FRIENDS OF THE RAMSEY COUNTY LIBRARIES

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Executive Director's Update
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Shoreview Library Capital Campaign

Donations and pledges made so far total $194,296 with $55,704 remaining to raise in 2017. We anticipate ordering donor pavers for the outdoor area at the Shoreview Library in April for installation in May or June. Initial art purchases have been made including a Jim Radford photograph of Island Lake in Shoreview that has been installed in the library lobby and several pottery pieces by Paul Gaston that have been installed in the alcoves along the north wall of the library. Art purchases are pending for the children's area and the book club room. We greatly appreciate Art Committee members Jacci Krebsbach, President of the Shoreview Historical Society Board, Jim Mulfinger, local potter affiliated with the White Bear Lake Center for the Arts, and Tom Reynen, Vice President of the Gallery 96 Board, for lending their expertise and enthusiasm in the acquisition of art for the new library.

Upcoming events

The Annual Meeting of the Friends Board of Directors will be held April 24, 2017 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Shoreview Library. The agenda will include reports from Board committees and election of Board members and officers.

The Friends will have a booth at the Northeast Metro Expo this year to be held April 30, 2017 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Vadnais Heights Sports Center. This is a free family event featuring local business, home improvement, design & style, health & medical, sports & fitness, local non-profits, government, schools & elected officials and will provide a great opportunity to highlight both the Friends and the Ramsey County Library system.

Book It! 5K Walk/Run at 9:00 am on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at the Roseville Library. Runners, walkers, strollers, volunteers, children, and library lovers are all invited to participate in this family-friendly fundraiser. Proceeds will support the Summer Reading Program for children and teens at all seven Ramsey County Library locations.

Friends Annual Luncheon on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at the North Oaks Country Club. The program will feature both celebrated mystery writer Erin Hart and her husband, Irish musician and author Paddy O'Brien. Join us for a delightful morning of traditional Irish music and discussion of Hart's archaeological crime novels set in the mysterious boglands of Ireland. All members of the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries will receive a reservation flyer in the mail prior to the event.