FRIENDS OF THE RAMSEY COUNTY LIBRARIES

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Friends Director Update
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Summer Reading Program Kickoff Celebration

Friends volunteers Diane Hoon and John W. Harris and staff Caitlin Carroll and Cyndi Cook jumped in to support the Bookawocky Make-It Festival for Kids and Teens on Saturday, June 10th at the Roseville Library. We joined Ramsey County Commissioners Victoria Reinhardt and Mary Jo McGuire in greeting library patrons and directing them to a wide range of fun and educational events and activities and hosted the Scavenger Hunt Table, cheering on participants as they read through their clues and located different items in the Children's Garden area. The library was a hub of activity with families playing and learning together all day.

Shoreview Library Volunteer Appreciation

Our staff participated in the Shoreview volunteer appreciation luncheon on June 7th to meet and greet the many volunteers who work diligently to keep the library humming. Kudos to the Shoreview library staff for hosting a lovely event with good food, fun games, and great company! The Friends are so pleased to be able to provide funding support for the Ramsey County Library volunteer appreciation events each year.

Shoreview Library Capital Campaign

The garden benches lining Highway 96 have now been enhanced with brushed metal donor and memorial plaques. The Friends would like to thank the Shoreview Community Garden Club, the John W. Harris Family, Sandy Martin, Barbara Wegleitner and the family of Julie Krenn for their generous contributions. In addition, plaques have been installed next to the flagpole in the outdoor garden area and over the interior fireplace. We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Daughters of the American Revolution, Harriet G. Walker Chapter for donating the flagpole and to the North Oaks Community Foundation and the family of Adeline and Albert Kuske for donating the fireplace. The garden pavers have also arrived with installation scheduled for June 19th.

Legacy of Literacy

The Friends shared an exhibition booth at the Minnesota CLE Probate and Trust Attorney's Conference June 12-13 to promote planned giving to benefit libraries, both in Ramsey County and throughout the state. We requested a booth next to the Animal Humane Society as the "canine ambassadors" at their booth really helped to bring conference participants our way. We had the opportunity to talk with dozens of attorneys about the different ways that their clients can help to ensure vibrant and sustainable library systems through legacy bequests.

Upcoming events

- Friends Board of Directors meeting July 24, 2017 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Roseville library.
- Book It! 5K Walk/Run at 9:00 am on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at the Roseville Library.
- Friends Annual Luncheon on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at the North Oaks Country Club.