

Friends of Madison Public Library Report

June 5, 2019

Ashman Friends

- Elected full board at the annual meeting on April 16
- Friends continue to rent office space for book sorting and storage for the convenience of the sorting crews that are reluctant to travel to Badger Road
- Friends were disappointed to only take in \$2,900 at spring sale, but pleased to find organizations willing to take remainders. Volunteers stock books on sale carts at Ashman, bringing in \$100-200 per month. They also have had success with on line sales in 2019.
- In addition to office space rent, the group budgeted \$7,200 for library and sent another \$10,000 to the Ashman endowment

Friends of MPL (Central)

- Volunteer Recognition Dinner, Annual meeting and author presentation (Lesley Kagen) June 1 at Sequoya. Each Friends group had nominated a volunteer for recognition.
- Central Friends will be holding their summer book sale in conjunction with Maxwell Street Days. It will be July 18-20 at Central.

Goodman South Madison Branch Friends:

- Co-Hosted an open house for GMS Library grand re-opening May 28, 2019
- Made \$100 contribution to new Bookmobile, made donation to GSM for adult Brown/Black Diversity collection and participated in WHOA! Real Life Library Volume 7 event at Sequoya
- Four volunteers formerly from Literacy Network have recently joined Goodman South Friends and are beginning to take over responsibilities for book sale coordination
- Volunteers continue to sell books on Amazon and sort most Wednesdays at Badger Road facility.
- Goodman South Volunteer, Kathryn Leide helped with Lunch for Libraries
- Along with many branch Friends, GMS Friends contributed books for Book Club Café raffle baskets
- Ariel Ford used \$100 check from Central Friends' Recognition to purchase Gardening books for GSM

Hawthorn

- Semi-annual book sale dates May 30, 31, June 1 and 3.
- Increased revenue allowed above average purchases toward Hawthorn's book collection, especially toward acquisition of board books and young adult graphic novels.
- Hawthorn Friends have a volunteer who, for a small fee, sells "Bags of Books" on EBay. It is a way to make a few dollars on books that otherwise would be discarded like romances & pocket paperbacks.

Lakeview Friends

- Nothing reported

Meadowridge Friends

- Nothing to report

Monroe Street Library League

- Provided funds for many summer programs

Pinney Friends

- Will have first sale in the interim space Friday June 21. Because of space limitations, it has to be an “outdoor” sale so all the Pinney Friends are hoping for a nice day. It coincides with Make Music Madison and they plan to have live music at their sale.

Sequoia Friends

- Possibility of losing Westgate Mall shop space has volunteers considering options: finding a new space in another location, remaining until the last possible month, giving up idea of a shop and having book sales at Sequoia (not the first choice because the meeting room is so heavily used that sales at Sequoia would disenfranchise those who use the community room.)
- Grant requests given of \$7,404 for ipads, \$1780 for Bottle-filler water fountain, \$1,120 for youth programs and \$121.30 for felt board markers Totaling \$10,425.20

Citywide Friends

22nd Book Club Café featuring Lucy Tan was May 23 at MPL Central. Working Class Catering at the Goodman Center catered the event again this year. It was a lovely evening and Lucy Tan’s talk was both entertaining and heartwarming. Reports from many of the attendees were positive. At this time the final figures of funds raised for the library have not been reported, but many raffle tickets were sold and every copy of Lucy’s book that A Room of One’s Own brought was sold.

Citywide Gathering of Friends:

- April 27 Gathering of Friends at Ashman was well attended and extremely productive. Greg Mickells gave an excellent state of the MPL and branch libraries report and the Friends had helpful discussions on a wide variety of topics afterwards.
- Monroe Street Library League will host the next City-Wide Gathering at the Badger Road Storage Facility in October, date TBD.