



April 2024

NEWSLETTER

& Annual Meeting Invitation



FROM THE PRESIDENT

One of the neatest things about living in Iowa is the changing of seasons—here that could be daily, hourly. Unchanging is the community’s generosity for our book sale.

In the last newsletter I marveled that we made over \$6,000 dollars at the sale—a new record. The sale in February garnered about \$9,000. *Thank you, thank you.*

How is this increase happening? Some of the things that have contributed to that incredible amount:

- ◆ Having the members only preview sale on Thursday evening.
- ◆ The use of expanded space (previously the sale floor was limited to the Friend’s room and meeting room A & B). Now Schwab and the fountain area are also part of the sale area.
- ◆ Sorting into more categories and often by author make it easier to locate books of interest. Several board members have worked diligently to improve organization and presentation of book sale offerings.
- ◆ Donations instead of set prices. We have been pleasantly surprised by our community’s continued generosity.
- ◆ The high-quality of donations received that can then be offered to our book sale patrons.
- ◆ Dedicated volunteers who set up, staff the sale, and clean up. Tear down and clean up usually takes less than 40 minutes. Many hands . . .

You have an opportunity to see how your donated dollars benefit the library at our May 2 **annual meeting**, which will be held in meeting room A. You will learn about the programs the Friends are sponsoring, new happenings at the library, and witness numerous volunteers receiving recognition awards. Highlights include the announcement of the Teen Service and the T. Pat Dee awards.

If you are unable to attend, please note the **2023 Friends Giving Infograph** also contained in this newsletter. Sara Jane Pitcher has organized Friends stats to visually represent of our story

Hope to see you there. By the way, there will be refreshments,

Bill Benson



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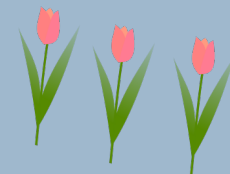
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The Board of the Friends of the Coralville Library
cordially invites you
to attend our annual meeting
Thursday, May 2, 2024, at 6:00 P.M.
at the Coralville Public Library
lower level



CHILDREN'S SERVICES



Thank you for your ongoing support of Dolly Parton's Imagination

Library of Coralville.

Since the program was launched two years ago, 8,802 books have been mailed to Coralville children under 5 years old—giving the gift of literacy to young children in Coralville and rural Johnson County.

Summer Reading is right around the corner! This year's theme is "Read, Renew, Repeat!" Thanks to your generous support of our summer programming, we can offer awesome incentives for readers and create memorable experiences for children and families.

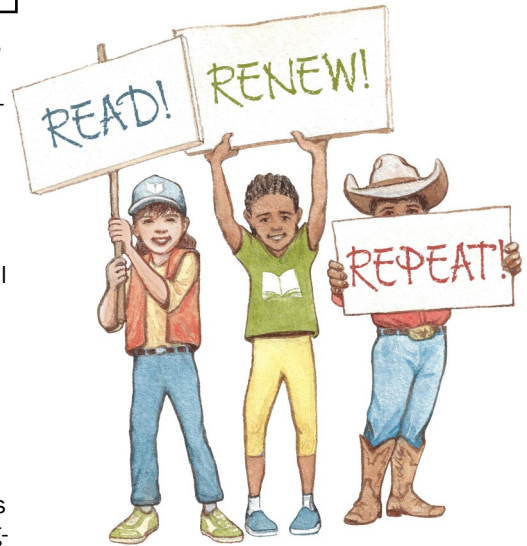
We are looking forward to hosting a petting zoo at the library

on June 11. **Barnyard Discoveries of Iowa City** will set up their 28-foot trailer in the parking lot. Families will meet a baby pig, miniature horse, a goat, bunnies, and a sweet cow named Buttercup, among many other animals.

More programs for children will include **music** with Dino O'Dell (popular performer from a few years ago returns), a **magic show** with Mikayla Oz, and a **traveling touch tank from the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium**.

Thank you so much for all that you do for Children's Services in addition to supporting the Imagination Library and funding our guests for the summer.

*Sara Glenn and Erika Binegar
Children's Services Staff*



TEEN SERVICES

On behalf of the teens at the Coralville Public Library, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support of this group. Thanks to your generosity, the library has been able to offer a wide variety of programming, monthly craft kits and weekly **Teen Hangouts** (see below) in the teen area with snacks and activities for teens.

You have helped support our Teen Summer Reading programs in so many ways! We are thrilled that you will be funding a part time teen internship this summer to help reach more teens and assist with programming. We are currently planning the **2024 Teen Summer Reading Challenge**, "Grow to Your Library" and are looking forward to another exciting, fun-filled summer with our teens.

The Friends have also been great in acknowledging our wonderful teen volunteers and Teen Advisory Board members. 2024 celebrates the fourteenth year of the annual \$1000 Teen Service Award, which is given to one of our most deserving high school senior volunteers. The Friends will be presenting this award at their May 2 **Annual Meeting**.

We would also like to thank the Friends for giving the teens the opportunity to help with their annual holiday book giveaway this year. The teens had a great time choosing children's books, wrapping them and handing them out at the December Free Community Meal. It was a wonderful experience.

We greatly appreciate the Friends generosity, support and all you do for our teens and the Coralville Public Library. Without you, many of these services and experiences would not be available to our youth. Investing in our youth is a worthy and solid use of your funding, as they are one of our community's most valuable assets. Thank you!



*Karen Stierler
Teen Services Librarian*

BOOK SALES

Remaining 2024 Book Sales
April 26-27
August 2-3
November 1-2
Friday hours: 10 am - 5:30 pm
Saturday hours: 10 am - 3 pm

Please Note
Current Friends members
receive early entrance
5-6:30 pm
the Thursday before book sales

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Though new members are welcome any time of year, the Friends have moved to a **yearly** renewal model—**ALL renewals will be due in January.**

Your continued support of the Friends is very much appreciated.

Update your membership online!

Visit

<https://coralvillepubliclibrary.org/about/friends-of-the-library/>

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Coralville's year-long celebration of its 150th anniversary was a busy one for the Library (and the City in general), and although we all breathed a deep sigh of relief and satisfaction after the concluding event in October, I think it also left us energized to look toward the future and imagine "what's next."

In November the remodeling work in the west wing of the Library commenced, adding a flexible meeting space for small programs and maker space activities.

We're having a series of kick-off events this spring to introduce the community to the new space, and some new opportunities for learning and exploration. We're refurbishing part of the Reference area for better access and usability.

I hope you'll have the chance to take in one of the spring programs and be sure to keep an eye on the Library website for future Library programs utilizing that space.

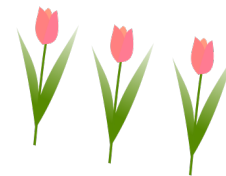
We had strong participation in the **Summer Reading programs** in 2023, as well as our **Winter Reading challenges** over the holidays and Winter Adult Reading Month in February. A big thanks to the Friends for your generous support of all of these programs; they are at the core of Library programming. We're so grateful for the extra Friends support that helps enhance and amplify our offerings to the community.

I also want to thank the Friends for your support of the **Wheat Paste Mural project** last summer. As you know, the idea for the Coralville Murals celebrating Coralville's history by featuring historical images from our Digital History Archive was the brainchild of **Wendy Stevenson**, one of our Library staff members. She and **Ellen Alexander** worked closely with the artist to organize this complex effort, and along with **Annie Craycraft**, served on the sesquicentennial planning committees.

The Committees collaborative efforts were recognized with a "Sizzle Award" at the Better Together Excellent in Action Awards Reception held in January. The Wheat Paste Mural Project was highlighted, and we thank the Friends for your contribution to that effort in helping to fund the supplies, the design, and the installation of the murals at the Library. They are still intact and a great tribute to the rich history of the Coralville Public Library.

Thanks again for all that you do. I look forward to seeing you at the Library!

Alison Ames Galstad



FRIENDS HIGHLIGHT *Pat Darling*

When she first joined the group, **Pat Darling** didn't realize all the Friends did for the library and the literacy community.

Pat and her husband, Warren, immigrated from Ontario, Canada, in August 1987 when he took a position in the UI Department of Health and Human Physiology. Pat is a computer developer by trade and worked for 20 years with an insurance broker.

Pat has three children: Brad, Jeff (Erica) and Nicky (Steve) and 8 grandchildren, Pat and Warren were very involved with their children's soccer and travelled extensively in support their teams.

Pat's travels now include grandparent duty in Wisconsin and South Carolina to babysit those precious grandchildren.

Serving as treasurer since April of 2019, Pat

has really enjoyed being part of our team. The Friends benefit greatly by Pat's dedicated and accurate service.

—Bill Benson



The Friends of the Coralville Library newsletter is published twice a year usually in April and October.

(FriendsOfCoralvillePL@gmail.com)

The newsletter can also be viewed on our web site: coralvillepubliclibrary.org/friends.

Thanks for your support.

2023 at a glance



Giving



Gave \$1,000 for
Teen Service Award
to a local senior who volunteered
50+ hours at the Library



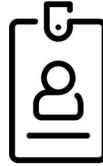
Gave \$3,500 to
Local Schools
for books and literary activities



Gave \$1,000 for
Kids Book Giveaways
gave more than 200 new books
to kids during the holidays



Gave \$3,500 for
Dolly Parton
Imagination Library
DPIIL mailed 4,552 books to
Coralville children under 5 in 2023



Gave \$3,000 for two
Youth Services
Interns
at the Coralville Public Library



Gave \$2,000 for
Coralville 150th
Wheat Paste Murals
Artist fee and materials for
two murals at the Library



Gave \$8,940 for
Library Program
Prizes & Activities
at the Coralville Public Library



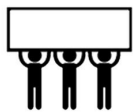
42 boxes of books given
to Teachers, Prisons,
and put in Little
Free Libraries

Gave over \$22,940
to literacy projects in Coralville

Membership



167
members



over 875
volunteer hours

Funds Raised



\$5,678
membership dues



\$24,406
from four Book Sales