



## FRIENDS of FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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An insert to Franklin Public Library's "Check It Out"

November-December, 2003

### CALENDAR

Thursday, November 13, 6:00 p.m. **ATTN: QUILTERS**  
The Works of Heart Quilters and the Friends of the Franklin Public Library present "**Christmas Through the Eyes of a Quilter**" - a showcase of holiday quilts. Gretchen Hudock of PineBerry Patch Patterns will present a lecture/slide show featuring quilts from various crafters (including a few celebrity quilters), along with her extensive personal quilted Christmas collection. **The program is free to Friends of the Franklin Public Library and Works of Heart Quilters. Otherwise, a \$2.00 fee will be collected at the door.**

Organized by our Programs Chair, Judy Roberts.

### Friends Meetings

Nov. 20 and Dec 18 - 7:00 pm. Friends' meetings are always open to all of our members and the public. Join us and find out what is going on @ your library, what programs are being planned and how you can get involved in those plans. Sharing your talents can enrich your life.

### DISCUSSION GROUPS

Brown Baggers -- Third Tuesdays at 12:30 pm  
Bring your sandwich and coffee & tea will be served.

Knight Readers - Watch for a new group forming in January, 2004, with a facilitator.

### CELEBRATE

**FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY's 23rd BIRTHDAY**  
**and**

**November 17-23 National Children's Book Week**  
**"Free To Read"**

Since 1919, educators, librarians, booksellers and families have celebrated National Children's Book Week during the week before Thanksgiving. For more information about the week and ways to celebrate, go to

[http://www.cbcbooks.org/html/book\\_week.html](http://www.cbcbooks.org/html/book_week.html)

### BOOK SALE UPDATE:

Our book sale in September was very successful. We sold hundreds, maybe thousands of items, for a total of \$1,962.24. Thank you once again to Terrence Berres who headed up this annual event. Terry, along with Diane Oleson, did a lot of the sorting and set-up. **The Friends are offering a free Friends' blue book bag to those volunteers who gave of their time to help our sale be the success it was.** The Master Sheet for sales helpers is behind the check-out desk and you need only tell the staff your name and your time slot. This year's sale was the most successful ever. Will we be able to top this next year?



### FRIENDLY QUILTERS' NEWS

Friendly Quilters, the day group which meets the Fourth Mondays, at 10:15 a.m., devoted much of their August meeting to working on their charity project -- adult bibs (neck napkins), which were donated to St. Ann's Intergenerational Day Care. St. Ann's was thrilled to get the colorful and useful items.

At their September meeting, members discussed plans for the annual craft sale at Franklin High School on Saturday, November 8. Many items, handcrafted by members, will be offered for sale. The group held a second working meeting in Sept. and worked on glass plates covered with fabric. Several members took fabric home to make matching napkins and potholders.

A favorite part of each meeting is **Show and Tell**. Each member is encouraged to bring in an item she has made to demonstrate the techniques used. Newcomers are welcome to come to our meetings and join in at any time.

Submitted by Julia Kurlinski.



## CHAPTER A DAY

Heard on WHAD 90.7 on your radio 12:30-1:00 p.m.  
Monday through Friday and repeated 11-11:30 pm.

<http://www.wpr.org/chapter/>

The five most recent chapters are available with RealAudio on-demand listening on the [Chapter a Day Webcasting page](#). You can discuss the books and the readings with your friends at [the Chapter a Day Book Club](#).

Monday, Nov. 3 through Friday, Nov. 14 - **Venetian Stories** by Jane Turner Rowlands, read by Karl Schmidt. Stories evoking the hidden and day-to-day life of one of Europe's most mysterious cities.

Monday, Nov. 17 through Friday, Nov. 28 - **Staggerford** by Jon Hassler, read by Jim Fleming. One week in the life of a Minnesota schoolteacher, a week that you'll never forget. This first novel established Hassler as a force to reckon with in the literary world.

Monday, Dec. 1 through Friday, Dec. 12 - **The Staggerford Flood** by Jon Hassler, read by Jim Fleming. Written 30 years after "Staggerford," this new novel is centered on Agatha McGee. A flood threatens the Minnesota village of Staggerford, but the 80 year-old Miss McGee refuses to leave her house. Not surprisingly, she finds plenty of interesting characters to share the experience.

Monday, Dec. 15 through Friday, Dec. 19 - **Time Between Trains** by Anthony Bukoski, read by Karl Schmidt. Short stories detailing the lives of the working class residents of Superior, Wisconsin.

## BOOKNOTES

Brian Lamb interviews an author for one hour each week on C-Span, airing Sundays at 7:00 pm, usually repeating at 10:00 pm. Booknotes' Website [www.booknotes.org](http://www.booknotes.org) has an archive list, which you can play on your computer, and Booknotes Encore is shown on C-Span2 on Saturdays at 6:00 pm and Sundays at 10:00 am.

- Nov. 2 James Bovard, ***Terrorism and Tyranny: Trampling Freedom, Justice and Peace to Rid the World of Evil***

"The war on terrorism is the first political growth industry of the new Millennium." So begins Jim Bovard's newest and, in some ways, most provocative book as he casts yet another jaundiced eye on Washington and the motives behind protecting "the homeland" and prosecuting a wildly unpopular war with Iraq. For James Bovard, as always, it

all comes down to a trampling of personal liberty and an end to privacy as we know it. From airport security follies that protect no one to increased surveillance of individuals and skyrocketing numbers of detainees, the war on terrorism is taking a toll on individual liberty and no one tells the whole grisly story better than Bovard."

-- from the publisher's website.

- Nov. 9 Rich Lowry, ***Legacy: Paying the Price for the Clinton Years***.

Bill and Hillary Clinton don't want you to read this book. Bill has spent his days since the presidency aggressively defending his legacy, and Hillary plans to run for president on it, and now, unfortunately for them, Rich Lowry uses sound fact and shocking detail to dispel the myth of the Clinton legacy once and for all. Showing how a politician with grandiose ambitions became a cautious, poll-driven placeholder and how a president who yearned to confront a great international crisis cringed and still shrank from the threat of Islamic terrorism when it arrived, Lowry destroys Clinton's record as president and sparks an intense debate about the nature of his legacy.

Lowry reveals how: 1. Clinton didn't "grow" the economy; his economic record depends on lies 2. Clinton sold out US national security to campaign contributors 3. Clinton stood in the way of real welfare reform before being forced by Republicans to sign a reform bill 4. Attorney General Janet Reno was AWOL on domestic security 5. Clinton's scandals were very real and he deserved impeachment 6. Clinton made sexual liberation the only cause for which he took career-endangering risks 7. Clinton's unwillingness to use force abroad emboldened America's enemies 8. Clinton left the country vulnerable to September 11 terrorist attacks

You won't know the truth about Clinton until you read this book.

-- from the publisher's website.

## Encore Booknotes

Nov. 1 and 2 John Lewis, ***Walking With the Wind: A Memoir of the Movement***

United States Congressman John Lewis (D-GA) will talk about his memoir, "Walking with the Wind: A Memoir of the Movement." At the age of twenty-three, Congressman Lewis was a speaker at the March on Washington in August 1963 with Martin Luther King, Jr., organized peaceful protests and sit-ins, and organized the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee's drive to organize voter registration during the Mississippi Freedom Summer. Mr. Lewis served on Atlanta's City Council before being elected to Congress in 1986.

Nov. 15 and 16 Frank Williams, *Judging Lincoln*

Frank Williams, author and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Rhode Island, talks about his book, "Judging Lincoln." It's a collection of nine essays on Abraham Lincoln ranging from his own views on the issues of his time, to modern-day fans of the former president.

### ***SURVEY SHOWS STRONG SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN WISCONSIN***

A statewide telephone survey was recently conducted by the Wisconsin Public Library Consortium, with partial funding provided by the Wisconsin Library Association Foundation. The survey results show that an overwhelming majority of state residents (over 99% of library users and about 95% of non-users) consider their public library an essential part of their community.

In addition, the vast majority of library users (83%) strongly agree that their public library is personally important and an additional 17% somewhat agree that their public library is personally important. Surprisingly, even among those who do not use a public library, a significant majority (80%) strongly agree or somewhat agree that their public library is personally important.

The survey also found that library users vote in higher percentages than non-users. The survey includes responses to many questions about the specific services provided by their local public library. The survey results and a PowerPoint presentation on the survey results are available at <http://www.winnefox.org/wplc/current/survey2003/>

**Note to Franklin Common Council Members** -- Be sure to keep the above in mind when it comes to our Library's budget!

### ***Cruisin' the World Wide Web***

#### **Household Products Database**

<http://householdproducts.nlm.nih.gov/> The Household Products Database is a relatively new offering from the National Institute of Health and the National Library of Medicine that contains information on over 4,000 consumer brands, allowing consumers to research products based on chemical ingredients. The database "helps answer questions such as: What are the chemical ingredients and their percentage in specific brands? Which products contain specific chemical ingredients? Who manufactures a specific brand? How do I contact this manufacturer? What are the acute and chronic effects of chemical ingredients in a specific brand? What other information is available about chemicals in the toxicology-related databases of the National Library of Medicine?"

#### **The Healthy Refrigerator**

<http://www.healthyfridge.org/> In recent years, Americans have grown more concerned about their health. The Healthy Refrigerator site is a good way for users to learn about how to eat healthier and improve their cholesterol at the same time. The site is divided into four separate sections, including The Healthy Fridge, Good Nutrition, Heart of the Matter, and Just for Kids. The Healthy Fridge area is a good place to start, as it contains a "top 10" list of ways to maintain a refrigerator with healthy food options, along with introducing the "Refrigerator Makeover" program, where various celebrities (such as Mike Ditka) agree to have their refrigerators "made over" to incorporate healthier foods. The Heart of the Matter section is also a valuable area, as it contains a place where users can calculate their risk for heart disease and learn more facts about heart disease.

#### **Two on Grammar, Style, and Diction: The American Heritage Book of English Usage**

<http://www.bartleby.com/64/> **Web Grammar's Free Tips** <http://www.webgrammar.com/> The first Web site takes visitors to the American Heritage Book of English Usage, which is a guide to current problems and debates in English language usage that will be valuable for native and non-native speakers alike. The subjects covered include gender, science terms, e-mail, word choice, and style. The second site is a good online writing guide that covers such topics as common writing mistakes, style questions, and the usage of idioms.

#### **America Votes 2004: Presidential Primary Preview**

<http://www.cnn.com/ELECTION/2004/> Follow the path of the 2004 presidential primary race with this site's information on the current candidates, their positions on topics such as civil rights, healthcare, international policy, and the environment, and their battle for campaign contributions. It also provides a monthly poll tracker, a description of the primary process by state, an election calendar, and timeline.

**U.S. Apple Association** <http://www.usapple.org/> The Web site for this industry association features educational and consumer information about apples. Includes descriptions of apple varieties, recipes, statistics, fun facts, children's activities, research studies on apples and health, lesson plans and educational materials, and industry information.

#### **National Postal Museum: The Art of the Stamp**

<http://www.postalmuseum.si.edu/artofthestamp/index.html> The Art of the Stamp online exhibit presented by the National Postal Museum is designed to complement the exhibit on display at the Museum itself in Washington, DC. The online exhibit begins with a brief description of how subjects and themes for postage are suggested, and then continues to discuss the timeline for developing a stamp, which often can take two years or longer. The main material

on the site is divided into various categories, such as American History, Stamps with a Story, and Love. For each stamp, visitors can learn about the artist who created each design, along with information about the first day of issue. The Stamps with a Story section is rather engaging, containing stories about the creation of the Bugs Bunny stamp (visitors can take a look at some of the more irreverent designs considered) and of course the famous Elvis Presley stamp, which was first issued on January 8, 1993.

#### **How Everyday Things Are Made**

<http://manufacturing.stanford.edu/> It is difficult for many individuals to fathom the exacting and complex processes used to manufacture an airplane, car, or even candy. Stepping in to help explain how many everyday things are made is this fine Web site developed by the Alliance for Innovative Manufacturing at Stanford University and design 4x, a company that develops online courses on manufacturing topics. The site begins with a brief introductory video clip orienting new visitors to the materials available on the site, and on how best to navigate the site's features. Dozens of products are covered here, including airplanes, motorcycles, cars, jelly beans, chocolate, glass bottles, crayons, and golf clubs. Additionally, the site also contains information on various careers in manufacturing, along with a list of books on the field of manufacturing.

#### **<http://www.portalwisconsin.org/>**

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#### **36 Virtual Tours of Sites in Wisconsin - [http://www.portalwisconsin.org/digital\\_media.cfm?dmtvpe=virtual](http://www.portalwisconsin.org/digital_media.cfm?dmtvpe=virtual)**

Sites include: Paine Art Center and Gardens, Old World Wisconsin, First Capitol, Prairie Moon Sculpture Garden, Oshkosh Grand Opera House, Wisconsin Public Radio Studio



#### ***FRIENDS NEED MORE FRIENDS:***

Our dues are structured as follows:

- \$ 5.00 Individual
- \$10.00 Family
- \$50.00 or more Benefactor
- \$25.00 Organization or Business

Dues are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Your membership is good for one year, renewable May 1 each year. Bring or mail your dues with your name, mailing address, email address and telephone number to

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#### ***Editor's note***

If you have any comments, trivia, events, criticisms or news items to add to our newsletter, please communicate them to anyone on the Library's staff or to your editor, Judy Beine, 421-3490. Email [jbeine@wi.rr.com](mailto:jbeine@wi.rr.com)

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