

FRIENDS OF THE LINCOLN LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: RENEW FRIENDS' MEMBERSHIP

Have you done this yet? If not, please use the form on the reverse of this newsletter to do so. And why should you join the Friends?

The hallmark of a great city is the support of its libraries. In today's state and national (and personal) economic crisis, our libraries rely more than ever on the Friends. The Friends of the Lincoln Library sponsor several reading-related programs for adults and children, and to continue these programs we need you and your support.

More members, more programs, lots more books and reading! Please be sure to renew for 2009, or join for the first time! As a Friend, in addition to knowing that you are part of a great city, and in addition to helping promote books and the love of reading, you will receive the newsletter, invitations to special events at the libraries, and more. Watch for the Members' Thank You Event on April 26, 2009!

Also, please join us at a Friends meeting so we can become acquainted and hear your ideas and concerns. We will next meet on February 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the Twelve Bridges Library Willow Room. You will learn more about the ways in which we support the Lincoln Libraries, and how you can help.

BOOK SALE! BOOK SALE!!

JANUARY 16 (1-5 p.m.), 17 (1-5 p.m.), 18 (2-4 p.m.)

Twelve Bridges Library

Don't miss this chance to buy all those gently-read, almost-new

and really new books you've been wanting!

Bring your FOLL book bag or buy (another) one when you come.

Book Donations - New and slightly-read books for both libraries are being accepted at the Twelve Bridges Library, and your donations are most welcome and needed. We not only

place your books in our FOLL book sales, we also share them with local schools and programs: Books for Tots, Books for 12 Bridges Middle School, Books for Troops and Veterans, Books to Sacramento Loaves and Fishes, Books to Lincoln Head Start, Books to Better World Books, Books to Adult Care Center. Your donations go a looong way. Thank you!

Speaking of Donations - What is needed? Paperback and hardcover books (of course) and audio-visual materials as follows: current novels, best sellers, informational (current!), children's, biographies, autobiographies, local interest, books on tape, videos, DVDs. The library staff reviews each item subject to established guidelines, and your item will be placed on the library shelf, put on the FOLL book sale shelf, or donated to a suitable organization.

On-going Book Sale - For gently-used books to buy any time for your own collection, check out the Friends' Book Sale shelves at both libraries,

Why should we support our library? Read on ...

In a recent article in the Lincoln News Messenger, patrons described some of the ways they use our library. "The library helps a lot," one man said, " it's got everything you need to learn about work, professions and laws. With the DVDs, it's also cheaper than the vidco store." Another man added that his family uses the library at least once a week.

As our library staff says, the library will help you in this down economy by providing information you can borrow. No money involved.

How often do you use the library?

"Book Talk" is presented by the Friends on the third Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m., Willow Room, Twelve Bridges.

Upcoming book talks are:

January 20 Roger Trott, discussing his book "Getting in Tune"

February 17 Lisa Augustine, discussing her book "The Dragline Kid"

March 17 Cleo Kocol, from SC Roseville, speaker
Join us for these stimulating talks! Call Verna Rowe for information, 408-1741.

New Book Bags! - Only \$2 each! Buy your Friends handsome "green" fabric book/grocery/whatever bags, for sale now at the checkout desk! Use your book bags, not plastic bags, and save the planet while you read (and shop).

Various arms of the library's outreach for your involvement:

Stories of Lincoln

A. Better Together

Ask Me A Question

Potential Lincoln Area Museum and Archives

B. State Grant for "Stories of California,"

a library-based digital story gathering

C. Veterans gathering veterans' stories

Call Shirley Russell, 645-3470, to learn how you can participate.

Message from Shirley Russell

Dear Friends,

It seems like such a short time ago when the Friends met at a small round table in the upper level of the Carnegie Library. How the organization has grown. The Friends have taken on big projects and smaller ones. The one day a month story times developed into weekly programs and eventually to the library taking over the story times and having numerous presentations a week.

As the president of the Friends I was fortunate to have members who backed so many activities and talked me out of ideas that were too bulky, too expensive, and too time consuming. Eight years ago I had a brainstorm which I carried through the first year and which the Friends backed the succeeding years and thus began the popular "Books in the Courtyard"; a free new book give-away program for children, a program that will be presented once again during the summer of 2009. This program went from four weeks to six to ten and will return to six weeks starting this June.

It has been a fantastic journey through grants, book sales, the first computers for patrons, membership drives, remodeling, working out of "the shed," purchasing and placing three benches and a night light at the Carnegie,

development of a supportive program for Poets of Lincoln, and the latest endeavors of the Better Together Group working to capture the stories of Lincoln, and so much more.

Though I will continue to be active in the organization, it is time for new ideas, new energy and for members to bring forth new programs and carry on the old.

I leave the position as President of the Friends along with the demise of another brainstorm and one of my favorite programs, Poetry Place.

The Friends' programs are designed to support the Carnegie and Twelve Bridges Libraries through materials and literature programs. None of the Friends' activities can occur through the actions of one person, it takes a squadron to present programs. It takes membership in the Friends as well as the backing and support of the community to provide the revenue and the donations to support programs. It takes fellow Lincolnites to care about their town and to step forward for the library.

Interview with Linda Derosier, Assistant Librarian
by Jeri Chase Ferris

Linda was born and raised in Georgia and has lived in Minnesota (where she earned her B.A. in history/theater arts), Iowa, Colorado, Illinois, Washington, and Southern California. She now lives in Sun City Lincoln Hills with husband Mike and dog Sadie. They have two daughters and one grandchild.

Wherever Linda and Mike move, one of her first stops is at the library. Why? Because, she says, "This is where you learn about the community. This is where I find Friends and friends, book clubs and more." She continues, "The library has always been a touchstone for me wherever I have lived. I consider myself to be a life-long learner, and where else but the library to start and continue that process."

Linda began working at the Twelve Bridges Library as a volunteer and is now a Library Assistant. What does a Library Assistant do all day? At various times she mans

three desks: the front, or circulation desk; the children's desk; and the information, or reference, desk. At those sites she responds to anything required by the patrons (that's us). She helps them find items on the shelves, teaches how to use the computer, answers the phone and all questions regarding our fines, renewals, late items, etc. She explains how to become a volunteer or join the Friends. She directs the volunteers, makes copies, issues library cards, processes the books for the shelves, collects fines, conducts tours, teaches children (and adults) how to use the Dewey Decimal System, reads to children, leads the Mother Goose on the Loose program (see other article) and more. Whew.

Her vision for this library is that it becomes the focal point for knowledge and activities for the City of Lincoln. She wants to assist Lincoln as it makes its mark on the 21st Century, and she wants to help us all be as comfortable using our new high-tech Twelve Bridges Library as we are using our historic Carnegie Library.

But - the library has already had to reduce some of its programming because there are not enough staffers/volunteers to run it. There are plenty of children and adults who want the programs, but not enough people to lead them.

Which brings us to VOLUNTEERS. Volunteers are a vital part of any library, but especially ours, and especially now with funding cuts. Volunteers are happier people than non-volunteers, Linda says, because when you volunteer you can say, "I helped make that happen." You can volunteer as much or as little as you wish at the library, and come in at any time that suits your schedule. The staff is eager to work with you, as a volunteer. You will be trained in the area you prefer, and you will be fingerprinted (the city pays for this). Volunteers do such things as reshelving books and cds, and at Twelve Bridges, 35,000-50,000 items need to be reshelved every month! You can see why volunteers are desperately needed. One of our volunteers, Diane Walter, says "I get so involved the time just flies by. I am always surprised at what more the library has to offer."

Welcome, New FOLL helper!

Maya Tahti helps FOLL organize its book sale shelves, among other duties, for eight hours a week at 12 Bridges. Thanks, Maya!

Upcoming Events

(Read the whole newsletter to be sure you've found them all and consult the 2009 City of Lincoln Events Calendar.)

January 16, 17, 18 - BOOK SALE

January 20 - "Book Talk," 1:30 p.m. at Twelve Bridges

February 17 - "Book Talk"

February 18 - FOLL meeting, 5:30 p.m. at Twelve Bridges

March 17 - "Book Talk"

Homework Help for grades K-12 from 3-5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 12 Bridges. For information or to volunteer, call Andrea Stephenson, 434-2410.

Sad News - We regret to report the passing of an old friend, the popular Poetry Place. Poetry Place, a district-wide poetry contest begun seven years ago by Shirley Russell of the Friends, has been cancelled. Its developer and manager gave notice that she no longer had the energy to produce Poetry Place, and when no one came forward to take charge, the Friends sadly voted to discontinue it.

Books in the Courtyard - This summer, 2009, is our eighth year of the program. Last year over 7,000 new paperback books were given to area children during a ten-week program. This summer we will begin the week after school is out and, because of the time, money, and energy required, we are cutting back to a six-week program. We need your help, as always - help moving the books from storage, help setting up, help with sales and information. We begin at 6:30 a.m. on Books in the Courtyard days (either Thursday or Friday, not decided yet), and work only a two-hour shift. This means we need a lot of volunteers. It's a pleasure and a joy to see the children's delight as they choose their new books.

Thanks to the Mom's Club of Lincoln for their generous gift of \$2,300 to help purchase books for the 2009 program. These funds were raised through the sale of their popular cookbook. Thank you! Thank you!

Story Times Continue! Come with your children and join the excited crowd.

Twelve Bridges Library's early literacy program, "Mother Goose on the Loose," is for ages 3 months through 5 years. Join us on Thursday, 10:30-11:00 or 11:30-12 noon. See article below for further information.

Twelve Bridges' Tuesday morning story time welcomes children of all ages at 10:15, to hear enjoyable stories while learning about loving, sharing and caring.

Twelve Bridges' Family/Bedtime story time is at 6:30 p.m., last Wednesday of the month. Parents and children of all ages are invited to come in their pajamas (if they want to) with their favorite teddy bear or blanket and listen to stories.

Carnegie Library's story time is Wednesday morning at 10:00 for tiny tots ages 2 to 3 years, and at 10:30 for preschoolers ages 3-5. Spanish story time is the 4th Thursdays of the month at 4 p.m. for children of all ages.

Mother Goose on the Loose - The Lincoln Library at Twelve Bridges provides an exciting weekly event called "Mother Goose On the Loose" [MGOL] for young children. It is offered every Thursday in the Pine Room at 10:30 a.m. and repeated at 11:30 a.m., each session approximately 30 minutes. This program, developed in the early 1980's by a children's librarian in New Jersey, has grown in popularity worldwide. MGOL is an early literacy program using the "new" 3 R's: Rhythm, Rhyming, and Repetition, helping children get ready for reading.

It is interactive, using music, songs, movement, musical instruments, scarves, traditional Mother Goose Rhymes and positive reinforcement. Children from newborns to 5 year olds find this program fun and rewarding. MGOL encourages children to fully participate and move, and the level of participation and fun grows weekly. Children learn to anticipate the next activity without even realizing they are learning.

MGOL is presented by the library staff with help from the Friends and other volunteers. There is no registration, but the room can accommodate only 100 participants, and it is very popular. It begins promptly on time. We invite parents, grandparents, caregivers and their children to experience this exciting event.

See next issue for an article on MGOL (on the road!) at local schools.

The TB parking lot - Why is it so far from the library? Because our new library is part of a complex which will ultimately include a new high school and a branch of Sierra College. The parking lot is for the entire complex. If you need closer parking, please call the library for information. Here's a little-known fact: Andrew Carnegie believed knowledge should be worked for - hence the stairs at our historic Carnegie downtown, and at most every Carnegie library.

Friends Volunteers Needed (YOU) -We need your help:

We need co-chairs for Books in the Courtyard VIII (2009)

We urgently need a person who is good at publicity and promotion!

Reorganization is in process, and we really, urgently, need a person to assume the office of president. The president prepares the agenda for each meeting, chairs the meeting, helps establish the yearly budget, and is an adjunct member all committees. Is this you??

Membership Mornings - If you can come to the TB Library on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays mornings to assist in recording new and renewing memberships and writing thank-you notes, please call Fran Neves at 408-7205.

Lincoln's 100th Anniversary Celebration! This once-in-a-lifetime event is coming up in 2009! If you would like to join Darla's committee to help plan for this great event, please call Shirley at 645-3470.

"The Lincoln Library - Saving You Money Since 1909"

Hours and phones

Carnegie - 590 Fifth St., 645-3607, M, W, F 10-5; Tu, Th 12:30-7.

Twelve Bridges - 485 Twelve Bridges, 434-2410, M, W, 1-8; T, Th, 10-6, Fr, Sat, 1-5.

Please go to www.friendsofthelincolncalibrary.org for updates and photos.

Please go to www.libraryatlincoln.org for data bases, events, volunteering.

Please write us at FOLL@live.com with your comments, suggestions, and questions.

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