



Watertown Regional Library Friends of the Library Annual Newsletter

History of the Friends of the Watertown Regional Library

Early in 2002, Judy Noll and Vicki McNichols accepted the challenge to establish a **Friends of the Library** chapter in Watertown. In March, randomly selected, frequent library patrons were invited to an informational meeting. From that meeting, a Steering Committee was formed. Over the next several months, the Steering Committee developed the purpose of the organization, By-Laws, and Articles of Incorporation. Next, the public was invited to an organizational meeting which was held on September 10, 2002. At that time, the first officers and Board of Directors were elected: President, Judy Noll; Vice President, Craig DeJager; Secretary, Penny Mack; Treasurer, Vicki McNichols. Board members were: Judge Dale Bradshaw, Dodie Chase, and Lorraine Rittmann. There were 36 paid members with a treasury balance of \$700. Today there are more than 200 members and a treasury which has allowed for numerous generous gifts to the library.



National Friends of the Library Week, October 21-27, 2012

Save the Date

Annual Meeting

Sunday Oct 21, 2012

6:30 pm

Coffee and cake served
in honor of the Tenth
Anniversary

Congratulations from
the WRL BOARD

Steering Committee and Officers of the FOL Board

Those members who served and those who serve currently for the Friends of the Library group include:

Dale Bradshaw	Coreen Brazil	Erland Carlson
Dodie Chase	Craig DeJager	Patty Ewy
Lois Hart	Donna Hill	Carolyn Hoffman
Nancy Kjellsen	Colleen Lindberg	Penny Mack
Vicki McNichols	Bev Moore	Jim Morgans
Jan Mullin	Mike Mullin	Judy Noll
Ruth Olson	Susan Patrick	Waneen Polly
Gail Ramynke	Mary Redlin	Lory Retzer
Lorraine Rittmann	Cindy Stupnik	Gary Westgard
Vivan Westgard		

Thank you to this group of Friends' members for their commitment and leadership during the past decade.

SUMMER READING OUTREACH

FOL volunteers worked with two groups of children, ages ranging from 5-13 this summer, from Camp Chance and The Salvation Army. Each group came to the library for a tour and listened to books read aloud by Friends volunteers. The children also received brand new books to take home along with refreshments. The continued goal for this program is to reach and teach children from families who are not necessarily library users, all about the importance of reading and of what the library has to offer.

THE 2012 USED BOOK SALE

The Sale was held Friday thru Monday, **April 13-16**, in the Watertown Mall. **55** Friends gave over 700 hours to the Sale. **60** tables were covered with **15,000** books (best estimate). About **10,000** books were sold at **50 cents to \$1** each. After the sale the decision was made to donate the remaining books. A very few were tossed.

Total proceeds from the **2012** Sale, after expenses, came to **\$6,331.72**. In the past **6** years, **2007-2012**, the Friends Annual Used Book Sale has raised **\$28,421.77**.

Mike's Message

Mike Mullin, Director, WRL

Congratulations, Friends of the Watertown Regional Library, on your Tenth Anniversary with more than 200 memberships throughout that time! Without the Friends political support, you would not have this building. The Friends have given many volunteer hours helping with

programs, processing materials and hosting the annual book sale. Last but not least, I thank you for the almost \$38,000 you have given to the library since the new building opened in 2007, from entryway benches to children's summer reading program shirts. Your commitment to the library really counts!

DONATIONS BY FRIENDS OF THE WATERTOWN LIBRARY

- 2012 - Summer reading t-shirts - \$2978
 - e-books - \$3,000
 - help with building glass cabinets for reference books - \$3,000
- 2011 - e-books - \$7,000
- 2009 - library materials - \$9,000
- 2007 - bench, picnic table, baskets, carts, DVD/CD repair contribution
- 2006 - more young adult furniture - \$2,500
- 2005 - young adult furniture - \$2,500
- 2004 - movie license
- 2003 - contribution to microfilm reader \$1,000 and digital camera
- 2002 - outdoor bench, paid storyteller

Save the Date
December 2, 2012
Sunday
6:00 p.m.



South Dakota Focus

"Discover South Dakota - Interesting People and Places," was the theme of this year's FOL special programs. Programs included: "Hutterites of South Dakota" by Joanita Kant in March; "The Faces Not on Mount Rushmore" by Lee Schoenbeck in May and "An Hour with Laura" (Ingalls Wilder) by Marian Cramer in

September. The series will conclude on November 18 with a "South Dakota Game Day - How Well DO You Know Your State?"

