



Footnotes

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FRIENDS ANNUAL "CELEBRATION"

The Friends Annual Meeting was held on January 8, 2007 in the community room at the Belmar Library. Close to 50 Friends and guests were in attendance, including Director Bill Knott, his wife Mary, and other library staff. After the attendees enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and conversation, a new slate of Friends



From left to right, Ben Radecki, Friends Chair, Sam Scinta, President and Publisher of Fulcrum Books, and Bill Knott, County Librarian

Council officers was inducted: Ben Radecki, Chair; Terry Whitsel, Vice-Chair; Dodie Ownes, Secretary; Linda Larson, Vicki Ponce, Barbara Howe, and Ann Maier, Members-at-Large.

Nina Else, co-chair of the Programs Committee, then introduced the evening's guest speaker, Sam Scinta, Publisher, Fulcrum Books Publishing. His presentation, entitled "The Publishing World from a Mile High", was an evening highlight. Fulcrum has been based in Golden Colorado since its inception in 1984, and that location, reported Scinta, has been critical in the company keeping its perspective and focus. He presented the audience with an array of publishing statistics, growth and loss areas, genre interest, and how conglomeration in the publishing industry continues to loom over smaller publishers like Fulcrum.

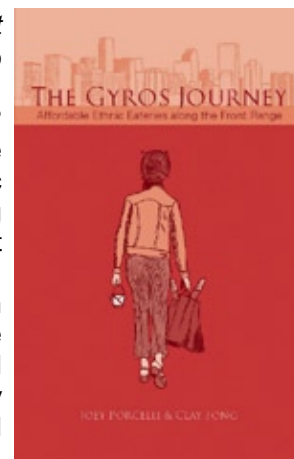
Scinta went on to assess the changes in readers, citing the sad statistic that more than half of all American (18 and up) reported that they had not read one single book in the past year! Yet, interestingly, 81% of the population feel that they have a book in them! There is greater competition for reading time too. He felt that the mission of libraries was even more critical now than ever. A good review from the library trade journals means a lot to sales, both to libraries and to the public.

Fulcrum Books publishes in a variety of subject areas – environment, politics, Native American culture, Western heritage, garden, travel, outdoors, and fiction. One great success for them has been the "Speakers Corner" series. Fulcrum publishes between 30-45 books a year, with a backlist of 450 books. They recently ventured into fiction publishing, prompted somewhat by a lack of interest by big publishing houses in new authors. In 2007, Fulcrum will publish four new fiction titles which will focus on contemporary American West. Check out www.fulcrum-books.com to see their full catalog.

By Dodie Ownes

HUNGRY FOR AFFORDABLE ETHNIC EATERIES?

The Friends are pleased to kickoff their 2007 "Colorado Author Series" on March 29 at 7p.m. at the Lakewood Library with Joey Porcelli and Clay Fong, authors of *The Gyros Journey: Affordable Ethnic Eateries along the Front Range*. Want to know where to go to slurp ramen, skewer sate, or down a plate of Spam sushi? *The Gyros Journey* will guide you to the following authentic and affordable ethnic dining experiences in the Front Range: African, Asian, Eastern European, Greek, Indian, Latin American, Mexican, Middle Eastern, vegetarian, and Western European. Join Joey and Clay for a fun-filled evening as they regale us with not only descriptions of these restaurants but also some personal observations of the chefs and restaurant owners and the history and culture they represent. Joey also wrote *Rise and Dine: Breakfast in Denver and Boulder*. Both books will be available for purchase and signing; a portion of the sales will go to the Friends. Tickets are not required for this event. For information, call (303) 275-2216.



By Ron & Nina Else

The Friends of the Jefferson County Public Library is an organization of citizens dedicated to enhancing the programs and resources of our libraries throughout Jefferson County. As Friends members, we lend our voice as library advocates, commit our time as volunteers, and support library programming and services through our financial resources. Friends members cherish and value our Jefferson County libraries and believe our libraries are an indispensable part of the community.

TRAVELING CHILDREN'S LIBRARY



The Traveling Children's Library (TCL), a priority program for the Jefferson County Public Library funded by the Jefferson County Library Foundation (JCLF), enhances the early literacy experiences of preschool-aged children by delivering books and programs to these children in their classrooms. Through a monthly bilingual storytime visit by the Traveling Children's Librarian and a monthly deposit collection of books in English and Spanish, the TCL provides these children, most of whom are economically or otherwise disadvantaged, with greater exposure to books, reading and stories. In addition, the TCL works to educate the families of these children about the free services and materials available to them through the public library and how parents can use library materials at home to further encourage their child's pre-reading skills. In its third year, the TCL is visiting 48 Head Start and preschool classrooms each month, thereby reaching approximately 800 children.

The response from both teachers and students to the TCL has been enthusiastically positive. A Head Start teacher said that when he let the children know on Friday that the librarian was coming to do storytime on Monday, they were very excited. "New books?" they asked. When teachers make the book box available as a free choice after snack time, the children hurry to finish their snack in order to choose a book. Recently, the TCL Librarian encountered one of her Head Start students in the library (not in the classroom), accompanied by his father, and was brightly greeted with "Hi, Miss Mary! We're getting books!"

If you are interested in helping fund our TCL, so we can reach more at-risk pre-school children, please contact John Walsh at the JCLF at 303-275-6179.

By Mary Kuehner

FROM JANE AUSTEN TO THE CIA

On April 18 at 7:00 p.m. at Belmar Library, best-selling author Francine Mathews takes center stage. Her bio is just as fascinating as her books. Daughter of a retired General in the Air Force and the last of six girls, she met mentor John McPhee, the Pulitzer Prize winning author and staff writer, while she was attending Princeton. Besides writing for several papers, she worked four years as an intelligence analyst at the CIA.



Especially fulfilling was her work on the Counter-terrorism Center's investigation into the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland. Francine's series of thrillers (*The Alibi Club*, *Blown*, *The Cutout*, and *The Secret Agent*) are must reads as well as her "Jane Austen" series written under the name of Stephanie Barron. Her books will be available for purchase and signing; a portion of the sales will go to the Friends. Tickets are not required. For information, call (303) 275-2216.

By Ron & Nina Else

WANT TO FIND THE WRITER WITHIN?

The Golden Library is coordinating a "Writers Workshop Series" that will be free to the public and presented by the Colorado Authors League. Friends and Foundation will assist in hosting and providing refreshments. Details are still being finalized but the workshops are expected to run from March through May on Thursday evenings at the Golden Library. Sample topics will include:

- Writing your Personal Passion
- Breaking into Magazine Writing
- Turning your Feelings into Poetry
- Fiction Writing Workshop
- Finish What You Write and Send It Off

By Joyce Deming



2007 Friends Council

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2006 FRIENDS ANNUAL REPORT

The Friends of the Jefferson County Public Library is now in its seventh year and is steadily growing. During National Library Week in April, a membership drive was held at all the libraries. The number of Friends memberships grew from 500 in January 2006 to 768 by December 2006. The Friends are actually a "committee" of the Jefferson County Library Foundation and are governed by a seven-member Friends Council. In 2006, the Friends Council bid a heartfelt farewell to retiring Foundation Director Jo Bryant and welcomed its new Director, John Walsh, who came on board in March of 2006. John has hit the ground running and been a real dynamo in helping the Friends this year. After the Library rolled out its new logo in April 2006, the Friends Council, with John's help, updated its logo and incorporated it into a new, more colorful Friends Brochure.

During the year, Friends volunteers assisted the Foundation in its Volunteer Recognition Luncheon in February, the Rare and Novel Night Book Auction in April, the Baby Whale of a Use Book Sale in June, the Whale of a Sale Annual Book Sale in October, and three Holiday Book Boutiques. Over 200 volunteers were enrolled to help sell 150,000 plus books, videos, audio books and CDs displayed at the various book sales. These events, together with ongoing sales of used books at each of the libraries and the Friends Gift and Book Shop, grossed \$267,025 for use by the Foundation in enhancing the Library's programs.

The Friends also sponsored several Colorado Author programs over the course of the year, including "Travel Through Time" with Connie Willis, "Style Matters" with Judie Schwartz and Evelinda Urman, and "Medicine, Western Regional Myth, and Suspense" with Robert Greer. This series was very successful with all sessions being well-attended, and will be continued in 2007. Another major event which involved the Friends was the Grand Opening of the new Arvada Library which opened on October 16th. On opening day, more than 3200 people walked through the doors of this new treasure. Twenty three Friends were actively involved as volunteers and provided directions and information as library staff were very busy with helping patrons that weekend.

Currently, a core of 24 Friends volunteers ranging in age from 11 to 81 are involved in the day-to-day operation of the Friends Gift and Book Shop which celebrated its sixth year of operation in the Belmar Library. The Friends have been very pleased with the public's response to, and support of, the Gift Shop, which is averaging about \$1000 per week in purchases, two thirds of which are used books, and one third of which are specialty book-related gift items.

On the administrative side, Friends Council meetings were held monthly on the second Monday of each month. A Strategic Planning Session was held in September 2006 and a review of the Friends By-Laws is now underway.

Lastly, the Friends Council has reworked and updated its Web site, and continues to publish its quarterly newsletter, the *JCPL Friends' Footnotes*. As a result of the "Strategic Planning Session" held last Fall, the Friends are now looking forward to increasing membership, establishing a more defined Committee structure, and having another successful year of supporting the Jefferson County Public Library.

By Ben Radecki

MARGARET HOHU A GEM OF A VOLUNTEER!

Raised on the Big Island of Hawai'i, having lived through the chaos and terror of Pearl Harbor as a teenager, taught classes in clinical didactic anesthesia (*she "knocked them out!"*), and earned an Industrial Gerontology doctoral degree from the University of Northern Colorado by developing her own curriculum, Margaret Hohu brings a lot of knowledge and experience to the work she does for us as a volunteer at our used book sales. Retired from the medical field, she has been a library volunteer since 1998 and a Friends member since 2004, Margaret was singled out by many of our Whale of a Used Book Sale patrons as "that lady at the exit door who has so much charisma, so much charm" as she thanked everyone for attending the book sale. "Going out without any books?" Margaret challenged them, "Are you sure you can't find a book. Do you want some help looking? Well, come back tomorrow; they'll have new books on the tables!" Margaret's volunteer work has included Meals on Wheels and the Red Cross, where she served to aid the people in New York City following the September 11, 2001, attacks. "I'm thankful to have a first-class library in Evergreen where I live. I volunteer so I can do my share in keeping our libraries going."



Cadet Nurse Hohu, 1944,
Corpus Christi, Texas

Thank you, Margaret Hohu! You are an inspiration to all of us! We look forward to working with you again in June at our next Baby Whale of a Used Book Sale!

By Linda Larson

COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Friends Council includes a number of committees to help in the organization and support of its many activities and events. Friends members are encouraged to participate in any of these committees. As the need arises, ad hoc committees may be formed to address immediate needs. To get involved, contact Nancy Gruschow at 303-275-2216 or ngruscho@jefferson.lib.co.us.

Book Sale Committee: Book Sales are a major fun activity supported by the Friends and it takes a lot of preparation and effort to run the "Baby Whale" and "Whale" used book sales. In addition to the work involved in actually setting up and running the sales, there is a year-round effort at each library to receive, sort, box, warehouse and sell book donations. Other activities of this Committee involve reviewing and updating book-sorting guidelines, stocking the "Used Book Sale Shelf" at each library, and assisting with special events such as the "Holiday Book Boutiques."

Publicity and Promotions Committee: The goal of this committee is to promote the Friends of Jefferson County Public Library and the programs, services and events sponsored by the Friends and Foundation. This includes the production and support of the Friends quarterly newsletter, *Footnotes*, as well as its Web site, found at <http://friendsofjcpl.org>. Other activities include posting announcements in regional news outlets, citizen blogs, and assistance in the creation of Friends brochures and other marketing material, as well as the use of email to notify Friends and library patrons of upcoming events, programs and volunteer opportunities.

Membership Committee: The life blood of any organization is its membership. The committee develops and promotes ways to increase and retain Friends memberships. Membership drives, direct mail and email marketing will be reviewed. Periodically reviews membership forms, membership levels and fee structures, the renewal process, and how membership forms are distributed.

Programs Committee: Each year the Friends focus on a series of programs that are open to all library patrons. This series not only brings a high quality of programming to the libraries but gives the Friends organization an avenue to promote the activities of Friends and Foundation. For 2006 and 2007 we are featuring a Colorado Authors Series.

Activities Help Wanted!

Want to help plan an outing for Friends or get involved in planning of a special event? Possible activities include: a "behind the scenes" tour, day or overnight trip, or helping with an event like "A Rare and Novel Experience".

FOUNDATION FUN-STUFF

Wanna have some fun ??? Join Us !!!

On Saturday, April 21st (National Volunteer Week) the Foundation will be hosting a fun event to recognize all the volunteers who give their energy to our Libraries, our Library Foundation and the Friends organization. On Thursday evening, May 24th, the Foundation will be presenting a Rare & Novel Experience at the Belmar Center in Lakewood. John and Nancy are actively recruiting volunteers for each event who just "wanna have fun!" Join us now as we plan and implement these exciting events. We have the dates...now we need your help to fill in the fun details. Call John (303-275-6179) or Nancy (303-275-2216) to be part of our April 21st or May24th event TEAM! It will be FUN!

By John Walsh

IN LOVING MEMORY OF LINDA GAYLE SKOLNIK - 1939-2006

A dedicated Friend of the Jefferson County Public Library, volunteer at the Friends Gift & Book Shop, and Whale of a Used Book Sale volunteer (with husband Ernie), Linda Skolnik passed away Tuesday, November 7, 2006, after a brief, but valiant fight with cancer. In her memory, the Skolnik Family has purchased a world globe for the children's room at the Belmar Library and has



donated books that were some of Linda's favorites. Everyone that knew Linda repeats the same mantra: "She was the kindest, best person that I've ever met." She always put others before herself and cared only that you were comfortable and happy. More than likely, what Linda left you with wasn't a physical gift, but it was her simple, sincere earnestness and caring, the right words at the right time, that eye-squinting smile that she passed on to her son, or the laugh of a woman still a girl in her heart. As her niece Shara put it, "She saw beneath your skin, to the real you, and accepted everyone for who they are."

Linda was the rare being who honestly and simply made you feel loved and cared for by the mere act of her presence—her smile, her laugh, or her touch.

So, help us keep Linda's legacy alive by simply passing on the gift of a smile, a laugh, a touch, a book.

SALES CONTINUE AT FRIENDS GIFT & BOOK SHOP!

Now is a great time to pick up a few gift items at a reduced price at the Friends Gift and Book Shop at the B e l m a r Library. We have savings of 25-35% on selected gift items! Sale items include



our dog breed collectibles, stuffed dogs and bears, earrings, literary mugs, soaps, and our international selection of boxes.

By Nancy Gruschow

BOOK DONATIONS

Need to find a good home for the books that you no longer want? Please drop off your book donations at any Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL). Many books will end up at our Whale of a Used Book Sales held at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds and used book sale areas in each library. Collectible and rare books will be sold at our Collectible Corner at the Sales and books in pristine condition may also be sold at the Friends Gift and Book Shop or one of our Holiday Book Boutiques. The Foundation has donated some of the residual books from the Book Sales to a number of non-profits such as local schools and churches, Reach Out and Read Colorado, Salvation Army homeless shelter, and Ghana Book Drive this past year. JCPL does offer a book giveaway of boxes of children’s books on the second Thursday of the month at the Lakewood Library.. These are children’s books that have been weeded from the JCPL collection and are worn and/or slightly damaged. Registered non-profits may pick these books up between the hours of 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the truck parked near the library exit. Bring a copy of your non-profit status and check in at the Administrative Offices (go to 2nd entrance, past the main library entrance).

By Mary Garcia

WHAT THE FRIENDS COUNCIL IS READING

Ben Radecki, Chair

The Varieties of Scientific Experience - A Personal View of the Search for God by Carl Sagan, edited by Ann Druyan. The Penguin Press, 2006. In 1985, Sagan was invited to give the famous Gifford Lectures in Scotland and here describes his search to understand the nature of the sacred in the vastness of the cosmos.

Dodie Ownes, Secretary

Hullabaloo in the Guava Orchard by Kiran Desai. Atlantic Monthly Press, 1998. This delightful romp is full of zany characters that wreak havoc on a village in India.

Carroll Mannino, JCPL Management Team Representative

Sunset Western Landscaping Book, edited by Kathleen Norris Brenzel, Sunset Books, 2006. This is the companion book to Sunset's *Western Garden Book*. An added bonus is that you get to look at beautiful gardens and dream of Spring while curled up with a cup of cocoa, watching the snowflakes fall.

Linda Larson, Member-at-Large

Riding the Iron Rooster - By Train Through China, by Paul Theroux, G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1988. I found it at our Whale of a Used Book Sale and, through its pages, I have experienced another insightful trip through the amazing country of China.

Nancy Gruschow, Foundation Program Coordinator

Think for Yourself!: An Essay on Cutting through the Babble, the Bias, and the Hype by Steve Hinde., Fulcrum Publishing, 2005. An examination of critical thinking with information on how to cut through the tangle of pseudo-information and learn how to think and decide for yourself.

Ann Maier, Member-at-Large

Turning To One Another by Margaret J. Wheatley, Berrett-Koehler Publishers, Inc., 2002. Written by the author of *Leadership and the New Science*, this is an easy-to-read book on the power and importance of using conversation to build relationships and understanding.



2007 Friends Calendar of Events

March 29, 2007 - 7:00 p.m. - Lakewood Library
Colorado Author Series Welcomes authors Joey Porcelli and Clay Fong, authors of *The Gyros Journey: Affordable Ethnic Eateries Along the Front Range*

April 18, 2007 - 7:00 p.m. - Belmar Library
Colorado Author Series welcomes author Francine Mathews, author of *The Alibi Club* and *Jane and the Barque of Frailty*

April 21, 2007 - Location/Time TBA
Library Volunteer Recognition Celebration

May 24, 2007 - Belmar Center - Time TBA
"A Rare and Novel Experience" – an annual fund raiser of the Jefferson County Library Foundation

June 1-3, 2007 - Jefferson County Fairgrounds
Baby Whale of a Used Book Sale

October 25-28, 2007 - Jefferson County Fairgrounds
Whale of a Used Book Sale

November 16-17, 2007 - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Belmar Library
Holiday Book and Gift Boutique

November 30, 2007 - 10a.m. - 8:30p.m. - Golden Library
Holiday Book and Gift Boutique

December 1, 2007 - 12 noon - 4p.m. - Golden Library
Holiday Book and Gift Boutique



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