



SPRING 2015 NEWSLETTER

Mark Your Calendars!

The Annual Book Sale is back:

- Thursday, March 19: 6pm-8pm (members' night, a good time to renew your membership!)
- Friday, March 20: 7:30am to 6pm
- Saturday, March 21: 8am to 2pm

We still need volunteers! Sign up here:

http://friendsofthewinonapubliclibrary.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?start_over&id=7879

Winona Reads: April 1-30 – Gary Paulsen's *Soldier's Heart*. Our sponsorship has enabled the library to purchase 73 copies of the book.

Friends of the Winona Public Library Participating in March Millions

The Friends of the Winona Public Library are excited to be participating in the **Otto Bremer Foundation's March Millions** campaign.

What is it? The Otto Bremer Foundation is expanding its work to Southeastern Minnesota. It is providing up to \$1 million in matching funds to local nonprofit organizations through March Millions with the help of giveMN.org.

How does it work? Find the giveMN.org link on the Winona Public Library's home page or go to <https://givemn.org/organization/Friendsofthewinonapubliclibrary> to donate to the Friends of the Library anytime. For donations between March 1st and March 31st, the Otto Bremer Foundation will match your donation. Donate \$50 and you're actually donating \$100.

Every day in March will have a Bremer Boost. Every organization that receives a donation on the day of the drawing will be entered in a boost drawing. The organization that receives the Bremer Boost will be awarded an additional \$1,000. **That means 30 opportunities for the Friends to receive an extra \$1,000.** On March 31st, the Bremer Boost will be \$10,000!

Help the Friends of the Winona Public Library reach their minimum goal of \$1,000 and continue to enrich the Winona community with multiple library resources.

All donations must be made through giveMN.org to be eligible for the matching grants.



Other Upcoming Events:

- **Annual meeting:** Thursday, April 16 – 6:30pm, Library Bell Art Room. We will review the past year, elect officers for the coming year, and welcome Greg Gaut who will discuss his grant-funded **Winona Public Library history project**.
- **Concert in the Park:** Once again, Winona National Bank has designated the Friends of the WPL as the recipient of all the proceeds from the June concert at the band shell. Come and dance to the Teddy Bear Band's music, have a classic \$1 meal, a root beer float, and some good summertime fun – Friday, June 19, from 11am to 1pm. We will be looking for volunteers to help at this event.
- **Summer Bake Sale:** Join us for our 5th annual bake sale at the Farmers Market (date TBA). Show off your talents by donating baked goods for this event or stop by to make a purchase. All proceeds benefit the library.

The Friends of the Winona Public Library meet monthly. Check the library website and our **Facebook** page for more details on upcoming meetings and events. Contact us at winonalibraryfriends@gmail.com if you have questions/comments or wish to receive our meeting minutes.

Next meeting: Saturday, March 21, 2015 at 9am at the Senior Friendship Center (note new location for this month only): stop by and visit before or after shopping at the book sale!

Become a member (or renew) today!

Members can show their Friends card and receive great benefits from favorite local businesses!

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

Student/\$10 Individual/\$15 Family/\$20

Silver/\$50 Gold/\$100

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!

