



## FRIENDS of FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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### **WANTED:**

Your "gently" used books (hard or soft covers), CDs, DVDs, magazines. Our **Friends Book Nook** is in need of your home library discards. If you're doing a general clear out (as said by my favorite character Jean in *As Time Goes By*), then please bring these treasures to the library. Be sure to mark the items as donations. Our volunteers, led by Friend Diane Oleson, will take them off your hands and put them in new hands.

### **MY LIBRARY**

It's only a room with shelves and books,  
but it's far more magical than it looks

It's a jet on which I soar  
to lands that exist no more.

Or a key with which I find  
answers to questions crowding my mind.

Building my habit of learning and growing,  
asking and researching till I reach knowing.

Here, I've been a mermaid and an elf  
I've even learned to be more myself.

I think that I shall never see  
a place that's been more useful to me.

With encouraging kind friends with wit  
Who tell me to dream big and never quit.

By Varda One  
[www.librarysupport.net/librarylovers/](http://www.librarysupport.net/librarylovers/)

### **HELP! VOLUNTEER WANTED:**

Program Chair and Publicity Chair – someone with a flair or a specific expertise in setting up speakers of interest to Franklin residents and library patrons. Friends are in need of one or two people to choose a speaker, contact the speaker and coordinate a date with Director Barbara Roark, and then to publicize events. Friends' treasury would permit a number of programs each year and we are in need of volunteers to help. Please contact the Reference Librarian on duty, or Barbara Roark, Library Director.

### **KNIGHT READERS**

Discussion group reconvening under the leadership of former teacher, Mary Kleist, on 4th Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. The book for Jan. 29 is Arctic Dreams by Barry Holstun Lopez, Feb. 26 selection is Middle Passages by Charles Richard Johnston. Sign up now at the Reference Desk.

### **Calendar Items of Interest**

Jan. 4 – National Trivia Day

Jan. 7 – Full Moon -- Names for the January Moons include Chaste Moon, Cold Moon, Disting Moon, Moon of Little Winter, Quiet Moon, Snow Moon, Wolf Moon.

Jan. 8 – The King's Birthday [www.elvis.com](http://www.elvis.com)

Jan. 12 – National Clean Off Your Desk Day

Jan. 19 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day (1929-68)

**February – Library Lovers’ Month.** A month-long celebration of school, public, and private libraries of all types. This is a time for everyone, especially library support groups, to recognize the value of libraries and to work to assure that our libraries will continue to serve.

- Donate your time, money, and expertise to your library.
- Nominate your library as your community, school, corporate organization’s project for the year.
- Buy your library a subscription to a popular magazine.
- Honor a friend or relatives birthday with book for the library.
- Donate a book...or a whole shelf of books.
- Remember your library in your estate planning.
- Write a check to your library’s Foundation/Friends group.
- Give to the library through your company’s matching program for charitable giving.

Feb. 2 – Ground Hog Day [www.groundhog.org](http://www.groundhog.org) If the groundhog sees his shadow, he regards it as an omen of six more weeks of bad weather and returns to his hole. If the day is cloudy and, hence, shadowless, the groundhog takes it as a sign of spring and stays above ground.

Feb. 6 – Full Moon -- Names for the February Moons include Big Winter Moon, Horning Moon, Hunger Moon, Ice Moon, Red Cleansing Moon, Storm Moon, Sun Moon, Quickening Moon, Wild Moon.

Feb. 12 – Abraham Lincoln’s birthday

Feb. 14 – Valentine’s Day

Feb. 17 – Random Acts of Kindness Day  
[www.actsofkindness.org](http://www.actsofkindness.org)

Feb. 22 – George Washington’s birthday

Feb. 24 – Mardi Gras / Fat Tuesday

Feb. 25 – Ash Wednesday

[compiled from [www.earthcalendar.net](http://www.earthcalendar.net)]

## **Chapter A Day**

Wisconsin Public Radio, WHAD 90.7 on FM Dial airs Monday-Friday, 12:30 to 1:00 pm and repeats at 11:00-11:30 pm

In progress: From Mon., Dec. 22, through Fri., Jan. 30, hear Peace Like a River, by Leif Enger. Set in the early 1960s, Enger’s debut novel is narrated by 11-year-old Reuben Land, an asthmatic boy whose close-knit family is broken apart after the oldest son, Davy, commits a crime of passion and becomes a fugitive. Reuben, his father and younger sister become immersed in a series of mystical events as they follow Davy’s trail across the northern U.S. Read by Karl Schmidt.

## **Booknotes**

Seen on Ch. 99 C-Span on Time-Warner Cable, 7:00 pm Sundays.

**Jan. 4 Brenda Wineapple’s Hawthorne: A Life from the publisher Alfred A. Knopf’s website:** In this major new biography of Hawthorne, the first in more than a decade, Brenda Wineapple, acclaimed biographer of Janet Flanner and Gertrude and Leo Stein, brings him brilliantly alive: an exquisite writer who shoveled dung in an attempt to found a new utopia at Brook Farm and then excoriated the community (or his attraction to it) in caustic satire; the confidant of Franklin Pierce, 14th president of the United States and arguably one of its worst; friend to Emerson and Thoreau and Melville who, unlike them, made fun of Abraham Lincoln and who, also unlike them, wrote compellingly of women, deeply identifying with them—he was the first major American writer to create erotic female characters. Those vibrant, independent women continue to haunt the imagination, although Hawthorne often punishes, humiliates, or kills them, as if exorcising that which enthralls.

Brenda Wineapple navigates the high tides and chill undercurrents of Hawthorne’s fascinating life and work with clarity, nuance, and insight. The novels and tales, the incidental writings, travel notes and children’s books, letters and diaries reverberate in this biography, which both charts and protects the dark unknowable core that is quintessentially Hawthorne. In him, the quest of his generation for an authentically American voice bears disquieting fruit.

**Jan. 11 Walter Mears' Deadlines Past: Forty Years of Presidential Campaigning: A Reporter's Story** -- *from the publisher Andrews McMeel's website:* Walter Mears had an insider's edge—and he made the most of it by serving newspapers and their readers around the country with some of the best presidential campaign coverage to see print. The Pulitzer Prize winner also witnessed enough of “the oddities, inside stuff, and impressions” during his 45-year Associated Press career that he ended up with a treasury of American politics and the forces that shaped them.

Fortunately, in Deadlines Past Mears finally commits his unwritten stories to paper. Readers are richly rewarded by his focus on the 11 campaigns he covered, campaigns that altered the way American presidents are nominated and elected, and how the media told the tales along the way. The changes were gradual from Nixon versus Kennedy through Bush versus Gore, but the historical significance of each match-up becomes very evident in Mears's detailed and engrossing narrative. This poignant political recounting is illuminated by personal experiences and the observations of one of the finest AP reporters to ever file a story. Yet Mears never preaches any viewpoint about candidates or campaign history. He tells readers what he thought at the time, without telling them what to think. The results are a richly woven fabric of fact and reflection made by a penetrating eyewitness with nearly unlimited access to his subjects. Deadlines Past is destined to become a classic in the political genre, one of the most compelling examples of a hard-news reporter's life, and a captivating view of 40 years of American history.

**Jan. 18 John Seigenthaler's James K. Polk** *from the publisher Times Books' website:* The story of a pivotal president who watched over our westward expansion and solidified the dream of Jacksonian democracy. James K. Polk was a shrewd and decisive commander in chief, the youngest president elected to guide the still-young nation, who served as Speaker of the House and governor of Tennessee before taking office in 1845.

Fellow Tennessean John Seigenthaler traces the life of this president who, as Truman noted, “said what he intended to do and did it.”

**Jan. 25 Nathaniel Philbrick's Sea of Glory: America's Voyage of Discovery, the U.S. Exploring Expedition, 1838-1842** *from the publisher Simon & Schuster's website:* In 1838, the U.S. government launched the largest discovery voyage the Western world had ever seen -- six sailing vessels and 346 men bound for the waters of the Pacific Ocean. Four years later, the U.S. Exploring Expedition, or Ex. Ex. as it was known, returned with an astounding array of accomplishments and discoveries.

Though comparable in importance and breadth of success to the Lewis and Clark Expedition, the Ex. Ex. has been largely forgotten. Now, the celebrated Nathaniel Philbrick re-creates this chapter of American maritime history in all its triumph and scandal.

[www.booknotes.org/home/index.asp](http://www.booknotes.org/home/index.asp)

### ***ENCORE BOOKNOTES***

On C-Span2, ch. 8 on Time Warner in Franklin, 6:00 pm Saturdays.

**Jan. 3 -- Fred Maroon, The Nixon Years: 1969-1974 Whitehouse to Watergate** In this Encore Booknotes presentation from 1999, photographer Fred Maroon discussed his book. Mr. Maroon 's book features 134 pictures that follow Richard Nixon and his staff from the president's inauguration to his resignation in August 1974. "The Nixon Years, 1969-1974" was published on the 25th anniversary of Mr. Nixon's resignation. During the interview, Mr. Maroon discussed some of the people he photographed during his years of access to the Nixon White House. They included Golda Meir, Patrick Buchanan, Spiro Agnew, Gerald Ford and a youthful Diane Sawyer. [From Abbeville Press, publisher.]

**Jan. 10 – Bruce Feiler, Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths.**

**Jan. 17 – James Srodes, Franklin: The essential Founding Father.**

## **CRUISIN' THE WORLD WIDE WEB**

State Health Facts Online -- [www.statehealthfacts.org/](http://www.statehealthfacts.org/) -- contains the latest state-level data on demographics, health, and health policy, including health coverage, access, financing, and state legislation. You may compare data for all the states by choosing a topic from a set of available categories. Information will be displayed as bar graphs, tables, or color-coded maps.

Population Index on the Web -- <http://oprtest.princeton.edu/popindex/> -- is the primary reference tool to the world's population literature. It presents an annotated bibliography of recently published books, journal articles, working papers, and other materials on population topics. This website provides a searchable and browsable database containing 46,035 abstracts of demographic literature published in Population Index in the period 1986-2000.

Nutrition Navigator -- [www.navigator.tufts.edu/](http://www.navigator.tufts.edu/) -- The Tufts University Nutrition Navigator is the first online rating and review guide that solves the two major problems web users have when seeking nutrition information: how to quickly find information best suited to their needs and whether to trust the information they find. The Tufts University Nutrition Navigator is designed to help you sort through the large volume of nutrition information on the Internet and find accurate, useful nutrition information you can trust.

Extreme Cold -- [www.cdc.gov/nceh/hsb/extremecold/](http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/hsb/extremecold/) -- Cold weather safety tips and information about cold weather health conditions from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Features checklists for preparing your home and car for winter weather, a FAW on health conditions such as hypothermia and frostbite, indoor and outdoor safety pointers, a bibliography and related links.

IRS e-file -- [www.irs.gov/efile/](http://www.irs.gov/efile/) -- The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) explains its electronic filing (e-file) system and covers tax return information for individuals, businesses, and preparers. Additionally, information for the Free File Services for eligible taxpayers, a service from members of the tax software industry, is available.



## **FRIENDS NEED MORE FRIENDS:**

Remember to gain entrance to the Friends' preview sale of our annual book sale, your dues have to be current. If you have not yet renewed and paid dues for 2003, get them in. Our dues are structured as follows:

- \$5.00 Individual
- \$10.00 Family
- \$50.00 Benefactor \$
- \$25.00 Sponsoring Business

Dues are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Bring or mail your dues with your name, mailing address, email address and telephone number to FPL, Friends of Franklin Library, 9151 West Loomis Road, Franklin, WI 53132.

## **Editor's note**

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

Programs that Friends sponsored in 2003.



A hat that disappeared.

Talented pumpkin decorators on Oct. 4, 2003.



Children's Librarian Barb Fogec in the spirit!



And, Santa's visit on Dec. 7, 2003.