2017 FRIENDS FALL FUNDRAISER

Friends, fun and food for a good cause! The 2017 Friends Fall Fundraiser Luncheon is Saturday, November 4, 2017 at BBG’s Lower Level and features Russ Loniello’s Variety Show. Social hour begins at 10:30 am and a hot ham and turkey buffet lunch is served at 11:30 am. The event includes a centerpiece auction, raffles and door prizes. Tickets are $25 ($30 at the door) and can be purchased at the library. Seating is limited. If you would like to reserve a table or make a table centerpiece for the auction, call Jeanne at 608.873.4050. Bring friends, neighbors and even relatives for this great event!

FALL BOOK SALE

Mark your calendar, the Friends of the Stoughton Public Library Book Sale dates are:

- **Thursday, December 7**: 3-6 pm **FOL Members only**  
  6-8:45 pm Open to the Public
- **Friday, December 8**: 9-4:45 pm
- **Saturday, December 9**: 9-4:45 pm  
  1-4:45 pm “Make a Donation” Teachers Only Bag Sale
- **Sunday, December 10**: 1-4:45 pm “Make a Donation” Bag Sale

AmazonSmile

Do you purchase items off of Amazon? If you do a part of your purchase can go to the Friends of the Stoughton Public Library. When you shop Amazon consider using AmazonSmile. Simply go to: smile.amazon.com from your web browser or mobile device. If this is your first visit, before you begin shopping, you will need to select the Friends as the charitable organization to receive donations from your eligible purchases. Then every eligible purchase you make on that site results in the Friends getting a donation, it’s a win-win transaction!

COMING EVENTS

- **November 4**: Fall Fundraiser – Holiday Lunch at BBG’s featuring Russ Loniello Variety Show (10:30 am-2:00 pm).
- **November 8**: Friend’s Board Meeting – Library Carnegie Room (6:00 pm – 8:30 pm.)
- **December 7-10**: Fall/Winter Book Sale – Library Carnegie Room
GREAT READS

_The Thousand Miler: Adventures Hiking the Ice Age Trail_ by Melanie Radzick McManus

Wisconsin is host to one of the greatest trails for hiking in the country a true national treasure, the Ice Age Trail. The author hiked/jogged/ran the 1,300 miles of the trail in thirty-six thrilling days, landing her in the elite group of Ice Age Trail–hikers known as Thousand-Milers. She highlights the geologic wonders one can witness along the way, while showing us the uniqueness of the people and places along the way, some very near to Stoughton. It illustrates how cleansing hiking can be for the mind and lungs. After reading this book, when someone tells you to take a hike, you can say “Thank you, I think I will!”

BETWEEN THE PAGES: A LIBRARIAN PROFILE

Amy Hynek is one of Stoughton Library’s special reference librarians. She refers to herself as a transplant to Stoughton moving here from Manitowoc with her family in 1989. Her main interests outside of the library involve almost anything that takes her outdoors. She is an active camper, hiker, and canoeist and enjoys gardening. Her pet is a lab/chow mix named Titan and stresses that at age 10½ he can still catch a chipmunk. Her favorite read tends to be the most recent read, whatever that may be at the time. One of her favorites is _The Stranger in The Woods: The Extraordinary Story of the Last true Hermit_ by Michael Finkel.

_I am part of everything that I have read._ – T. Roosevelt

HISTORY OF THE STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY: Part one

The history of Stoughton’s public library begins with Benjamin Franklin. No, Mr. Franklin never visited Stoughton, that didn’t exist back in his day neither did Wisconsin for that matter. But Franklin did establish a tradition. In 1731, he helped create the first US public library. Prior to that, there were few places people could go to read books. The libraries that were in existence were by subscription…libraries that one paid an annual fee to be able to select books to take home to read.

Franklin was an early believer in educating the masses and a public library was an effective way to accomplish this. Prior to this, if you wanted to read, you would often attend a Library Salon which was a place where people gathered to discuss ideas and hear someone lecture or read pages from a book. Some membership libraries evolved from this and for an annual fee you could go to a place that had a limited selection of printed material available. Most books read in the 1700’s came from Europe, primarily England. Franklin changed all that. After the war of Independence, in 1800 Congress created the Library of Congress. However, this facility was not for everyone. In general, it was for congress to assist in the making of laws.
In 1833, Peterborough New Hampshire passed the first free public library in the world supported by taxes.

In 1836, Congress created the territory of Wisconsin and among other things authorized taxes to purchase books and started the Wisconsin State Library. This is credited as Wisconsin’s first library and later became the Wisconsin State Law Library consisting mainly of law books.

By the 1850’s, Membership Libraries were established in Madison and Cassville. The Madison library would in time become the Madison Public Library. Membership libraries required users to pay an annual fee. Books taken out were retrieved by a staff member and handed over to the customer. Overdue fines often ran as high as 25 cents per day, which in today’s money is around $10.

In 1872, Wisconsin passed a law creating free public libraries and Black River Falls became the site of the first Wisconsin public library under the new law. Many of these facilities included a reading room and often a special room for lectures.

So what was Stoughton doing at this time? We’ll look into that in the next newsletter!

VACANT FRIENDS BOARD POSITION

The Friends has a vacant Board position. If you are interested, call 608.873.4050 or come to the next Board meeting.

Public Relations Chairperson: This position works to facilitate fundraising events and similar activities as the need arises including website updates. This is a great opportunity to meet new people, plan a party e.g., the Fall Fundraiser, and work to raise money for library resources and programming.

*The person who follows the crowd will usually go no further than the crowd. The person who walks alone is likely to find themselves in places no one has ever seen before.* – Albert Einstein
Anyone can be a Friend of the library!
For as little as $10.00 you can become a member.
Check out the Friends bulletin board in the library lobby or
download a registration form at www.stoughtonpubliclibrary.org/friends-library

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Monday – Thursday 9am – 9pm
Friday – Saturday 9am – 5pm
Sunday (Sept-May) 1pm-5pm

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