

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

WORD FOR WORD

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A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

MARY HELEN WATSON

Well, it is time for another newsletter and time to look at what has been happening with our Friends of the Library. You will note that we are planning an Ice Cream social for later in July and hope you can join us. Your backdoor Bookstore will be turned into an ice cream parlor for one day with yummy ice cream and toppings to indulge your sweet tooth. Our sales have been good but can always be better. Remember every dollar you spend goes to support programs, books and technology so encourage your friends and acquaintances to drop in as well. We need you helping to make our book store a success. Join us at the ice cream social and join us as we sort and shelve and sell used books. We need you. Have a wonderful summer and remember to read a book today!

UPCOMING

ICE CREAM SOCIAL for FOL MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS, and
LIBRARY STAFF

Thursday, JULY 30, 2015
4 TO 6 in the FRIENDS ROOM



A Sampling: FOL Board Members

and summer reading



Bookfellows



Jeanna Allums,
scholarship
recipient



Janet Toffolo's
Gnocchi Soup



Budget Update

...AND MORE!

A SAMPLING: WHAT FOL BOARD MEMBERS ARE READING



Mary Helen Watson: I just finished a book called *The Farm* by Tom Rob Smith. It is a very contemporary novel about aging parents, changing life styles and finding one's path through life. It is a well written mystery as well. I found it fascinating and the locale, London and northern Sweden quite a change from usual settings. The descriptions of the north of Sweden were particularly arresting. I am now finishing a new Kathy Reichs book, *Bones Never Lie*. This book is set in the Everglades and a good read as well. I find I am learning a lot about the swamp creatures, especially alligators! I recommend both.



Anne Gunter: I am still reading and enjoying old and new titles. I have just finished reading *Hope: Entertainer of the Century* by Richard Zoglin, and am embarking on *The Residence* by Kate Brower. Both of these were loaned to me by former Used Bookstore Thursday volunteer Anita Shelton, also a fellow resident of Langdale Place, and still an avid reader. We both admit to skipping some of the more repetitive sections, but conclude that HOPE is a worthy tribute to an outstanding entertainer. I didn't realize that Bob Hope retained his keen sense of humor, despite his failing faculties, until his death at 100. *The Residence* follows loyal and devoted White House staffers from the Kennedy to the Obama administrations. I have also used my Kindle E-reader to preview *Ladies of the Field* and to read *Around the World in 80 Days*, both chosen by Bookfellows to discuss next season, as was the delightful memoir *Under Magnolia*.

Kay Scott: I'm reading travel guides as fast as I possibly can! (This picture was taken by an usher during the Cardinals game at Busch Stadium during the last week of May.)



Liza Newsom: I just finished *Putting Away Childish Things*, the first novel by New Testament scholar Marcus J. Borg. In this book, Borg, like any good professor, offers his lessons in modern theological thought with a generous dollop of entertainment.



Harold Carter: I just finished a book on the life of Princess Margaret. I've gotten interested in the Royal family and how they live and have several going on or waiting for me to start. But, I am reading *The Amber Keeper* by Freda Lightfoot and *The Royal Family, Years of Transition* by Theo Aronson.

Dot Young: I'm reading *The Secret Life of Violet Grant* by Beatriz Williams. A story of love and intrigue that travels from Kennedy-era to World War I Europe. Main character is Vivian Schuyler - Beatriz Williams also wrote *A Hundred Summers* which was on the *New York Times* best seller list. She has another novel due out the middle of

Patricia Marks: As usual, I'm reading more than one book at a time. David McCullough's *The Great Bridge: The Epic Story of the Building of the Brooklyn Bridge* is at the top of my pile—right now I'm immersed in his account of the Boss Tweed scandal. Like the bridge, it's a great book--who else could make all those engineering details so fascinating to read? Next is *Woman's Way Through Unknown Labrador*, a 1908 account by Mina Benson Hubbard of how she mapped unknown Labrador. She's another one of those feisty women, going off into the wilderness to discover new places. And the list goes on . . .



BOOKFELLOWS SELECTIONS

Books will be available at the SGRL Reference Desk for check-out.

Around the World in 80 Days by Jules Verne

Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown

Capital Dames by Cokie Roberts

Gray Mountain by John Grisham

Ladies of the Field by Amanda Adams

The Mockingbird Next Door by Marja Miles

Murder Makes a Pilgrimage, by Carol Anne O'Marie

Simple Truth by David Baldacci

Under Magnolia by Frances Keyes

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

September 21: *Ladies of the Field* by Amanda Adams (rev. Patricia Marks)

October 19: *Under Magnolia* by Francis Keyes (rev. Liza Newsom)

November 16: *The Mockingbird Next Door* by Marja Miles (rev. Celia Strickland)

More dates will be added later

Bookfellows meets monthly, 4-5 p.m., in the Backdoor Bookstore

*******DON'T FORGET! BACKDOOR BOOKSTORE*******

CHRISTMAS IN JULY SALE Tuesdays 10 – 1, and Saturdays 11 – 2

JEANNA ALLUMS CURRENT FOL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



The Friends of the Library is proud to offer a scholarship to deserving library employees who wish to pursue the Master's of Library and Information Science degree. Last fall, Jeanna Allums, the manager of the Lakes Library, became the second recipient of the \$3000 annual stipend, and she is now almost halfway through the coursework required for her MLIS degree from VSU. Starting the graduate program in the 2014 fall semester, Jeanna has completed six courses (Foundations, Management, Organization of Information, Collection Development, Information Sources and Services, and Leadership in Libraries and Information Centers) and she is enrolled this summer in the Community Building course. In the fall, she plans to take Research Methods and Library Systems and Automation, and then she will have only 4

courses left before she holds the MLIS in her hand. In addition to her full-time library job and her coursework, Jeanna is currently serving as an Advisory Board Member in SOLIS, the Student Organization of Library and Information Science.

LAKE VIEWS



The Lake Views Book Club has been meeting at the Lakes Library on the third Thursday of each month since 2007. Once a year, we decide on what we're going to read and our great library manager Jeanna Allums orders us a dozen copies of each title through Pines so we can check the books out and not have to purchase them. We love libraries, we love Jeanna, and we love our book club. Our motto is: You don't have to read the book! Meetings are at 2:00. Come and enjoy the fun.

July 20: *Simple Dreams* by Linda Ronstadt

Ronstadt arrived in Los Angeles just as the folk-rock movement was beginning, and she helped define the musical style of the 1970s. One of her early back-up bands went on to become the Eagles, and Linda would become the most successful female artist of the decade.

For more information, contact Jeanna Allums at the Lakes Library, 229-559-8016 or jallums@sgrl.org.



CHICKEN AND GNOCCHI SOUP

Janet Toffolo's soup was a huge hit at the Bookstore's annual thank you Christmas party for library staff and volunteers. Enjoy!

Prep Time: 20 Minutes
Ready In: 40 Minutes

Cook Time: 20 Minutes
Servings: 6

INGREDIENTS:

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 small onion, diced
3 stalks celery, diced
3 cloves garlic, minced
2 carrots, shredded
1 pound cooked, cubed chicken breast
4 cups chicken broth
1 (16 ounce) package mini potato gnocchi
1 (6 ounce) bag baby spinach leaves
1 tablespoon cornstarch (optional)
2 tablespoons cold water (optional)
2 cups half-and-half cream
salt and ground black pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS:

Heat olive oil in a large pot over medium heat. Cook onion, celery, garlic, and carrots in the hot oil until onion is translucent, about 5 minutes. Stir in cubed chicken and chicken broth; bring to a simmer.

Stir gnocchi into the simmering soup and cook until they begin to float, 3 to 4 minutes. Stir in spinach; cook until wilted, about 3 additional minutes.

Whisk cornstarch into cold water until smooth. Stir cornstarch mixture and half-and-half into simmering soup. Cook until soup thickens slightly, about 5 minutes. Season to taste with salt and black pepper.

BUDGET UPDATE As of May 31, 2015

Income from book sales	\$7240
Income from memberships	\$7385
Other income	\$1270
Total income	\$15,895

Gifts to libraries for books/media	\$17,500
Gifts to libraries for programs	\$ 3,965
Library staff appreciation	\$ 330
Gifts for staff development	\$ 500
Operational costs	\$ 509
Total costs	\$22,804

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