



## **FRIENDS of FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER**

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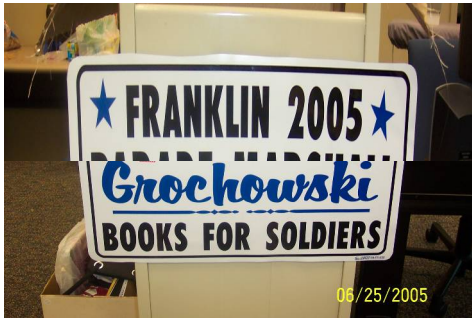
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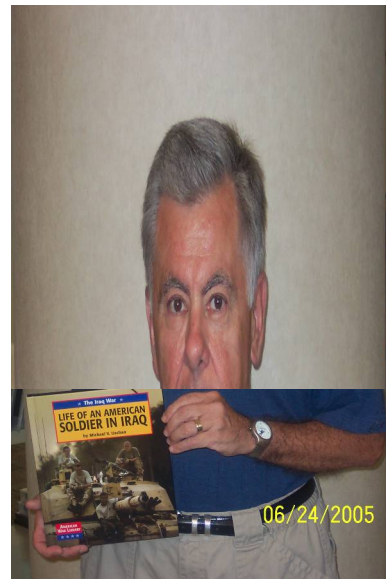
An insert to Franklin Public Library's "*Check It Out*"

**July-August, 2005**

### **RIGHT UP FRONT!!!!**



The Friends of the Franklin Public Library will be right up front in the Franklin Fourth of July Parade. Come on out to West Loomis Road on July 4 at 11:00 a.m. to cheer the Friends who will be escorting Franklin's 2005 Parade Marshall, Karen Grochowski, the FRIENDS' Books For Soldiers Coordinator at the Franklin Public Library. Look for Friends holding a giant banner stating *Franklin Public Library Friends Support Books for Soldiers*.



Award winning author and Franklin resident **Michael V. Uschan** (b. 1948) has written 50 books and shows no signs of stopping. Twice the recipient of the **Juvenile Nonfiction Award for Wisconsin Writers**, Uschan writes mostly nonfiction books for young readers. *Google* Michael V. Uschan and go from there for a list, and also see, in some cases, short reviews of his books. Or, go to Lucent Books, [www.galegroup.com](http://www.galegroup.com)



### **STARS and STRIPES and COWS and RAINBOWS**

You'll find all these and more at the Quilt Raffle for the Franklin Public Library. Four gorgeous red,

white and blue patriotic quilts, a Wisconsin Cow baby quilt, and four other colorful quilts round out the collection the Works of Heart Quilters have expertly designed for the Friends' summer raffle. You can see the quilts on display in Lions Legend Park in the Friends' Tent in front of Franklin City Hall. Be sure to purchase a chance to win and support Friends' and Works of Heart Quilters' programs at the Franklin Public Library. The drawing will be on July 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm on the main stage. You need not be present to win.

In addition to his nonfiction juvenile titles, which cover many subjects from baseball to the Founding Fathers, Uschan has written several biographies of significant individuals from United States Presidents to international sports stars.

Before taking up a career as an author, Uschan was a reporter and editor for United Press International and his comparison of journalism vis-à-vis book writing is a gem: "... in the helter-skelter world of wire service news there was a 'deadline every minute' and the overriding requirement of my job was to transmit stories I was working on to our newspaper and broadcast clients as fast as possible."

“...Writing books is different ... I now enjoy the luxury of being able to labor for many weeks to research, write and rewrite a manuscript.”

“I write because I like to read.” Uschan states that his greatest dream was to one day go to his hometown library (West Allis, WI), walk up to the wooden chest of drawers that contained a card for every book in the library and find a card with his name printed on it. By the time his first title was published in 1996, *A Multicultural Portrait of World War I*, his local library had gone digital. “When I typed in my name under AUTHOR, the title of my first book appeared almost instantly on the computer screen. It was one of the most satisfying experiences of my life. On my next visit there I looked up my book again and *it was out!* Someone was reading a book I had written.”

Michael Uschan has also served on the Franklin Public Library Foundation Board since 1999.



Join Staci Joers and the Friends of the Franklin Public Library on Tuesday, August 30, from 6:00-8:00 pm in Lions Legend Park. *Cost: \$18.00.* Grilling has become a national pastime, and yet, many of us seldom go beyond the hot dog, brat, or

occasional chicken breast. There is a whole world of grilling out there, and Staci Joers will be here to show it to you. You'll get the latest and greatest BBQ and grilling tips. Staci will be working with gas and charcoal grills, and she'll discuss direct vs. indirect grilling, barbecuing and smoking.

You will taste Grilled Quesadillas and Pizza Dough Bread Sticks, Marinated Asparagus, Grilled Raw Fries and Bacon-Wrapped Gorgonzola Stuffed Filets and Grilled Pizza. Either stop in at the library to register or send a check for \$18.00 to Friends of the Franklin Public Library, 9151 West Loomis Road, Franklin, WI 53132, RE: Grilling Program, ATTN: Judy Roberts. Note, bring a beverage and a lawn chair.

### ***WE TARGET MOVERS AND SHAKERS!***

Well, at least Movers! The Friends of the Franklin Public Library seek to increase our used books inventory by targeting residents moving from the Franklin area. People who are moving have a NEED to downsize possessions. **Rosemary and Joe Lengyel**, Friends members, are spearheading this drive. Sale of used books, CDs, DVDs and videos in the Book Nook, our Annual Sale in September (weekend after Labor Day), and Internet sales are a mainstay of our fundraisers. With this drive we expect a full complement of used books and other items in our Book Nook. Stop in anytime to shop! Prices are very reasonable! Even if you are not moving, please consider donating your gently used items.

### ***ARE YOU AN INVETERATE RUMMAGER?***

Rummage Sales! Does that pique your interest? The Friends are looking for a frequent rummage sale shopper. We need someone to provide rummage sellers with a flyer asking them to donate leftover books to the Franklin Public Library. Now you rummagers will have a **MISSION!**

### ***TEACUP---SAUCER TEACUP---SAUCER TEACUP---SAUCER TEACUP---SAUCER***



No, the Friends are not playing kids' games. We are looking for teacups with saucers to be able to plan "Afternoon Teas" for

various audiences. If you have extra teacups and saucers you no longer want or need, please drop them (gently) off at the library. The teacups and saucers will NOT be returned so please do not bring your Dresden treasures. We are looking for any style, pattern, or color.



When our "old" library was the "new" library in the City Hall building just south of our present site, Former Director Bernie Bellin called a group of supporters together to talk about "Friends." Before the first library was dedicated a group of Franklin Friends had helped raise funds to promote the idea.

(Yes, believe it or not, there was a time in Franklin history when City Fathers put "Library" at the bottom of their priority list.)

I remember meeting with a group of Friends from the Hales Corners Library, which was then housed in a former Episcopal church across from the Sentry store (then Red Owl) on Highway 100. They came to our new library and gave us suggestions on getting started — joining FOWL (Friends of Wisconsin Libraries), recruiting members, raising funds, planning programs. During the many years I was active in the Friends' organization, I particularly remember children's programs at the library, a sale of "weeds" and pumpkins at the St. Martins Labor Day Fair, wreath making and Christmas stocking programs. This was long before there was even one computer in the library and at a time when the shelves still had room to hold all the books. (We soon outgrew that limited space.)

Over time, I became more involved in other ventures and, though I continued to pay my Friends dues, bought a "brick" at the outdoor entrance of our spacious new library, and patronized the book sales, that was about all I had time for. Now, though, as the new Friends' Secretary, I'm glad to be back in the midst of things again. And I'm in awe of all that a small, active group of Friends have been accomplishing on behalf of our library. First, hats off to **David Beine**, stepping down after 8 years as Friends President, and his wife **Judy Beine**, Vice President. This dedicated couple has done more work behind the scenes to support the library and Friends' involvement than most people can guess. Judy will continue to be editor of the Friends' newsletter. She and David are taking their leadership talents to the state level, as co-presidents of FOWL. Our thanks, too, to my friend and neighbor, **Anita Nickerson**, for her many years as Secretary of this organization.

**Ms. High Energy** — AKA **Judy Roberts** — whom I remember from those earlier Friends' days, is our new President and has already presented an ambitious list of programs and activities for the Friends in the coming year. (Judy has also been the key supporter of the quilters and their raffles, who meet in our library.) Fortunately, because of the high energy and dedication of some other Friends, we have the financial resources to carry out all of Judy's plans. **Terrence Berres** has been the driving force behind the Annual Used Book Sale for many years, and now we have two web-savvy members, **Shirley Koehler** and **Rita Bruders**, who have been selling donated used books on E-Bay and through another website, Half.com. **Diane Oleson** and **Barb Gawronski** keep the Book Nook stocked and orderly, and Treasurer **Karen Brehm** keeps financial records in perfect order. **Julia Kurlinski** and **Shirley Koehler** are our membership team (and if you haven't already paid your annual membership dues, they'll be happy to add yours to the list.)

One busy member who has particularly impressed me is **Karen Grochowski**, whom you'll see at the Franklin Fourth of July parade — she has been chosen Parade Marshall this year, and you'll see some of our Friends walking along with a banner, "**Franklin Friends Support Books for Soldiers.**" Karen has a special interest in soldiers — her son Brian is in Iraq, see <http://bravobattery126.com/> and she has launched a successful program to let those soldiers know we care. You will have an opportunity to purchase a "Care" package for soldiers during the three-day celebration at Lions Legend Park. The care package will include personal hygiene items, such as lip moisturizer, a must in the desert wind! Pillows and pillow cases (made by volunteers all over SE Wis.) can also be purchased for inclusion in the care packs.

**Something new** -- Children visiting the Books for Soldiers booth on July 2, July 3 or July 4 can draw a greeting card to a soldier.

Other Friends who have agreed to serve on the Friends Board in the coming year are **Don Dorsan**, Vice President, **Sharon Holden** and **Sandy Wojtecki**, Members at Large, who will head special programs during the coming year.

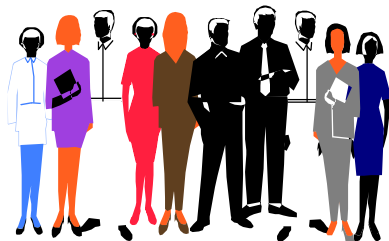
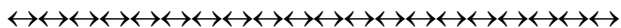
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Even if you don't have extra time to give the Friends, you can be a Friend by helping out in any of the following ways:

- Become a member by paying annual dues;
- Donate used books, magazines, audiotapes, CDs, DVDs, recent textbooks;
- Attend special programs sponsored by Friends;
- Wave at us in the Fourth of July parade;
- Patronize our Book Nook and our Annual Used Book Sale; and
- Check us out on the web  
(<http://terrenceberres.com/ffpl.html>)

Working with the Franklin Friends reminds me of a well-known saying by anthropologist Margaret Mead: "It's amazing what a small group of committed people can accomplish to change the world. In fact, it's the only thing that ever has."

[Marjorie Pagel was a charter member of Franklin's Friends and we applaud her for coming back to take part!]



**FRIENDS NEED MORE FRIENDS:**

- Individual \$10.00
- Family \$15.00
- Senior 62+ \$5.00
- Business Sponsor \$25.00
- Benefactor \$50.00 (or more)

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. And, if you would like to volunteer, let us know that too!

**GET YOUR BOOKS BEFORE**

**THE BOOK SALE**



To encourage our Friends members to volunteer to sort and organize books we will offer an added perk. All Friends/volunteers who help sort books for the used book sale will be able to

purchase from available books at the end of their volunteer shift. We plan to sort books on Wednesday, August 31, Thursday, Sept 1, Friday, Sept 2, and Saturday, Sept 3.

**The Annual Used Book Sale starts Thursday, Sept 8 (Friends' preview only) and continues through Sunday, Sept 11.**

Judy Roberts, President of The Friends of the Franklin Public Library, may soon call you to see if you are interested in sorting books. Later, in August, another volunteer will call you to set up a specific time. You can also call Judy at 421-8983 or e-mail at [jaroberts@wi.rr.com](mailto:jaroberts@wi.rr.com) to let her know you wish to volunteer to sort and organize books. Remember, you get to purchase as soon as your volunteer time ends!



a line from author Jorge Luis Borges:

"I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of library."

**Editor's note** -- READERS, IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS, TRIVIA, EVENTS, CRITICISMS OR NEWS ITEMS TO ADD TO THE **FRIENDS'** NEWSLETTER, PLEASE COMMUNICATE THEM TO ANYONE ON FPL'S STAFF OR TO YOUR EDITOR, JUDY BEINE, 414 421-3490 OR EMAIL [JBEINE@WI.RR.COM](mailto:JBEINE@WI.RR.COM) WE WILL CONSIDER ALL SUBMISSIONS.

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