



### Library Update

by Chad Ubl  
Community Services Director

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Friends of the Library for the generous donation of the circulation desk and benches in the front lobby. We feel this excellent addition to our library offers both a functional circulation desk and an aesthetic piece that fits with the historical ambiance of our building. We are also grateful for the Friends continued commitment to maintaining our materials collection, with their most recent gift of \$3000 in March 2012.

The Winona Public Library is currently in the final stage of hiring an Adult Reference Librarian. This is a result of the departure of Robin DeVries. The replacement of the Adult Reference Librarian along with the recent hiring of two Library Aides brings us to a comfortable staffing level. We have spent the last two years in a state of revolving staffing levels; we are very much looking forward to consistency. Over this time, the library staff has worked diligently to serve our library patrons.

Another positive note took place this past December; the City Council increased the funding for materials as well as continued funding for Overdrive.

### Introducing Our New Friends of the Library Board!



Left to Right: Vice President, Cathy Kreisel; Secretary, Sue Eckerson; President, Angela Lallemond; Treasurer, Melissa Schneider; Membership Secretary, Tove Wiggs

### Upcoming Events

**May 18:** WINONA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PARTY  
*COME MEET SOME OF OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS!*

**June 11 - July 20:** CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM

**TBA:** ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM

**July 15:** CONCERT IN THE PARK

**August 18:** BAKE SALE @ FARMER'S MARKET

**October 26 - 28:** FALL BOOK SALE

Find more information  
about upcoming events!



### A Note from Our President

by Angela Lallemond

Happy Spring Book Lovers! I am honored to serve as the President of the Friends of the Library for 2012. The new leadership team is full of ideas for fundraising opportunities for our library. One of our major goals this year is to increase Friends membership so we can implement our new fundraising ideas.

We have a new membership secretary to make sure each and every member is welcomed. We need you! Every member of the Friends provides new, exciting and creative ideas. With budget cuts, our Library needs us more now than ever! Every dollar counts! Please help our Library by joining or renewing your membership today. It is as easy as filling out the form on the right.

I look forward to seeing new members at our next meeting, May 12th at 10 a.m. in the Art Room of the Library.

### BECOME A MEMBER (or RENEW) TODAY!

I am enclosing \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the annual membership category below:

- Individual/\$10                       Family/\$15  
 Supporting/\$30                       Patron/\$60

In addition to my dues, I am enclosing a *tax deductible* contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact you for volunteer opportunities?     Yes     No

Please make checks payable to Friends of WPL and mail to:

**Winona Public Library, PO Box 1247, Winona, MN 55987**

*Thank you for your continued support!*

### WE HAVE A GOAL!!! \$15,000 IN 2012!!!

We need **YOU** to make it happen!

# From the Desk of the Treasurer...

by Blandine Berthelot

2011 Friends of the Library Treasurer

This past year has seen the completion of the new Circulation area with the addition of a bench in the entryway of the library. We amplified our fundraising efforts by adding a fall book sale and holding our 2nd bake sale at the farmers' market; we were able to donate over \$11,000 towards the materials budget.

We also continued to sponsor the entertainment portion of the Children's Dept. Summer Reading Program, helped purchase copies of the selection for Winona Reads!, as well

as prizes for the Adult Reading Group and Hot Reads. For the first time, we also played a part in professional development by funding Children's Librarian Lezlea Dahlke's visit to the Public Library Association Annual Conference in Philadelphia in March 2012.

As the Winona Public Library continues to discuss creative means to maintain quality services with fewer funds, we are excited to see our group of Friends re-energized. Our new leadership and new members will bring fresh ideas and lead innovative projects; please consider joining us as we discuss new ways to promote our library!

## Bake Sale at the Farmer's Market!

The Friends of the Library will be at the Farmer's Market Saturday, August 18. Once again we are looking for volunteers to bake and/or staff the booth at the Farmer's

Market. If you're interested, please contact the Friends at [wplfriends@netscape.net](mailto:wplfriends@netscape.net) for more information!

# From the Children's Department...

by Lezlea Dahlke

We are staying busy in the Children's Dept finalizing summer reading plans for this year's program themed,

**Dream Big—READ!**

Daryl Anne Stangl is a delightful addition to the department as our newest library aide—stop in and introduce yourself if you haven't met her yet. She's got some fun ideas to share with kids this summer and I'm thrilled to have her assistance with programming.

Speaking of summer, the programming calendar is available now! Thanks to the Friends, we'll again be bringing some fantastic entertainment to town on Wednesday mornings in June & July at the Winona County History Center. We are bringing back our faves: magician Bob Kann, the Reptile & Amphibian RadZoo, and singer Hans Mayer! New this year: Mad Science of Iowa is sure to amaze the kids.

Many thanks to the Friends for the sponsorship in March, affording me the opportunity to attend the PLA conference in Philadelphia. It was a memorable trip—information overload! The conference was attended by over 9,000 public librarians and 2,500 vendor exhibits representing nearly every state. I attended some excellent sessions on technology, grantwriting & early childhood literacy. I was inspired by keynotes Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and Betty White. I met several authors—newcomers and bestsellers. I networked, shared meals and took in the historical sites of Philly with a raucous group of librarians from New Jersey, New York, Montana, California & Alaska. PLA is the only national conference specifically addressing public libraries and I was thrilled to be a part of the energy! The next PLA is in Indianapolis in 2014. Thank you again to the Friends and the City for the experience.

***See ya at the library!***



151 West Fifth Street • PO Box 1247  
Winona, MN 55987

