

WINTER 2010

Friends of the SHAKER LIBRARY



NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Friends of the Shaker Library Board hopes that all of our readers had a joyous yet peaceful holiday season.

At this time, we have a great deal to be proud of. Not only are we the Friends group for one of the top rated 5-star libraries in the country but also, we are the recipients of the 2009 Ohio Library Council's Recognition Award. We accepted the award in December at the library's staff luncheon honoring Friends of the Shaker Library. We couldn't have gotten this award without the cooperation of the library staff and the help of the many volunteers who work with us throughout the year. Thank you.

And, it doesn't end there. 2010 will be a year of excitement for the Friends as we celebrate our 30th anniversary—30 years of fun and fund-raising, advocating and promoting our wonderful Shaker Library. Each month will hold something special for our community. We hope you will get involved!

We began the year (**January**) with a Notable Books Contest inviting our Friends to share their notable books of the year! The winner of a \$30 gift certificate to Barnes and Noble Bookstore will be announced on January 22. There's still time to share your notable books of 2009. Pick up an entry form at either library or download one online at [http://www.shakerlibrary.org/Library%20Guide/Friends%20of%20the%20Library/?Notable Book Contest](http://www.shakerlibrary.org/Library%20Guide/Friends%20of%20the%20Library/?Notable%20Book%20Contest)

On **February 4**, we invite you to bring *your* friends to our "*Friends Feast-ival of Chocolate*"—just in time for Valentine's Day. We can never have too many Friends, and what friend doesn't love chocolate? Watch the library for more sweet details!

In **March**, stop by our '*Meet and Greet*' tables at the Main Library and Woods Branch. Enjoy some punch and cookies, meet members of the Friends and learn more about the new things we are planning for the remainder of our anniversary year.

Of course, **April** will be filled with our wonderful *Annual Spring Book Sale*. We will have expanded space and more defined categories. Et cetera, et cetera, et cetera.....

So, read our calendar page, look for flyers announcing the events at both libraries, join the excitement, meet new friends, and learn new things about the library, your neighbors and your community.

See you at our friendly festivities,
Sharon Heslin

FROM THE SHAKER LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Recently, Library Journal released its list of Star Libraries for 2010 and we were thrilled to learn that the Shaker Heights Public Library once again received a 5-star rating:
www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6705837.html

This designation caps an outstanding year for the library and the community, which included our earlier 5-star designation, a Top 10 ranking in the Hennen American Public Library Ratings, and the Ohio Library Council's Awards and Honors Committee selection of Friends of the Shaker Library as the 2009 recipient of its Ohio Friends of Libraries Recognition Award for "imaginative and effective activities."

Library Journal Index gave Shaker Library the highest score of any library in Cuyahoga County, the second highest of any library our size or larger in Ohio, and the 3rd highest score of all libraries our size or larger in the United States.

And our Friends group, on its 30th anniversary, is the best in Ohio. It doesn't get any better than that!

Luren E. Dickinson, Director

"The only way to have a friend is to be one."
— Ralph Waldo Emerson

www.shakerlibrary.org

Fall Book Sale

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 19 **Main Library**
Friends Board Meeting 7 pm

January 22 **Main Library**
Winner of the Friends Notable Books
Contest announced

February 4 **Main Library**
Friends Feast-ival of Chocolate
7-8:45 pm Main Library

February 16 **Main Library**
Friends Board Meeting 7 pm

March 2 & 18 **Woods Branch**
Meet and Greet the Friends
10 am - noon and 4-6 pm

March 13 & 27 **Main Library**
Meet and Greet the Friends
2-4 pm

March 16 **Main Library**
Friends Board Meeting 7 pm

April 13 **Main Library**
Friends Mini Board Meeting 7 pm

April 15,16, 17 & 18 **Main Library**
Spring Book Sale
Look for expanded space and more
categories!

April 20 **Main Library**
Friends Board Meeting 7 pm

And there's more to come!
Watch for flyers and notices on
the Library bulletin boards.

We had a wonderful and riotous October Book Sale. First, for part of the week, our fearless leader Tim Burke was away on family business. Second, we had an additional category to sell—furniture from the library's remodeling. Thank you to our intrepid Friends volunteer Dave Greene, who handled everything with a cool head and steady hand. Thanks also to Tim who got us set up and came back to help pack up the books on Sunday.

Here's how it went down:

- 52 volunteers (working from Monday through Sunday) set up and straightened up
- 760 boxes of books (previously sorted by a small but mighty group of volunteers— Dick Payne, Jane Safford and Lyla Olden—who work year round to make sense of the thousands of books that are donated) that were sold in more than
- 800 transactions, including 320 bags of books in our Sunday Sale, by volunteers who
- drank lots of juice and ate lots of peanuts and crackers all to
- sign up 30 new members and
- ring up more than \$13,000 for the library (which will help a great deal toward the \$40,000 we committed to the library for this year)..... Whew!

Thank you customers. See you all next April. Thank YOU to the wonderful volunteers who made it possible. Not everyone signed in. If your name is missing, we apologize.

Denise Allen	Don Crone	LaShaun Haley	Margaret Simon
Anju Agarwal	Nola Drake	Lee Haas	Martha Sivertson
Suzanne Bennet	Mary D'Souza	Sharon Heslin	Equila Smith
Dagne Boules	Rob DuLaurence	Stephanie Jonas	Joy Smith
Alan Bundy	Tabitha Elien	Megan Kennersley	Queen Smith
Tim Burke	Nikki Evans	Judy Levendula	Tashiba Smith
Christine Burroughs	May Flores	Gail Long	Ruth Thompson
Becky Bymm	Chris Fuller	Michelle Mares	Kathy Tripp
Carol Casciani	Debra Rex George	Marjorie Rott	Tinnie Ward
Jacque Challener	Shirley Goldberg	Sonya Sauchek	Eileen White
Audrey Chambers	Ed Golinski, Jr.	Sandra Scully	Craig Wilson
Joyce Chappelle	David Greene	Elena Shannon	Reggie Wimbley
Cheryl Clark	Evelyn Greene	Joyce Shaw	Florazine Young



We hope you found the books you were looking for at the Fall Sale. Please keep your book donations coming. We're already preparing for Spring. See you at the Spring Book Sale in April and the Ice Cream Social and Mini Book Sale in June.

Friends of the Shaker Library's 30th Anniversary

There are about 30,000 residents in the city of Shaker Heights and the Shaker Library has more than 30,000 registered library card holders. Imagine how wonderful it would be to have 30,000 Friends or \$30,000 in membership contributions in our 30th year. And, imagine what we could do for our 5-star library with \$30,000!

Watch us grow! A large sign in both libraries will measure our strength in membership dollars. Indeed, there is strength in numbers and we want to count **you** among our numbers of Friends.

We have many exciting and fun programs and events scheduled for this year. Join in the festivities and invite all of your friends and neighbors to become a Friend of the Shaker Library.



Did You Know?

Americans go to school, public and academic libraries nearly three times more often than they go to the movies.

— American Library Association

Best Friends Group in Ohio

The Award



On December 9, Friends of the Shaker Library received the 2009 Friends of the Library Recognition Award from the Ohio Library Council.



Martha Sivertson, president 2007-09; Nikki Evans, president 2005-07; and current president Sharon Heslin, pose with Doug Evans, Ohio Library Council Executive Director.

Friends of the Shaker Library received the Ohio Library Council's 2009 Friends Recognition Award. OLC's Executive Director Doug Evans drove up from Columbus for the presentation at the library's Friends Appreciation Luncheon. Evans related that the Friends nomination stood out among all the others because of the innovative and creative programming offered by the Friends and because of the many community connections the group has formed in support of the Library.



Friends president Sharon Heslin presents Lyla Olden with a thank-you gift for her year-round, weekly book sorting.



Library Director Luren Dickinson presents a star lapel pin to Friends volunteer Dick Payne.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES STARTING NOW

Do you have a chocolate recipe to share with other Friends members? On February 4, Friends will host a Feast-ival of Chocolate from 7 to 8:45 p.m. at the Main Library. Please bring a baked or frozen chocolate goodie (and recipe) to share (bite-size pieces) with at least 30 people. Your recipe will be taste tested and judged by other Friends members and could win a prize. Volunteers are needed to share their chocolate concoctions with recipes, to decorate, set up, clean up, staff the tasting tables, and tally the votes.

Volunteers are needed weekly on Wednesday mornings at Main Library to sort books for the ongoing book sales, the Spring Book Sale and the June Mini Book Sale.

Interested in mail preparation? We need volunteers to collate, fold, label and sort quarterly newsletter mailings. Volunteers are also needed to help with periodic membership mailings.

If you love the library and like meeting new people, consider volunteering to help staff a Meet-and-Greet Membership Table with a Friends Board member in March.

Please consider becoming a *friendly* volunteer. Complete this form and leave it at the Circulation Desk at either library or mail to:
Friends of the Shaker Library, 16500 Van Aken Boulevard, Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends Feast-ival of Chocolate | <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly Newsletter Mail Preparation | <input type="checkbox"/> Meet-and-Greet Volunteers in March |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday Morning Book Sale Sorting | <input type="checkbox"/> Periodic Membership Mailings | <input type="checkbox"/> Spring Book Sale (April 12- 18) |

Welcome to New and Renewed Members

The list below indicates new and renewing members from September 11 through December 1, 2009. Members are listed in the categories they checked on their remittance envelopes, but many made additional contributions for which we—and the Library—are most grateful.

Patrons

Diane Coleman
David Hutt & Diane Burgin

Business Member

Shaker Auto Hospital

Special Friends

John & Patricia Hemann
Sharon Heslin
Susan Scheps

Family Friends

Chris Cheraso & Molly Blackley
Michael Cochran
Teresa Cortright
Don Crone & Nikki Evans
George Drogomir
Rita Fagan
Timothy Farrell
Robert & Barbara Ginn
Shirley Goldberg
Mindy & Noel Harris
Bill and Tracy Jamieson
Marlyn & Mark Ludwig
Barb & Dave McDonald
Allan & Marilyn Morris
Florence Mustric & Cara Rivchun
Mr. & Mrs. Richard C. Payne, Jr.
Daniel & Loretta Pierce
Carrie Randall
Sonia & Patrick Roche
David A. & Norma E. Rodgers
George & Sara Seals
Walter & Joy Smith
Robert & Laura Wdowiak
Craig & Ella Wilson
Mark Freeman
C. Edward & Annabelle Weisheimer

Individual Friends

Donna Adams
Steve Avramovice
Lenore Benjamin
Monica Boone
James K. Burgan
Greg Candel
Crihalmean Catalin
Jacquelyn Challener
Peggy Christmas
Charles B. Cotton, Sr.
Nola Drake
Elizabeth Dreyfuss
Renee Dugger
Harryette Eaton
Joanne Federman
Patricia A. Golden
Eleanor Goldstein
Patrick Graf
Linda Jakob
Frieda Kochman
Larry Lipiec
Brian Miller
Mona Phillips
Joshua Polonsky
Debbie Reinhart
Marlene Robinson-Statler
Phillip J. Rosco
Peter J. Schindler
Evan Scott
Joyce Shaw
Pamela N. Smith
Russell States
Don B. Stereb
Ruth V. Thompson
Norma J. Vaughn
Melody Williams
Raymond Zapp
Ronald Zurowski

HOW DO I BECOME A FRIEND?

"The only way to have a Friend is to be one."
— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Yes! I want to be a Friend of the Shaker Library!
Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution.

_____ Individual	\$15
_____ Family	\$20
_____ Special Friend	\$50
_____ Patron	\$100
_____ Business	\$100

Please complete and mail to:

Friends of the Shaker Library
16500 Van Aken Boulevard
Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120-5318

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Volunteer Opportunities

_____ Book Sale Set Up _____ Book Sale Staffing

_____ Wednesday Book Sorting _____ Periodic Bulk Mailings

_____ Hospitality

_____ Other _____

_____ I am interested in learning more about the Friends of the Shaker Library Board and its volunteer opportunities.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

MEMBERSHIP: WHY BECOME A FRIEND?

Besides the support your contribution will give to the library, Friends membership has its rewards, now more than ever. We recently welcomed two new businesses who offer Friends' members special discounts—Multitudes Int'l Salon and Shaker Auto Hospital. For details of their offers and others, read below. You'll appreciate your membership again and again, every time you shop locally. Just show your Friends' membership card to reap the rewards.

10% OFF ANY IN-STORE PURCHASE

A.J. Heil Florist

Full-service florist in Shaker for over 75 years.

3233 Warrensville Center Road
921-3100

10% OFF REPAIRS AND RETAIL ITEMS (EXCEPT BRIGGS & RILEY LUGGAGE)

Al Nola Shoe Repair

For over 45 years, repairing shoes, purses, luggage, coats and all leather goods; retail new luggage, purses and wallets.

16830 Chagrin Boulevard
751-6737

FREE SAFETY INSPECTION AND GAS CLUB INTRODUCTION. NO PRESSURE FOR OTHER SERVICES. (\$89 VALUE)

Center Heights Service

The most personal, neighborly AAA-approved auto repair center in the area.

3884 Warrensville Center Road
751-3387

FREE INITIAL CONSULTATION AND EXAM (\$120 VALUE)

Chagrin Chiropractic

Chiropractic care, when pain or immobility prevent you from doing what you want to do.

27629 Chagrin Boulevard, Suite 103, Beachwood
595-9999

FREE CONSULTATION, INCLUDING LABORATORY SOIL ANALYSIS (\$40 VALUE)

Good Nature

Providing Northeastern Ohio with family-friendly, environmentally-responsible landscape services by offering a full line of organic and natural services for your lawn, trees, shrubs and garden.

5201 Grant Ave, Cleveland
641-9800

\$50 GIFT CARDS FOR \$40

J. Pistone Market

Café, market and wine shop specializing in prepared food to go. In-house bakery and catering.

3245 Warrensville Center Road
283-3663

10% OFF TOTAL PURCHASE

Loganberry Books

New, used and rare books. Specialties include children's and illustrated books, women's history and literature, and the fine and performing arts.

13015 Larchmere Blvd
795-9800

10% OFF HAIR EXTENSION SERVICES OVER \$100, INCLUDING FUSION, MICROLINKS AND FULL WEAVES

Multitudes Int'l Salon

Exclusive hair weaving and extension services.

3431 Lee Road
337-1559

PREFERRED DISCOUNT CARD FOR 15% OFF MEALS

Pearl of the Orient

Northern Szechuan Chinese food. Consistently voted best Chinese restaurant.

20121 Van Aken Blvd
751-8181

FREE FIRST-TIME EXAMINATION (\$37 VALUE)

Shaker Animal Clinic

Small animal veterinary clinic.

3612 Lee Rd
561-7387

10% OFF ALL SERVICES EXCEPT TIRES; OFFER GOOD UNTIL DECEMBER 2010

Shaker Auto Hospital

Serving Shaker Heights residents since 1959 with auto mechanical work and towing. Oldest family-owned business in Shaker.

16101 Chagrin Boulevard
921-4455

\$5.00 OFF PURCHASE OF \$25 OR MORE. NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER.

Shaker Heights Hardware

Retail hardware.

17111 Chagrin Blvd
921-1244



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An Observation on Poetry

I never liked reading poetry; it didn't make any sense to me. Some people say poetry is an *acquired taste*, something like scotch. I never understood suffering through something just to acquire a taste for it.



When I became Friends president, I wanted to learn all I could about the projects and programs that Friends supports, so with trepidation, I began attending one of the programs, *Poetry Back in the Woods*. The writers choose from their body of work what they want to read or recite. Then, in front of an audience of people who appreciate poetry, they bare their souls; make us laugh, cry, think, or cringe—sometimes all in the same poem. I've heard the soft-spoken, the



forceful, the enthusiastic and the energetic. I've listened to the music that goes with the poetry, and to the comments of the audience afterward. From my first program—when 10 talented and accomplished women poets read—I was hooked. I still don't like *reading* poetry (yet) but I am acquiring a taste for listening to it—especially by the poets. And, I'm not even suffering.

See all of you poetry lovers *Back in the Woods* — Sharon Heslin

Upcoming Poetry Back in the Woods Dates: January 21 ♦ February 25 ♦ March 23 ♦ April 20 ♦ May 27
Programs begin at 7 pm and are held at Bertram Woods Branch located at 20600 Fayette Road



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