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Farmers Market & Outreach for the Friends

Last year FOTL participated in the Summer Farmers Market of Salt Lake. We went once a month to do outreach and drum up membership. We not only talked up a storm about what the Friends provided as the non-profit organization that it is, but we worked at building our membership base so we could continue to be a resource for the Salt Lake City Libraries.

Our first time was a success. Then we added another layer to our outreach: Blind Date Book Bags (BDB). Jeff, our Executive Director, came up with the idea. We have books. We amassed bags, stickers, and Sharpies. We assembled volunteers. We created BDB Bags.

Are you wondering what they are? Well, they are two or three books cleverly hidden in a brown paper lunch bag tied at the top with a fancy string. Then marked on the outside with a clue or two that gives you a hint of what books might be inside the bag. And, they are sold at a bargain for $3.00 a bag. They were an instant success.

We repeated the model from last year. Setting up our tent, chairs, table, and 100 BDB bags. With outstanding volunteers talking up the bags, the Book Sale coming up, how great it is to volunteer for the Friends and how easy and economical it is to be a member, the FOTL made its mark at the Farmers Market this year.

To all the Volunteers who were helping hands for this opportunity to roar loudly about FOTL -- Big applause and Big THANK YOU.

We’re looking forward to next year’s Farmers’ Market 2020!
Contributed by Luana Chilleli, Board Member

Amazon Smile

Did you know that using AmazonSmile is another way to support The Friends of The City Library? When you use AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. Here is how to do it:
1. To begin shopping, go to smile.amazon.com and log in using your Amazon credentials.
2. After signing in, you will be directed to a page to select a charitable organization.
3. Under “Or pick your charitable organization,” enter “The Friends of the Salt Lake City Public Library” and click “Search.”
4. Select “The Friends of the Salt Lake City Public Library” from the list of charities.

And that’s it! Just be sure to visit smile.amazon.com every time you normally visit Amazon to make sure your eligible purchases are having a portion of the price donated to The Friends of The City Library.

Thanks!

I just wanted to take a moment to shout “Thank You” from the email rooftops for all of your help in executing our last book sale! We couldn’t have done it without your hard work and I genuinely appreciate it.

Jeff Mower,
Executive Director

From the FOTL President

“FRIEND, GOOD.” [quote from Dr. Frankenstein’s “monster”] Friends ignite the part of the brain that makes us feel good, which makes us want to keep hanging out with our friends. This is why I have been hanging with the friends since 2003. I have volunteered at the Library Store since it opened in 2003. I can honestly say I have met the most interesting people from all over the world. I was asked to join the Friends of the Library Board over six years ago. It is an honor to be a part of the Friends and I am proud of our mission and contributions to the library, made possible because of you. National Friends of Libraries Week is October 20-26. We hope you will join our growing circle of Friends. Come on into the Library Store to join or check us out online at www.slcpl.org/friends.

Remember: Friend, Good!

Debbie Downs
President, Friends of the Salt Lake City Public Library
Monster Used Book Sale

The Friends of The City Library Monster Used Book Sale kicks off next week: a bibliophile’s treasure hunt for deep discounts and monster deals.

As a Friend of the City Library, you’ll have the first look at the shelves with the Members-Only Sale on Wednesday, October 9, from 3 to 9pm. If your membership has lapsed, applications can be completed online. Memberships will also be available for purchase at the door or anytime at The Library Store.

Other Sale Dates
Thu, Oct 10, 9am–9pm · Public Sale

Fri, Oct 11, 9am–6pm · Public Half-Price Day

Sat, Oct 12, 9am–6pm · Public $6 Bag Day

*Fill up a bag and take it home for just $6*

Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers for helping make this possible!
Volunteer Spotlight:
Chris Riggle, Board Member, Director of Best Beginnings

How Did You Become a Friends Volunteer?

I really can’t remember when I began volunteering. I retired in ’06 and it could have been ’07 or ’08, but that seems like a really long time ago. As a retired early childhood teacher my interest was, and continues to be, in shelving children’s books, as I am familiar with them and know where they go! When Elaine got on the board to do sales, she asked me if I would like to take over the Best Beginnings for Babies program and be on the board. The two women who started the program in 2009 retired and someone was needed to fill that spot. Debbie and I started at the same time (she always wanted my job! I never wanted hers!) which must have been 2012 or 13. We’ll be rolling off in June 2020.

Ever since tvwith Moshe Softee, She took my dad and me on a very impressive tour and I felt gave us some ‘behind the scenes’ info. Two other friends were docents at the front desk (when there was a front desk) who really enjoyed their ‘jobs’ and regaled me with some of their stories. I knew when I retired I was going to be volunteering for three non-profits since I would have the time, and the library continues to be one of them.

I would like to see the Friends become an organization that is recognized in the community like the Junior League—a benefit to the community as well as the library.

My first memorable book was probably in the early ’50s—Brer Rabbit and Brer Bear. My parents would read it with Southern accents as the pictures were few and far between. The pictures were empty frames in each chapter with a piece of thin cardboard with pictures on both sides, that was slipped into the frames. I have no idea how many of the pictures there were, but that’s how I remember it.

Right now my favorite books are A Gentleman in Moscow and A Man Called One. I love the writing in both of them as well as the well-crafted stories.

If I were a book, I would be a children’s book. It would be fun to read with different voices, silly and yet make each child feel loved and cherished.

FUN!

Sonja Errick has a wishlist of items that would be used in connection with Friends’ projects at the Farmers’ Market. Her wishlist includes:
- Fun Stickers for Blind Date Bags
- A banner for Booksales and the Farmers’ Market
- FOTL T-Shirts
- FOTL Book Bags

If you’d like to help her in creating or obtaining these items, please get in touch with her at smwbike65@gmail.com or luanachilelli@comcast.net. Thanks!
Contributed by Sonja Errick, Volunteer and Director of the Buddy Program

The Friends of the Library
Donation to ULA

Utah Library Association is an organization whose mission is to serve the professional development and educational needs of its members, provide leadership and direction, and develop and improve library and information services in the state. They recently held a drive to collect books for a high school that serves the Ute Indian Tribe. As some regions in Southeastern Utah are severe book deserts with few books per household, The Friends of the Library wanted to contribute to this drive. Included in our donation of four boxes of books were specific requests such as sci-fi and fantasy for children and teens, Native American literature, and high school and college textbooks. One of our Friends, Doni Ricci, was present when the President of ULA, Rebekah Cummings, received the donation.

Contributed by Doni Ricci, Board Member
Volunteer Opportunities

There are many opportunities with the Friends as a volunteer. You can shelve books, scan books and price them, you can unpack donations. You also can participate on a committee. You can help shape the newsletter, or come up with ideas for fundraising and oversee volunteer get-togethers. Possibilities abound for all sorts of volunteer participation.

Contact Luana at luanachilelli@comcast.net to sign up for whatever activity fulfills your passion.

Additional membership information is available at: www.slcpl.org/friends.

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Healing Arts Workshop

by The Friends of the City Library & The Sharing Place

Sat, October 26, 2019 - 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM MDT
at the City Library-Main Branch, Conference Room E
210 East 400 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84111

There is a $40 fee to attend this workshop.

Join us for a community art-based support workshop for people looking to begin their journey through grief.

About this Event
Creativity to Heal and Empower
With artist/author Alexis Marie Chute

Join us for a ground-breaking community art-based support workshop for people looking to begin their journey through grief. This day-long workshop includes creative writing, collage, painting, and sculpture to work aid the healing process. All adults looking to uncover a unique healing vocabulary through art are welcome.

Participants are welcomed into a judgement-free space to express and discuss their experiences of loss. The group will use creative writing to look at grief from different angles and uncover each individual’s unique healing vocabulary. The writing will be a jumping off point to create meaningful and symbolic collages. The art making will evolve to include paintbrush and paint. Finally, the creative journey will culminate with a discovery of the healing-freedom of explorative-play through clay sculpture that can be painted at home. This workshop gifts participants valued insights and keepsakes for their healing journeys.

Lunch will be provided
Art supplies generously donated through a grant from Clever Octopus. Visit them at CleverOctopus.org.
You can sign up for this workshop using this link: https://friendshealingartworkshop.eventbrite.com

Contributed by Doni Ricci, Board Member

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Hello from the Board Members of the Friends: Debbie Downs, Lara Meziani, Amy Hargreaves, Anneliese Bennion, Earlene Richardson, Doni Ricci, Jenine Kuhn-Coker, Chris Riggle, Jeff Hor tin, Jan Brock, Peter Bromberg, and Jeff Mower (the Executive Director).
We always want to spread the word of our mission and our programs; and in September we had a really fun way to reach some new supporters and at the same time support our community in an important way. KCPW 88.3 FM / Salt Lake Public Radio, invited us to participate in their non-profit challenge during their Fall Pledge Drive (Sept 20 – 28th.) Two winners of the contest received a free underwriting contract from KCPW (valued at $3,000), which means, the winner is able to record a message about their organization that will be played on the station on a regular rotation.

Each nonprofit joined KCPW staff on-air for a one-hour block during the drive to urge listeners, and especially our supporters, to make a donation to KCPW and support local public radio. During that time we were also able to highlight the important work accomplished by The Friends of The City Library. There were 12 challengers, and two winners: the nonprofit that raised the most money and the nonprofit that collected the highest number of donations.

I was invited to participate on Tuesday, September 24th, so during the noon to 1:00 timeslot, I was on the radio! Those who donated to KCPW during that time were counted toward The Friends. Although the contest is over, if you would still like to donate to KCPW go online to kcpw.org.

We’re grateful for KCPW for supporting Utah’s non-profit organizations and for including us in particular. KCPW is also a non-profit, and is such a vital resource to our community where quality news and information has become much more scarce since they started broadcasting over 25 years ago. Journalism is vital to our democratic systems and we all have a role to play in upholding it, especially in these times when local news in particular faces so many threats and challenges.

Thanks for your participation!

Jeff Mower, Executive Director--The Friends of The City Library

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**A Kind of Paradise**
by Amy Rebecca Tan

4/5 Stars

Review by Doni Ricci, Board Member, Sales Committee

There are two kinds of people in a librarian’s world: card-handers and card-droppers. Card-handers are the people who don’t take you for granted, who smooth interactions with grace, even if they seem brief or inconsequential. Card-droppers, who drop their cards on the counter instead of handing them to the librarian, can’t be bothered to use basic human courtesy.

This is just one of the many lessons Jamie learned from her forced community service at her local library because of an infraction at her school. Her punishment transformed into the best summer of her life. She learned the value of community from fellow co-workers, Sonia, Lenny, and Beverly, as well as card-handing regular patrons, Wally and Black Hat Guy. The chapters alternate foci on these characters. Sonia was friendly to everyone; Beverly managed the library in an efficient yet endearingly awkward way; Lenny could get anyone to open up to him and served up healthy baked goods for his co-workers to sample. Wally brought in a precious flower every week to place in a small glass jar. And Black Hat Guy, though homeless, reached out to help another creature without a home.

This was a great read, emphasizing how libraries are much more than their collections, but also serve as vital community centers.

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**What’s the Buzz?**

Once the honey is removed the focus will be on getting the hives to live through the winter, something that hasn’t happened for a few years! Wish Amber, Don, and their little charges luck!

Contributed by Jeff Mower, Executive Director--The Friends of The City Library

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The library recently got a new volunteer beekeeper, Don Belliston, who has been keeping bees for 34 years! There was some difficulty ordering the bees this year due to weather as the shipments were late coming from California. When the bees finally arrived, it was only two packages instead of the four ordered. Don and Amber Lawvor, the librarian in charge of the bees, put one package in one hive split the other between the remaining two remaining hives, creating a new queen (see picture), making three active hives. All hives are doing well.

Amber, who has been tending the beehives for many years now, obtained her beekeepers’ license earlier this year and will be learning all she can from Don. Due to the lateness of the arrival of the bees and the wet weather during early summer it will be a small harvest when the honey is harvested at the end of August. In fact, one hive did not produce any honey. The Honey Celebration was held Saturday, September 14th.
The Secret Life of Books (continued . . .)

The genre specific club members take a different route, perhaps not so far in distance, but equally as exciting. These books, whose number doesn’t quite reach that of the high-rollers, find themselves lining up on book carts, boxes, and shelves with friends of the same names and interests. They can spend several weeks or months in anticipation of best book parties of the year! At these parties, the genre specific club members spend quality time with readers from all over, hoping to find themselves in the loving arms of a new owner.

Whether or not a book finds itself with the high-rollers or genre specific club, it can rest easy knowing its second, third, and fourth life will be just as wonderful and possibly more exciting than their first.

Contributed by Anneliese Bennion, Board Member, Director of Amazon Sales, Sales Committee
In June, I had the privilege of traveling to Washington D.C. for the first time to attend the American Library Association (ALA) conference. Many thanks to the Board for allowing me to represent the Friends at this incredible conference. It was a wonderful experience to have the opportunity to network with other librarians, Friends groups, and library stakeholders from across the country. I attended many interesting workshops that not only helped me learn more about the Friends and library operations, but also gave me some strategies for success that I can use in my job and life outside of the Friends. I attended a few keynote speaker sessions, but by far my favorite speaker was Justice Sonia Sotomayor—one of my female idols! In the evenings and during free time, I ate at a variety of fabulous restaurants, visited several Smithsonian Museums including the Air & Space Museum, the American History Museum, the Natural History Museum, and the Portrait and American Art Museum—my favorite! I also visited the Supreme Court, snapped some photos outside the White House, and took a tour of the U.S. Capitol. The architectural design of these buildings is absolutely magnificent! I enjoyed walking up and down the National Mall and seeing all the beautiful monuments and poignant war memorials. One day, I rode the Metro to Arlington to see the Pentagon and the 9/11 Memorial, which was meaningful and evoked a broad spectrum of emotions. All in all, my time in D.C. was unforgettable and I’m grateful for the opportunity to have visited.

Contributed by Lara Meziani, Board Member, Treasurer

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Hidden Treasures at the Sprague Branch

Since demolition began at the Sprague Branch, the construction crew has found a variety of books inside the walls. They also found a library card from the 1930s. Apparently a few of the built-in bookshelves had a small gap in them and these items slipped in. (Or the Sprague ghost hid them!)

The books are not on display at the Sprague Firehouse Express yet, but they will be sometime this fall. The staff is working on getting protective cases for them.

Contributed by Jeri Gravlin, Marketing and Communications Specialist-Salt Lake City Public Library and Jeff Mower, Executive Director--The Friends of The City Library