oswego Public Library or the BOOK-TIQUE.

Q: I love Watermarks, but don't have access to a computer. How can I access the newsletter?

A: We appreciate the popularity of Watermarks and it will be sent via mail to all members who have provided their email and will be posted on our website, www.friendslopl.org. We will also print a very small run of the newsletter to be made available at the Booktique.

The Friends Legacy Society

One of the best ways to support our library is to include the Friends as part of your estate planning. Gifts by a will or trust are an easy and excellent way to include the Friends in your estate. To recognize the generous individuals who have included the Friends in their estate planning, we announce the launch of the Friends Legacy Society. The Legacy Society honors and celebrates those individuals who join our efforts and commitment to the future and sustainability of our Public Library.

Legacy Society membership is established by:

A bequest in a will, a gift through a trust, or beneficiary designations in life insurance, IRA, or qualified retirement plan. And then notifying the Friends.

If you have already included the Friends in your estate plan, please let us know. Then we can recognize your tremendous support. We will respect those who wish to remain anonymous.

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by volunteers. Proceeds help support the

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