



Friends Annual Book Sale

The 2013 Used Book Sale was held Friday, April 19-22, 2013. Around 10,000 books were donated by the community, along with 799 record albums, 448 videotapes, 225 DVDs and 255 CDs. Numerous magazines, encyclopedias and Reader's Digest condensed books were also donated.

Around 50 Friends of the Library members worked more than 500 hours at the sale.

Our total income, after expenses for advertising (\$285.59), and including supplemental funds from Thrivent Financial (\$300) and Modern Woodmen insurance (\$700) was \$6,396.40. This is \$64.88 over the 2012 proceeds.

In the past 7 years (2007-2013) the Friends used book sale has raised \$34,818.17 in support of the Watertown Regional Library.



Annual Meeting 2013



The annual meeting of the Friends of the Library will be held on October 20, 2013 at 6:00 pm. Subs and chips will be provided so RSVP by October 16, 2013 to Bev Moore 886-9706. We would like any contributions of dessert too!

FOL sponsored Lecture Series

Four diverse programs on the topic of water were sponsored by the Friends of the Watertown Regional Library on Sunday afternoons this year:

March 3 - **"Don't Be A Drip About What's In Your Faucet"**

Is our drinking water safe? Where does it come from? How is it treated? Jeff DeVille, Superintendent of Watertown's Water Department.

June 2 - **"Wet Your Whistle on Codington County Lake History"**

Codington County Heritage Museum and the Friends join forces to discover the role area lakes have played in the history of the region. Christy Lickei, Codington County Heritage Museum Director.

September 8- **"One 'Dam' Thing After Another"**

Highlights of the development of hydroelectric power from Missouri River dams and Watertown's power connection to the river. Michael Kirwan, Transmission Operations and Switching Manager for WAPA.

November 3 - **"Taking a 'Thoreau' Look At Walden Pond"**

A visit to Walden Pond to see if Henry David Thoreau still speaks to us. Lois Hart, literature instructor at Mount Marty College.

Summer Outreach

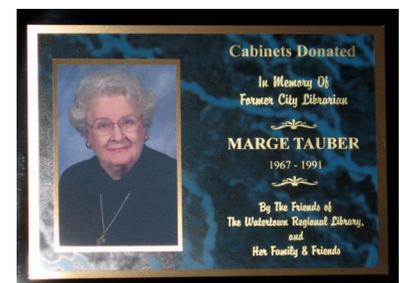
FOL Volunteers hosted children from Camp Chance at the library on July 23, 2013. The children age 9-11 years, participated in a "library scavenger hunt," assisted by Raynette Schulte, Young Adult Librarian. The children received an orientation, a "read aloud" from Friends' members, along with refreshments, and a new book for each child to take home. The goal continues to be to instill a love of reading and appreciation for what the library offers for the children who participate each summer.



FOL assistance with Marge Tauber Reference Room



The Friends of the Library donated \$3,000 toward completion of the cabinets for the non-circulating South Dakota reference materials, including the glass and locks.



Teen Mural

The South Dakota Arts Council grant with \$500 match from the Friends of the Watertown Regional Library provided funding.

Local artist Ann Taecker and the teens agreed that depicting young adults themes would be the best for the area. The teens would throw out an idea, and Ann would ask them to draw the idea and then to transfer to the wall. Twenty hours later the mural is complete. The final product does not look like the original sketches as the ideas evolved.

Literary references include the lamp post from the *Chronicles of Narnia*, the Fountain of Fair Fortune from Harry Potter's *Tales of Beedle the Bard*, and a talking tree from the *Wizard of Oz*.



Christmas Party



The Friends of the Library Christmas party has been scheduled for December 8, 2013 at 6 pm. The party will be at the Watertown Regional Library. Come join us for the fun!



Mike's desk

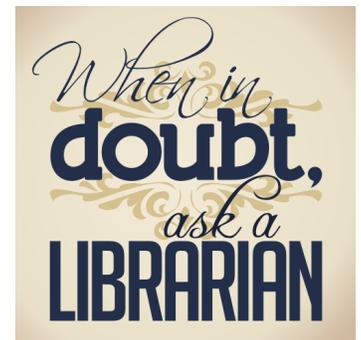
Dear Friend's,

Thank you for your generous gifts this past year: a \$500 match for the Totally Teen Territory mural involving and encouraging a group of talented young artists (come see it!), \$10,000 for the purchase of books and eBooks, and the \$3,000 gift from last year that helped pay to install locking cabinets for the reference collection in the Marge Tauber

South Dakota Room.

Thank you especially for your support of the library. Many generous people volunteer their time at the library. A heartfelt thank you goes to Friends members who have spoken to their city council representatives about how important their library is to them!

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FOL t-shirts available again!

Members interested in ordering a t-shirt can do so at the annual meeting. Cost will be \$7.50 + tax. See Judy Noll to place your order and make payment. If you would like a t-shirt and cannot be at the annual meeting, call Judy at 882-0605. The t-shirts will be distributed at the Christmas party.

