



FRIENDS of FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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Quilting News

Create a Quilt in One Day: Mock Log Cabin or a Scrap Quilt

Program: Saturday, May 22nd, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Quilt workshop with Jan Krueger. Cost \$10.00 Pre-registration required. Sign up at the Check-Out desk, or call 425-8214. Fabric will be provided for an additional fee of \$10.00. However, if you work in a group on a quilt to donate to the upcoming Quilt Raffle or you choose to work on a charity project, then the fabric fee will be waived. There will be a charge for fabric only when the registered participant makes their own quilt. Call Judy Roberts at 421-8983 with questions. The Friends of the Library are sponsoring the quilt workshop with a monetary contribution toward lunch.

Wanted! Donation of cotton fabric for Works of Heart Quilters. Also used portable sewing machines in good working order will be put to good use in the workshops.



WANTED: RECENT Used Textbooks, Auto Repair Manuals

Do you have textbooks gathering dust from a recent course that you took? Do you have auto repair manuals from a car that you no longer own? Donate them to the library for the used book sales. The Friends of the Library sell these gently used books and use the proceeds to buy needed materials for our library.

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

On Thursday, May 20, at 7:00 p.m., Friends of Franklin Public Library will meet to review the past year's events, review the year's income and expenditures for our library's benefit, discuss plans for the coming year and elect officers and directors for 2004-2005:

President	David Beine
Vice Pres.	Judy Beine
Secretary	Anita Nickerson
Treasurer	Karen Brehm
Director	Shirley Koehler
Director	Rita Bruders
Director	Julia Kurlinski

Join Friends and become active in the goings on @ your library.

Friends of Wisconsin Libraries Meeting

Friends of FPL hosted FOWL on Saturday, April 24. [See photo page.] Having the State meeting at our site was particularly gratifying to your editor as I had traveled to many spring and fall meetings in various cities around the state in the 1990s when we were so desperately in need of more space. I saw (with unabashed envy) the sparkling new libraries at Janesville, Beloit, Appleton, Sheboygan, La Crosse, Marshfield and Sussex. Registrants, Friends members and administrators, from Hales Corners, Greenfield, Butler, Elm Grove, Pewaukee, Sheboygan Falls and the newest library, Town of Rome (Adams County), participated in a lively program featuring our own **Barbara Roark**, Foundation Past President Terri Lawler, and Board Member/Construction Chair Paul Prentiss.

Barbara, wearing a black hat with a Harley-Davidson logo, asked, "How many of you had a Harley motorcycle parked in your library?" Barbara recapped our need for a library in entertaining fashion.

Terri Lawler talked about the Foundation kickoff and solicitation events culminating in our raising private

funds for the Fadrow Room, the Sievert Conference Room, the Sullivan Family Fireplace, and other fine accoutrements enhancing our library.

Paul Prentiss gave an excellent Power Point presentation and walked us through the Board's many battles with Aldermen and Council meetings, construction management meetings including the details on the tainted dirt on our site, the advantage in enclosing the building before winter and the need to have the parking lot finished off early.

We all re-celebrated our grand opening as Paul's slides attested to the enthusiasm of our finally open library.

To round out our morning **Susan Falkman**, the artist who did the sculptures in place at Boerner Botanical Gardens, spoke of her career as it evolved from her beginnings in Iowa to her living as a marble carver in training on the Greek island of Naxos, and as an artist in residence in Carrara, Italy, where the granite and marble are quarried. Susan showed us slides of the mountainsides of Italy and how the many heavy trucks go down the zigzag roads and through the villages of Italy getting their cargo to the ships, sending this amazing natural element all over the world. Additional slides gave us an idea of how the 40-foot limestone deep relief within the Sharon Wilson Center for the Arts in Brookfield was crafted.

Those in attendance enjoyed the full morning's program and lunch. Friends and Works of Heart Quilters Beverly Havelka and Lori Czajkowski contributed wonderful door prizes. Winners included Carol Lers of Pewaukee, Patricia Laughlin of Hales Corners, Janice Zimmerer of Sheboygan Falls, and our own Shirley Koehler, Karen Brehm and Lynne La Rosa of Franklin (see photo page). Thank you to the many volunteers including David Beine, Christine Schmidt, Karen Brehm, Barbara Gawronski, Marjorie Pagel, Anita Nickerson, Rita Bruders, Julia Kurlinski, Shirley Koehler and Judy Roberts. Everyone made this meeting possible. [Submitted by Judy Beine.]

milquetoast \MILK-toast\ *noun* a timid, meek, or unassertive person. Caspar Milquetoast was a comic strip character created in 1924 by the American cartoonist Harold T. Webster. The strip, called "The Timid Soul," ran every Sunday in the *New York Herald Tribune* for many years. Webster, who claimed that Milquetoast was a self-portrait, summed up the character as "the man who speaks softly and gets hit with a big stick." The earliest examples we could find for "Milquetoast" used as a generic synonym for "timid person" date from the mid-1930s. [From *Word of the Day*, Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary, 11th ed.]

Chapter a Day

www.wpr.org/chapter/

Wisconsin Public Radio, WHAD 90.7 on your FM dial airs Monday-Friday

12:30 to 1:00 pm and repeats 11:00-11:30 pm.

Monday, April 25 thru Friday, May 28.

Dancing at the Rascal Fair by Ivan Doig, read by Jim Fleming. The central volume in Ivan Doig's celebrated Montana trilogy, *Dancing at the Rascal Fair* is a story of the essential American experience. At the turn of the last century, immigrants dare to try to impose their will on the Rocky Mountain territory.

Monday, May 31 thru Friday, June 18

English Creek by Ivan Doig, also read by Jim Fleming. Continuing the story of the McCaskill family, Ivan Doig in *English Creek* tells of life in Montana in the innocent years before the Second World War.

Monday, June 21 thru Friday, July 9

Franklin & Winston: an Intimate Portrait of an Epic Friendship by Jon Meacham, read by Karl Schmidt. Franklin Roosevelt and Winston Churchill were the greatest leaders of "The Greatest Generation" and this story of their relationship brings both to life.

A new book out

Ten Minutes From Normal by Karen Hughes

From Publishers Weekly -- Hughes, who surprised the political world by leaving her post as counselor to President Bush in July 2002, to pursue a more normal family life in Texas, here offers a relentlessly upbeat account of life as Bush's chief communications strategist. Hughes begins by detailing her upbringing as an army brat, her career as a TV reporter in Texas and her entry into politics as a press officer for the 1984 Reagan presidential campaign. The heart of the story is her relationship with Bush ("my boss"), whom she has served since his 1994 campaign for governor of Texas. Hughes praises almost everyone in the administration, including political strategist Karl Rove, with whom she was reported to have frequently sparred.... She directs her most pointed barbs at those who leak information to the press. While Hughes doesn't offer a balanced take on Bush and company, she does offer something equally tantalizing—a deep insider's take on what it is like to work at the side of the most powerful man in the world. She also provides Bush fans with a well-crafted, robust paean to the president. And both these reasons are why this book has found a place on major national bestseller lists.

BOOKNOTES

www.booknotes.org/home/index.asp

May 16, 2004

Surprise, Security and the American Experience

By John Lewis Gaddis. From the publisher's website: Harvard University Press.

September 11, 2001, distinguished Cold War historian John Lewis Gaddis argues, was not the first time a surprise attack shattered American assumptions about national security and reshaped American grand strategy. We've been there before, and have responded each time by dramatically expanding our security responsibilities. The pattern began in 1814, when the British attacked Washington, burning the White House and the Capitol. This early violation of homeland security gave rise to a strategy of unilateralism and preemption, best articulated by John Quincy Adams, aimed at maintaining strength beyond challenge throughout the North American continent. It remained in place for over a century. Only when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor in 1941 did the inadequacies of this strategy become evident: As a consequence, the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt devised a new grand strategy of cooperation with allies on an inter-continental scale to defeat authoritarianism. That strategy defined the American approach throughout World War II and the Cold War. The terrorist attacks of 9/11, Gaddis writes, made it clear that this strategy was now insufficient to ensure American security. The Bush administration has, therefore, devised a new grand strategy whose foundations lie in the 19th-century tradition of unilateralism, preemption, and hegemony, projected this time on a global scale. How successful it will be in the face of 21st Century challenges is the question that confronts us. This provocative book, informed by the experiences of the past but focused on the present and the future, is one of the first attempts by a major scholar of grand strategy and international relations to provide an answer.

May 23, 2004

Inside: A Public and Private Life

by Joseph Califano

FROM PUBLISHER'S WEBSITE: Public Affairs

Joe Califano grew up in a tight-knit working class family in Depression-era Brooklyn. His parents instilled in their son a work ethic, sense of self, and devotion to Church that stayed with him as he rose through the ranks of America's ruling class. From Jesuit undergraduate schools to Harvard Law, influential law firms, Robert McNamara's Pentagon, Lyndon Johnson's White House, and Jimmy Carter's Cabinet, Califano was hard charging, effective, and committed to his causes—whether that meant

reforming the military, working for equal rights for all, his struggle to be a committed Catholic in America, or finally his passion to combat addictions that ruin so many American lives.

The book is called *Inside*, and that's where it takes us—inside his public and private life—as Califano worked in the power centers of three Democratic administrations. He shows us how hardball is often necessary to make government serve its people. Califano remained "inside" even out of government, representing the Washington Post and Democratic Party during Watergate.

Inside is history, memoir, and a profoundly revealing personal drama of a powerful figure involved in many defining events of the last half century. It is a tale of how ambition, tenacity and courage, guided by deeply felt ethics, can move the world, from the inside.

For Encore Booknotes see www.booktv.org/booknotes/

Librarians' Index to the Internet

<http://lii.org/search/file/reference>

Ready Reference and Quick Facts. Links to telephone books, dictionaries, zip and area codes, atlases and almanacs. Calculates foreign exchange rates, conversion tables. A must for your favorites!

Tongue-Twisters

<http://pronunciation.englishclub.com/tongue-twisters.htm>

A tongue-twister is a sequence of words that is difficult to pronounce quickly and correctly. Try these:

A proper copper coffee pot.

Around the rugged rocks the ragged rascals ran.

Long legged ladies last longer.

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled pepper. Did Peter Piper pick a peck of pickled pepper? If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled pepper, Where's the peck of pickled pepper Peter Piper picked?

Pink lorry, yellow lorry.

Red leather, yellow leather, red leather, yellow leather.

She sells sea-shells on the sea-shore.

Three grey geese in green fields grazing.

We surely shall see the sun shine soon.

Schwartz Bookshops

www.schwartzbooks.com/events.html

Appearances coming up:

Jacquelyn Mitchard • *Starring Prima!*

Wednesday, May 12 • 7 pm • Brookfield • reading. She's known for her *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* columns and her *New York Times* bestsellers. Now Jacquelyn Mitchard brings her affectionate characterizations to kids with a book about a plucky mouse ballerina who is destined for greatness. [for young readers]

Hints from Heloise

Saturday, May 15 • 12 pm • Brookfield • talk. The premier household-hints columnist, syndicated in more than 500 papers, delivers tips in a quick and easy format in her guides filled with brand new quick and economical hints and time-honored solutions.

Joanna Trollope • *Brother and Sister*

Monday, May 17 • 7 pm • Brookfield • reading. The celebrated author of *Marrying the Mistress* and descendant of Anthony Trollope is renowned for exposing the extraordinary challenges at the heart of ordinary life. She visits from England to talk about her latest novel that is being hotly debated among the literary set.

Ron Chernow • *Alexander Hamilton*

Tuesday, May 18 • 7 pm • Shorewood • talk. National Book Award winner (*The House of Morgan*) Ron Chernow delivers a landmark biography of Alexander Hamilton, the founding father who galvanized, inspired, scandalized, and shaped the newborn nation. Here's the whole sweep of Hamilton's turbulent life.

Tim Russert • *Big Russ and Me* • Wednesday, May 26 • 7 pm • presentation.

Milwaukee Public Library's Centennial Hall, 733 N. 8th St. NBC-TV senior vice president and Washington bureau chief, moderator of *Meet the Press* and host of *The Tim Russert Show* on MSNBC, Russert is known for his quick wit and straight-talking candor, and his #1 hero: his dad. Event co-sponsored Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops and by the Friends of the Milwaukee Public Library.

IT IS RENEWAL TIME



FRIENDS NEED MORE FRIENDS:

Our dues are structured as follows:

- Individual \$5.00
- Family \$10.00
- Benefactor \$50.00
- Organization \$25.00

All memberships expire at the end of May. All members need to send in their renewal. We want to keep you on our list, so please renew at this time. Your dues are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Bring or mail your dues with your name, address and telephone number to Franklin Public Library, payable to Friends of Franklin Public Library, Attention: Julia Kurlinski, Membership Chair, 9151 West Loomis Road, Franklin, WI 53132



HELPING HANDS and IDEAS

Volunteers are WANTED to help Friends plan programs. This is your chance to help select future events. We thank those new volunteers who have stepped forward to help with book sorting and the Friends' Book Nook and the recent E-Bay and Half.com adventures. Anyone interested in joining in is urged to contact Judy Beine, 414.421.3490, or jbeine@wi.rr.com for more information. Or, just come to our meetings, **THIRD THURSDAYS**.

Editor's note If you have any comments, trivia, events, criticisms or news items to add to the Friends' newsletter, please communicate them to anyone on the library's staff or to me, Judy Beine, voice 421-3490, or email: jbeine@wi.rr.com

