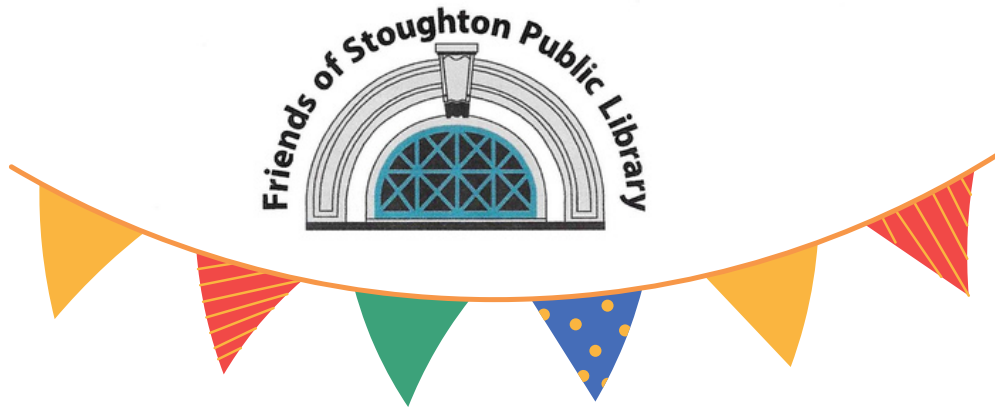


July 2023 Summer Newsletter



Happy Summer!

The Friends of the Library are now 116 members strong!

Welcome to our 15 new members of 2023 and welcome back to 15 members who returned after being gone for several years.

Thank you for your financial support through membership and donations, and sharing your time and talents at our events.

Our great library appreciates you too.



Pie Place Success

Pie Place occurred on Saturday May 20 as part of the Syttende Mai celebration. **Thank you to over 80 volunteers who baked pies and worked at the event selling the pies.** There were 90 pies to choose from and we sold out at 4 pm.

Gross revenue of \$3,190 was made from donations \$165, merchandise and book sales \$185, and food sales \$2,840. Expenses: supplies \$400.

Net profit \$2,790.

A big thank you to chairperson Jeanne Burt for organizing this great event.

Some of Your Friends at Pie Place



The library's Pride celebration was held on June 3 at East Side Park. Teens, their families and allies gathered together to support our LGBTQ+ community. As a sponsor, the Friends provided 100 yard signs, 50 Be an Inclusion Ally books, presenter fees and supplies. We thank the library staff, especially Mary and Cynthia for making it a success. Thank you to the teens for helping to organize and work at the event, and lead some of the panel discussions. Thanks to the musicians, panelists, Kaprina, Sunny, and many other individuals. On July 27, Teen Author Talk is 6 pm at the library or on Zoom. Talk with Lisa Koenecke, author of **Be an Inclusion Ally**.



Visit the Book Nook on the library mezzanine to buy gently used books, DVDs, CDs and audio books. Help support the Friends and the library!



The **Fall Raffle Fundraiser** is Sept. 30. Tickets go on sale the 2nd week of August at the library circulation desk. We anticipate over 20 local community businesses and artisans who will provide great items.

Mike Andersen - Woodworker and Artist

Have you visited the library's children area lately? It's been undergoing a transformation, with new shelving, cabinets and desk. But the most magical addition is the woodland themed wall mural by Emily Balsley and play area pieces by Mike Andersen. Interestingly, Mike had no idea the pieces were for the library! He was asked by Grand Inspired to make a sink, refrigerator, oven and hutch. Upon completion, he learned that his work was to be delivered to the library.

I recently visited Mike's workshop/barn to learn more about his connection to the library and his wood art. When I arrived, he was working on a hard maple slab for a bench. It had beautiful black contrasting lines in the wood called spalting – the initial stages of decay caused by fungi.

Mike said he had a lot of fun creating the library pieces. The sink was carved using a chainsaw. His friend, Tom Johnson supplied the tobacco lath on the cupboard doors of the hutch, refrigerator and sink. The lath came from the original Johnson Dairy farm on Hammond Road in Dunkirk Township.

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The legs of the oven, refrigerator and hutch are tobacco poles from the Milton Sperle farm on Hwy A in Rutland Township. Mike started walking the poles as a teenager, high up in the barn to hang the tobacco.



Mike Andersen is a Stoughton native who started working in wood by making doll furniture for his daughter. He began doing intarsia many years ago, but it was a family trip to Florence, Italy that really inspired him. Intarsia is a centuries old wood inlay technique which involves cutting and shaping individual wood pieces. It fits together like a mosaic and is glued on a wood backing. Mike creates custom pieces of animals, nature scenes and pets for his customers. His African Adventure is shown below with 26 animals and 2,000 individual wood pieces. Mike donated a similar piece to the Vilas Zoo for the Arctic Passage exhibit fundraiser. Examples of Mike's work includes the Viking carving in front of the



Stoughton Senior Center, the Center's Norway/Stoughton plaque near the river, the bar and tables made with his friend Erik Veum at Cheesers' tasting room, and commissioned pieces for customers. In addition, Mike has generously donated his wood art to the Friends of the Library fall raffle fundraiser for several years.

You can find Mike Andersen's wood art for sale at the Saturday Farmer's Market at City Hall,

on a part time basis at the Friday Farmer's Market, and at the Grand Inspired on Main Street. Furniture, intarsia, wall art, burl wood bowls, and figurative carvings are just a few examples of Mike's talent for blending nature and wood. Contact Mike Andersen at 608-205-7554.

Submitted by Lesley Johnson

Save the Dates

Cheesers Wine and Cheese Tasting Fundraiser: July 28 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

We've sold all 40 tickets. Thanks for your support!

The Friends are partnering with Brian Johnson of Cheesers to hold a wine and cheese tasting fundraiser. He will be featuring "*A Taste of Spain*" with delicious wines and cheeses.

Door prizes are included! We'd love your feedback on this event. With the early sale of all the tickets, we hope to do it again next year.



National Night Out: sponsored by the Police Department, is a family event with many activities. Find our table and say hello! We'll have a fun craft project for children.

August 1 from 5 to 8 pm at the Nordic Ridge Park.



Saturday Farmers Market in the City Hall parking lot: August 26 from 8:30 am to noon. Please stop by our table. We'll be promoting membership, library services, literacy and offering free books to children. Raffle tickets will also be on sale at the market for \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. You don't want to miss out on the Fall Fundraiser Raffle - see more information below.

Children's Author Patty Cisneros Prevo Book Event: Sept. 17 (afternoon time and location TBD) with the library. *Tenacious - 15 Adventures Alongside Disabled Athletes*. Reading age 8 to 12 years. Patty lives in Stoughton with her family and is a 3 time paralympian. Readers will gain an enhanced understanding of adaptive sports and respect for these tenacious athletes.

Fall Fundraiser Raffle Saturday Sept 30 at 3 pm in the library - raffle drawing. Over 20 great prizes from community businesses and artists. Tickets will go on sale the 2nd week of August at the library circulation desk. We'll also have raffle tickets at the August 26 Saturday Farmers Market or you can call 608-873-4050.



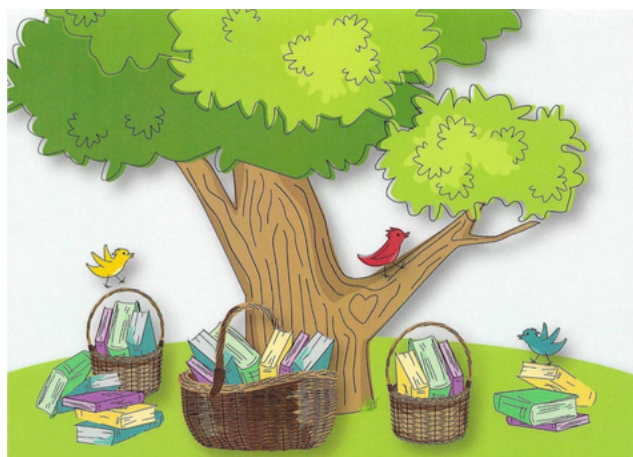
FOL Board of Directors Annual Meeting is Tuesday October 10 from 6 pm to 7:45 pm in the library Carnegie Room. Current members are always welcome to join us. The annual meeting is an opportunity for current members to nominate and vote on individuals to serve on the board of directors for calendar year 2024.



Thank you to our Honor and Remember Donors this quarter:

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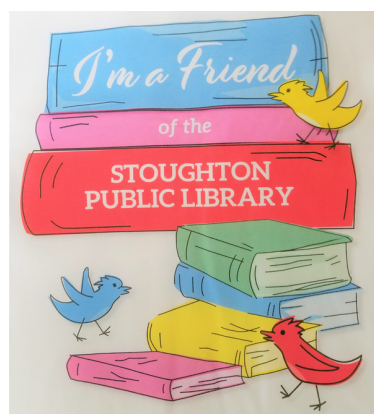
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