



# Friends of Land O' Lakes Library, Inc.

**Some of you may be wondering why you are getting this Friends of the Library Newsletter.** We are trying to reach out to a larger audience in an effort to make sure everyone knows how truly wonderful the Land O' Lakes Library is; and how Friends of LOL Library works to help the Library. We hope you will read this newsletter to the end. Then (if you are not already) consider becoming a member and an active participant with Friends of Land O' Lakes Library.

**Community, Fun, Friendship, and... BOOKS!**

## **Friends of Land O' Lakes Library, Inc. Officers**

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## **Notes from Friends of Land O' Lakes Library President**

The Friends of Land O' Lakes Library recognize the above-and-beyond efforts of the library staff in 2022! Stacey Adams took on many of the responsibilities of the library director and always had a welcoming smile for library patrons. After Stacey's retirement in April, Karen Weber-Mendham and Pat McCarthy made the months of transition appear seamless. The Friends are so appreciative of these three outstanding women!

We are excited to welcome the return of Shelly Knaack, our new library Director, and Frisk Miller, Technical Services Support. Karen Weber-Mendham continues as Programing Librarian, and Pat McCarthy will welcome visitors and residents to the library on Saturdays. With such a wonderful staff the library will continue to be vital to the town of Land O' Lakes.

There are a variety of ways to become active with the Friends of LOL Library:

- \*Come to Friends' meetings and suggest events to sponsor, and then lend a hand setting up for speakers and programs.

- \*Use tech skills and creativity, or artistic ability to make posters to promote Friends' activities.

- \*Prepare for the Used Book Sales and Silent Auction are ongoing projects.

- \*Help with the Library's perennial garden which leads people into the Library.

It makes the Land O' Lakes Library truly based in the community and it is FUN!



Do you know what happens with Friends of the Library dues, donations, and fund-raising results? It funds:

Programming such as fun workshops, tech classes, movies, speakers, and more.

Books, audiobooks, DVD's, magazines, furniture, copier, coffee supplies, BookPage magazine (given out free at library).

Children's events, programs, and supplies, free books to all local 4K and kindergarten students, and so much more!

## The Library Garden

Pictured at right are the results of the first phase of the library lawn and garden redesign and renovation, along with part of the team who worked diligently on it all spring and summer.

The garden looks great, but we need more help! Not only are we looking for volunteers to work in the garden, but we are also looking for individuals with knowledge of lawn and garden maintenance to provide stewardship going forward. If interested, contact Lynn at [lynnklemann@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnklemann@hotmail.com)



*There are numerous opportunities to volunteer and support the Land O' Lakes Library. They range from simple tasks such as reshelving books, aligning book spines and dusting the various collections, to working at the checkout desk. There is always a need for helpers with the annual Book Sale and other events. Another opportunity comes from supporting Friends of Land O' Lakes Library. For only \$5.00 one can become a member of the "Friends". Currently there are openings on the Board of Friends of Land O' Lakes Library, which may appear to be a substantial commitment, but actually has a low impact on one's schedule. ~ Greg Wenzel, Library Board Member*

## New Library Director Shelly Knaack



Greetings to the Land O' Lakes and Watersmeet communities! I am thrilled to have been selected as the new director of the Land O' Lakes Public Library. I hope to carry on the amazing service to the community that previous library director Julie Zelten was able to offer.

I believe it is an exciting time for libraries. We have been through a lot these past few years and we are eager to look to the future. If you have ideas for programs, events, or services that you would like the library to offer, do not hesitate to contact the library.

The public library is truly the ultimate place for possibilities. Our library is free and open to everyone. Beyond books, movies and magazines, we offer a high level of customer service, help with technology, and a wide array of programming for all ages.

I grew up in Eagle River but have lived in Land O' Lakes for 27 years. Since 1995 I have been an entrepreneur, having owned first an espresso café and then a pizza parlor. I've always done librarianship on the side. I worked at Conserve School as a library assistant and then got hired in 2011 by Julie Zelten as a Technical Services Assistant for the Land O' Lakes Library. I received my bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin, Green Bay and with my director's encouragement, applied for and became the Library Director for the Presque Isle Community Library in 2016. After 5 ½ years it was time for a change, so I have returned to my roots in Land O' Lakes.

I live in Land O' Lakes with my husband Brad, our German Shorthaired Pointer named Mozzarella, and brand new puppy Olive, who is also a German Shorthaired Pointer. I have a lot of favorite authors but find myself mostly reading fast paced fiction or nonfiction nutrition books. When I'm not working, I love to hike, bake, read, and bike.

If you haven't visited the library lately, please stop in. I would love to meet you and I look forward to seeing you all in the library!



## We Remember a Member & Silent Auction Contributor

What a wonderful turnout at this year's Annual Friends Used Book Sale and Silent Auction, held July 23rd! We surpassed the \$3,000 mark at the silent auction and could not have done it without the great generosity of Land O' Lakes and neighboring community businesses and private donors alike. But in this article, I wish to thank one Friends member in particular, our dear Cindy Geib, who recently passed away. When I first began working with the silent auction a few years ago, Cindy was quick to pull me aside and tell me the history of the auction and her long-time donations of gift baskets – baskets of all kinds: Children's, crafts, outdoor, bath, and desk. Cindy was always so happy and absolutely glowing when she would talk about how she shopped for her baskets and was careful to be "up with the latest" popular items for children. Over the years, Cindy not only provided these gift baskets as auction items, but helped out families/single parents/grandparents to find just that right gift for their child. We will sorely miss Cindy's energy and kindness, and wish to continue the tradition of making children's baskets for the auction in her memory. If anyone would like to help with or take on this project, please email me at [csunder2015@gmail.com](mailto:csunder2015@gmail.com). Let's make Cindy proud!

~ Carleen Sunderland, Silent Auction Chair



## Save the date for next year's Book Sale & Silent Auction: July 22, 2023



Friends members always have a great time working together at events! The picture on the left is from this year's very successful Book Sale & Silent Auction. On the right is one of the many children's summer programs and events funded by Friends of Land O' Lakes Library. The Friends help make the library a true community center.

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THANK YOU to all who participate in our fundraising efforts – the financial donors and those who make the book sales, silent auctions, and raffles possible in any way, shape or form. Financial contributions from our members and our fund-raising activities are largely responsible for the fulfillment of our mission. Due to your generosity and the success of the summer and fall fund-raisers, the Friends have recently made a gift to the Library of \$8,000. After this membership drive, we hope to be able to make one or two more substantial gifts in the coming year.

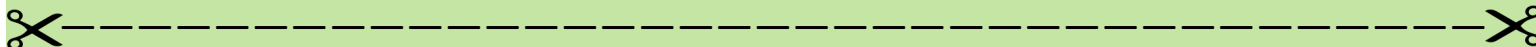
Tangible support begins with your membership, which we hope will be followed by active participation in the group. In this newsletter you will find a membership form to mail in along with your dues, donations, and volunteer preferences/interests. We are counting on your support! Friends of Land O’Lakes Library is a 501(c)(3) organization, which means all donations are tax deductible! ~ Lynn Klemann, Treasurer



Left: Kindergarten-ers reading their new books gifted by Friends of Land O’ Lakes Library.



Right: Community members patiently waiting for the Book Sale and Silent Auction to begin.



## BECOME A FRIEND OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Please mail form and fee to: Friends of Land O’ Lakes Library, PO Box 34, Land O’ Lakes, WI 54540 (or drop off at library)

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Minimum donation for membership is \$5/person. Any contribution is greatly appreciated.

Make checks payable to ***Friends of Land O’ Lakes Library, Inc.***

Suggested donation levels: \_\_\_\$15 \_\_\_\$25 \_\_\_\$50 \_\_\_\$100 \_\_\_\$500 \_\_\_\$1000 \_\_\_Other amount

### **I am interested in (please check all that apply):**

*Receiving emails about:*

- ☐ Friends meetings
- ☐ Programs
- ☐ Special Activities

*Helping out with:*

- ☐ Book Sale
- ☐ Silent Auction
- ☐ Refreshments
- ☐ Garden

☐ Other (please specify)

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