

Welcome to a Year of Transition, Anticipation and Excitement!

We've begun the New Year! Our Annual Meeting in January gave the Friends a chance to look back and celebrate the

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solid accomplishments of last year. There was a very satisfying moment in the meeting when, after a year long process, changes to the By-laws were adopted; these bring renewed focus to the Friends' purpose (new By-laws can be found at: <https://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/library/friends-library>).

Thank you to everyone for your dedicated work; your efforts allowed the Friends to make a generous pledge of over \$50,000 to the library for programming in 2018. We'll already see this support expressed in the Children's Symphony Story Time this month; more will be evident in the upcoming Summer Reading programs, the ongoing collection development, and other events.

The firm foundation of these accomplishments gives us confidence as we head into a year that is best characterized as one of "Transitions." As Ledding Library embarks on its building expansion, we are crafting our best support for the library at this exciting time. Our first step will be to close the Pond House Bookstore to make the building available for storage of library material (see below).

There are also people transitions. Pat Hodgin, Plant Sale Coordinator *extraordinaire*, has chosen to step back and give others the opportunity to organize this amazing community event. She also stepped back from her position as secretary on the Board. Thanks, Pat! And thank you to the Board Members and chairs who are continuing this year. A warm welcome to Salli Slaughter who is stepping into the Secretary position and to Siri Bernard who will be chairing the Raffle.

Wishes for a Healthy and a Happy New Year! Come join the fun!

We're having a Big Sale

The Friends are having a **Bookstore Close-out Sale February 2 and 3**: a first concrete step in the amazing process of building the new home for Ledding Library. The Friends recognize the best support of the library during this transition is to make the Pond House available for necessary and valuable storage of library materials.

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High Fives!

Susan Leopard chaired the 'Christmas in October' Sale for 2 years bringing delighted smiles with unique Christmas treasures. She priced and received much of the donations and organized other wonderful volunteers who made this a cheerful fundraiser. Susan is also the prime force behind the beautiful plantings in front of the library and at the Pond House entrances.

Eric Brown has been transferring donated books from the library to Harvey Street Storage for over 15 years! He has been described as a wonderfully faithful volunteer. And he is always ready to share a smile.

Cynthia Nagy welcomes our new members and tends our member list keeping it up to date. And she is the wonderful person who makes sure there are snacks at the Summer Concerts.

Be our eyes – help us recognize the contributions we make. There are many, many individuals giving their time. Next time you notice someone and think “that is so helpful!” or “that really makes it easier”, let us know so we can share it with one another.

Q: How many hours were volunteered for the Library and FOLL in 2017?

A: In excess of eight thousand

two hundred hours!

In the interim, take a peek at the books for sale in the library (adjacent to the elevator). The Friends will sell books at First Fridays (beginning in May), the Sunday Market starting May 6th and, of course, the BIG Book Sale (June 22, 23 and 24). Be sure to put those dates on your calendar. And . . . do continue to donate books!

The **Bookstore Close-out sale will take place Friday, February 2nd and Saturday, February 3rd from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm.** Items at the sale include:

- All Books including Audio Books • CDs and DVDS • CD/DVD towers
- Comics including Adult Graphic Comics • Metal Office Desk • Bookcases
- Chairs (side and desk chairs) • Credenza • Ottoman and Foot Stools
- 41" round wood table w/4 matching chairs • Greeting Card Display Tree

Come early for best selections. Be sure to bring cash or checks.

**Thank you for supporting Ledding Library as it grows
to better serve our community!**

Report: Annual Meeting

In addition to planning for 2018, a major accomplishment of the Annual Meeting was the adoption of **Revised By-laws** for the Friends of Ledding Library (FOLL). Most of the changes were minor editing corrections. However, the "Purpose" clause was rewritten to better express the objectives and focus of FOLL:

- **FOLL shall be an association of people advocating for excellent library services, thereby enhancing the literary, informational, educational, recreational and cultural opportunities available to the Ledding Library of Milwaukie (LLOM) community.**
- **FOLL shall raise supplementary funding for the LLOM so that the library can provide materials and programming that are beyond the scope of the ordinary library budget.**

The **Plant Sale** still needs a volunteer coordinator or team of co-coordinators in order to happen. If it does, it will likely occur the second weekend in May (Mothers' Day weekend). However, during this transition year, the Plant Sale may be affected in ways we can't yet anticipate.

The **Annual Book Sale** will take place the 3rd weekend in June in the Waldorf School Gym. Discussion followed regarding changes in how unsold books are handled. It was noted that First Friday and Sunday Market book sales will be sharing the City Hall Fire Bay with ArtMOB.

FOLL needs someone to **Move Donated Books** from the Library to Harvey Street once a week. An additional source of donated books was mentioned. Possible ways

to best deal with the few uncommon and valuable books that are donated over time will be investigated.

Steps are being taken to allow FOLL to **Process Credit Cards** at all Book and Plant Sale events. A smart phone has been donated to minimize FOLL's costs for this.

Discussed the **Annual Volunteer Brunch**; planning is on hold, while the timing of other projects is finalized.

The following **Slate of Officers were Elected**: Sandy Armstrong (President), Nikki Hoff (Vice President). Salli Slaughter (Secretary), Joe Sandfort and Nancy Wittig (co-Treasurers).

Ins and Outs -- A Cash Flow Story

The recent year continued the Friends of Ledding Library's remarkably stable growth. In one respect, 2017 was also unusual: FOLL received a one time bequest, as well as a one-time insurance payment (from the 'loss of business' due to the accident that closed the Pond House Book Store). These more than doubled FOLL's "income" over the previous year. But even without those unexpected monies, FOLL was able to provide substantial support to the Library and community in the form of enhanced programs and collection acquisitions. And with our recent history, FOLL has pledged over \$50,000 in support to the Library for more programs, activities and collection enhancement for 2018.

A quick look at FOLL's Income during last year:

Administrative Related (*)	\$3,694
Book Sales (total) Income	\$27,889
Christmas in October Sale Income	\$1,239
Merchandise Sales Income	\$7,441
Plant Sale Income	\$13,157
Poetry Series Income	\$677
Donations & Bequests (*)	\$70,686
Memberships Dues	\$2,775
TOTAL INCOME	\$127,558

(* Includes 2 nonrecurring sources totaling \$67,974.)

A quick look at FOLL's Expenses during last year:

Administrative related	\$6,323
Book Sales (total) Expenses	\$1,700
Christmas in October Sale Expenses	\$98
Merchandise Purchases	\$7,494
Plant Sale Expenses	\$802
Concerts + Cultural Forum + Speakers	\$6,873
Collection Development	\$10,987
Children's Events	\$5,505
Summer Reading Program	\$11,783
Subscriptions	\$608
Volunteer + staff recognition	\$2,716
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$54,889

We are well positioned to continue our support in 2018 for Ledding Library with **many thanks** to the hard work and incredible efforts of all the Friends.

-- Joe Sandfort

Invitations

Plant sale "co-co" coordinators:

Bulbs, shrubs, treelets, vegetable starts seeking 2 or 3 individuals to 'co-co' coordinate the very popular Ledding Plant Sale. This is a well-loved and much appreciated community event. Many experienced plant sale volunteers/mentors will offer support. Please contact: *Bulbs, Shrubs, Treelets, Veg Starts* c/o leddingfriends.editor@gmail.com.

Driver: Is your covered pickup (or van) looking for an opportunity to 'lend a wheel'? Donated books are seeking a driver once a week for a couple of hours to chauffeur them from the library to the Harvey Street storage building. Please contact: *Donated Books* c/o leddingfriends.editor@gmail.com.

Rare and unusual books: We have been living in a temporary home (in storage!). We are seeking our 'forever home'. Do you have experience matching us uncommon books with desirable bibliophiles? Please contact: *Rare and Unusual Books* c/o leddingfriends.editor@gmail.com.

Q: How many boxes of books are handled at all the book sales?

A: About seven hundred and fifty boxes!

Exciting Library Improvement - Community Meeting

Pssst... Did you know the Ledding Library is about to grow much larger? And did you know that part of that growth involves a temporary home before the spectacular new building can be begun?

There's lots going on with the upcoming changes for Ledding Library. The external footprint and the internal layout / designs will soon be completed. The functions and flow of the library are being harmoniously interwoven. Much of the inspiration for these steps have come from community input during the first two Community meetings. The third informational Community Meeting for the public will be held February 22nd. Come and listen to the

architect/ building team as they provide updates on the timeline and project, which will affect us all. In keeping with their way of working, you can expect the architectural firm to solicit your input again, as they prepare the final steps towards building a new home for Ledding Library.

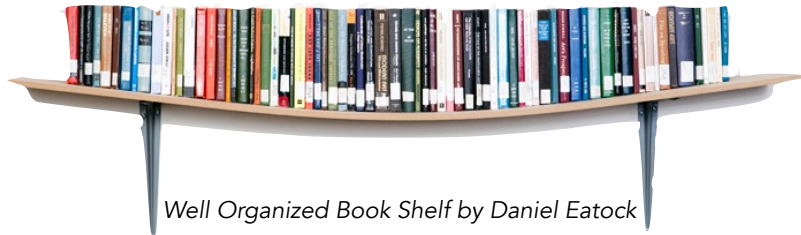
Free Light refreshments will be served.

Note, the new location for this meeting (on-street parking available)!

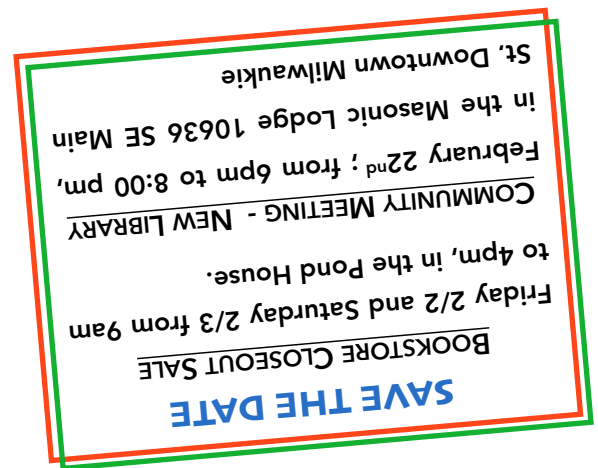
Ledding Library Community Meeting - New Library

February 22nd ; 6:00-8:00 pm

Masonic Lodge 10636 SE Main St, Milwaukie, OR 97222



Well Organized Book Shelf by Daniel Eatock



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of the LEDDING LIBRARY

