

FRIENDLY CONNECTIONS

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The newsletter of
The Friends of the
Saint Paul Public Library

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Nominations and Judges Wanted for Minnesota Book Awards

The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library has opened nominations for the 21st annual Minnesota Book Awards, honoring the state's finest authors, illustrators, publishers, and other literary contributors. Eight categories have been established to recognize and celebrate the best in Minnesota literature: Children's Literature; General Nonfiction; Genre Fiction; Memoir & Creative Nonfiction; Minnesota; Novel & Short Story; Poetry; and Young People's Literature.

Anyone may nominate a book for a Book Award, although a \$40 fee, five copies of the book and a completed form are required for entry. Nominators may include—but are not limited to—authors, publishers, and agents.

Nomination forms and the eligibility and entry guidelines are available online at www.thefriends.org. The deadline for submission of nominations is **5 p.m. on Friday, December 12.**

For others who want to be involved with the Book Awards, applications for preliminary and final round judges are also now being accepted. Volunteer judge applications and eligibility requirements are available online or by calling 651-336-6497. Qualified individuals new to the book judging process, as well as experienced judges, are encouraged to apply. Great care is



SAVE THE DATE!
**21st Annual
Minnesota Book
Awards Gala**
**Saturday,
April 25, 2009**

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Donor Society Guest Author Offers a Fascinating Glimpse into Africa

The 2008 Donor Society Luncheon, sponsored by Securian Financial Services, was held September 12th at the Town & Country Club.

Donor Society members were entertained by Stanley Trollip, who, with his friend Michael Sears, wrote *A Carrion Death*, under the pen name Michael Stanley. Sears and Trollip, both South Africans by birth, mined their love of the African subcontinent – particularly Botswana and Zimbabwe – to write this, their first novel, in which memorable detective, David “Kubu” Bengu made his debut.

Members of the Donor Society received a complimentary copy of the book, signed by the author, after the presentation and lunch. The Donor Society recognizes The Friends' most generous individual supporters. Donor Society members make substantial annual gifts to The Friends, such as a contribution of \$500 or more. Additionally, individuals who've made provisions for The Friends in their estate plan become members of the Donor Society.



Jenny Mateer and her guest, Donna Lavalley were thrilled by author Stanley Trollip as he signed books and chatted with guests.



Representatives from Securian, including Friends' Board member Jerry Woelfel (3rd from left), and founding partner Jim Quandt (center), gather with our guest author, Stanley Trollip (3rd from right).

All of us at The Friends – and especially the members of the Donor Society – are proud to live in a community that cares so much about its libraries. We thank Securian Financial Services for its support. It truly makes a difference and is greatly appreciated. If you would like more information about becoming a member of the Donor Society, please contact Liz Boyd at 651-366-6490.

Friends Ask Mayor and Library Board to Reinstate Morning Hours, Increase Materials Budget, Address Safety Issues

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The Friends and volunteers from across the City met recently with Mayor Coleman and each member of the City Council to request critically important support for the Library in 2009, including morning hours at 5 branches, increasing the collections budget to keep pace with inflation, and additional community police presence.

The message they presented: The Saint Paul Public Library provides vital services for Saint Paul's children and teens, as well as adults of all ages. It is a place for open-ended learning and discovery. For many, it is the only access point for engaging in online research and networking. It's often a place of entertainment for people who may have few other opportunities for creative exploration and expression, and it's a place where patrons should feel confident that they are safe *at all times*.

This year, the Library would need at least \$200,000 over the 2008 budget just to keep pace with the rising cost of doing business and inflation in book prices. In order to continue serving the nearly 3 million people who use the Library annually, the base operating budget needs to be at least \$200,000 higher than the current base operating budget of \$14.5 million to offer the same level of service as in 2008.

The Library recently conducted an internal needs assessment process, which identified three top priorities for 2009:

1. Reinstate morning hours at 5 branches: Arlington Hills, Hamline-Midway, Hayden Heights, Merriam Park, and Riverview. Rice Street will also add morning hours in 2009 with current staffing levels. This expanded access will provide a quieter and more comfortable alternative for seniors and people with small children compared to the typically

busy after-school and evening hours.

2. Increase the collections budget to keep pace with inflation. Ultimately, the Library needs to allocate more resources to the



books and materials budget, bringing it to 15% of the Library's total budget (it is currently about 10%).

3. Augment existing "community policing" efforts with an additional full-time officer or security presence, floating among a number of branches. This proven approach allows personal interaction and relationship building, increasing safety and quality of service for all Library users.

To protect our library — books, materials, services, staff and facilities — and to provide users with a safe space conducive to discovery, learning, and quiet study, The Friends calls upon the Mayor and the Library Board to:

1. **Make no cuts to the Library's budget**, and increase funding to cover inflation, keeping the Library at a level comparable to the 2008 budget.
2. **Increase morning hours** at five branch libraries (*cost = \$175,000*)



3. **Increase the collections and materials budget** (*cost = \$100,000*)

4. **Make the Library facilities safer** and more welcoming by:

- adding a floating, full-time community police or security officer, and
- improving the staff/patron ratio (*cost = \$65,000 for the security presence and \$100,000 for increased staffing level; total = \$165,000*)

5. **Support the capital bonding process** to enable the Library to address long-term capital investment needs.

Currently celebrating its 63rd year, The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library is a private, nonprofit organization which assists the Saint Paul Public Library through private fundraising, advocacy, cultural programming and public awareness activities.

Volunteers from throughout the city, representing all 12 branches and Central Library, comprise the Advocacy Committee.

Together with Library staff, the group works to develop a position paper outlining current priorities for the Library.

The advocacy position paper is then presented by the constituents to their representatives on the City Council.

Book Awards Open (cont.)

given to ensure diversity of background and experience on the panels. The deadline for judging applications is **Friday, October 10, 2008.**

And finally, nominations are also now open for the **2009 Minnesota Book Artist Award.** This annual award, sponsored by the Minnesota Book Awards and MCBA (Minnesota Center for Book Arts), recognizes a book artist or long-standing book artist collaborative group for excellence of artistic work, as well as significant contributions to Minnesota's book artist community. Details about the award and nomination materials are available at our website (www.thefriends.org) or by calling 651-366-6497. Nominations remain open until **Friday, November 7, 2008.**

All winners will be announced at the 21st Annual Minnesota Book Awards Gala on Saturday, April 25, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel – Saint Paul Riverfront. Ticket information for the Awards celebration will be available in early 2009. For more information, please contact Ann Nelson at The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library, 651-366-6497. 🌻

THE FRIENDS WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, MINNESOTA BOOK AWARDS INTERN

The Friends is pleased to announce the addition of **Patricia Marjoram** as Director of Finance. Marjoram comes to The Friends with prior service for the Library Foundation of Hennepin County and Graywolf Press, where she directed all financial and accounting functions. She also worked with the American Refugee Committee and Minnesota International Health Volunteers, often traveling to Africa to provide technical support and training to financial officers. She brings a solid background in both public accounting and nonprofit arts financial administration, having worked in a "Big 6" accounting firm, and with two of the premier arts organizations in the Twin Cities: The Children's Theatre Company and the Walker Art Center. Marjoram assumes all accounting functions from Rick Menk, who recently left The Friends after 12 years of service.



We are also delighted to introduce our 2008 Minnesota Book Awards intern, **Charlie Broderick**, who will begin her internship on Sept. 16.



Broderick is entering Hamline University's Masters of Fine Arts program in creative writing this fall. Her advisor, Minnesota Book Award-winner Deborah Keenan, referred Charlie to our internship opportunity.

Broderick is new to the Twin Cities, having moved here just four weeks ago from Sioux Falls. She grew up in Chicago, and received her undergraduate degree in psychology at Colorado State University. 🌻

LIBRARY FRIENDS SHARE MORE THAN JUST A LOVE OF READING

When long-time Friends members Jon and Metta Belisle met and befriended their new neighbor, Aman, they had no idea how mutually gratifying it would be. The young Eritrean refugee was a delightful friend to read with and play with. A wide-eyed and enthusiastic new American, Aman was enthralled by all the opportunities his adoptive home offered. One such opportunity was participation in the Library's Summer Reading Program (SRP). Supported by The Friends, the program offers a summer full of family-friendly activities and entertainment at library branches all over town, as well as incentives for reading books.



Metta first took Aman to Sun Ray Library to help him get his very own library card, then followed up by reading with him often, and returning regularly to participate in SRP activities. Seven-year-old Aman recently sent The Friends a very sweet note thanking us for the free book he was awarded for reading 10 hours, and the shows he and "Grandma Metta" enjoyed together.

The Summer Reading Program includes performances, workshops, story-times, lunches with librarians, online book reviews and a read-for-rewards program guaranteed to whip kids and teens into a reading frenzy. Research has shown that kids who actively read between school terms grow up to be better readers and learners.

Since the inception of the Summer Reading Program in 1960, The Friends has been a strong, vital supporter. In recent years, The Friends has provided annual grants to the Library of \$30,000 or more to support the free public programs that occur each summer (please see SRP sponsors listed on page 6). Last year, over 10,000 children and teens registered to win prizes in the Program, and more than 16,000 people attended the dozens of free events offered over the summer. 🌻

ETHICAL WILLS

You have spent the time and the money to finalize your estate plan. You've made provisions for your family and your favorite charities. You feel you have created the legacy you desire. But why? Does anyone really know why you have created this legacy? Is there more to your legacy than passing on assets? What about your values and beliefs? What about your memories and your life experiences? Have you left those legacies? Have you told anyone what you hope they do with the gifts you have left? Ethical wills, which date back to Biblical times, are becoming more prevalent, and writing one may be a lot more difficult than the estate plan you have just completed!

A recently published book (and movie) has made popular the idea of leaving more than just your assets behind. *The Ultimate Gift*, by James Stovall, centers on the death of a very wealthy man who leaves a special legacy to a spoiled, arrogant grandson. The grandson is given learning assignments — or challenges — for 12 consecutive months. As you can imagine, the challenges do not involve the grandfather's extensive estate, but rather his life lessons in humility and humanity that made him something more than just a wealthy man. The grandson's journey is the legacy, and the ultimate gift he receives is more than just a portion of the estate; it is the knowledge of the powerful gifts we all have — regardless of wealth.

A LOVE LETTER TO YOUR FAMILY

Often referred to as a “love letter” to your family, an ethical will may be more meaningful than the act of simply dividing and distributing your assets. It is a means of sharing your values and beliefs—something that a legally enforceable will is incapable of doing. It is your chance to say what is important to you. Every ethical will is as unique as the person writing it, there is no specific definition as to what should be included.

How do you create your own ethical will? It will not be something you can achieve in one sitting. In fact, consider preparing it on your computer so that it may be edited and evolve over time.

WHERE TO BEGIN?

Check the website, www.ethicalwill.com created by Barry K. Baines, MD, the medical

director of a home-based hospice program. Baines offers a list of common themes seen in modern ethical wills:

- Important personal values and beliefs;
- Hopes and blessings for future generations;
- Life's lessons;
- Love; and
- Forgiving others and asking for forgiveness.

Baines also provides many personal reasons for writing an ethical will:

- We all want to be remembered, and we all will leave something behind;
- If we don't tell our stories, no one else will and they will be lost forever;
- By articulating what we value now, we can take steps to insure the continuation of those values for future generations;
- You learn a lot about yourself in the process of writing an ethical will;
- It provides a sense of completion in our lives.

AN EMOTIONAL PROCESS

Creating an ethical will can be emotionally draining. The very act of putting on paper your farewell thoughts is to face your own mortality. You are writing for posterity—not something to be taken lightly. Ethical will formats vary. They can be handwritten, prepared on a word processor, an oral account on a compact disc, or a visual account on a DVD. But remember, the format is less important than the content. This is your last word to your loved ones. They will not have the opportunity to respond. Do not be critical or too controlling. Do not attempt to exact behavior from your children. Tell about your life, what you believe, what you've learned and what your dreams are for your loved ones. These words will have lasting meaning long after the assets are transferred. 🌿

For more information about ethical wills and other estate planning guidance, contact Liz Boyd, Director of Individual and Planned Giving, at 651-366-6490, or liz@thefriends.org.

Dig deeper at the Library:

Beyond the Grave: The Right Way and the Wrong Way of Leaving Money to Your Children (and Others), by Gerald M. Condon and Jeffrey L. Condon.

On Our Own Terms: Moyers on Dying, by Bill Moyers

Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams, by Randy Pausch

The Ultimate Gift, by Jim Stovall

Women's Lives, Women's Legacies: Passing Your Beliefs and Blessings to Future Generations, by Rachael Freed

HARVESTING THE WISDOM OF OUR WORK

Rachael Freed

October 30, 2008

7:00-8:00 p.m.,

Merriam Park Library



As the baby boomer generation approaches retirement, it becomes urgent to preserve our experience and wisdom for those who will follow us. Legacy writing is one tool you can use to help preserve the ideals and values that made your work life meaningful.

Your unique contributions, whether large or small, are significant to preserve history and offer insight to the next generation.

Harvesting your knowledge and wisdom will help you see where you've been and where you are, and prepare you for where you're going. Join us to begin writing your legacy.

Rachael Freed, LICSW, facilitator of legacy-related workshops for individuals and groups, companies, health care, philanthropic and religious organizations, is the author of *Women's Lives, Women's Legacies: Passing Your Beliefs and Blessings to Future Generations*.

Join us on October 30th at Merriam Park Branch Library, or learn more at: www.womenslegacies.com

Advocacy Committee Update (cont.)

Facilities Planning Process: Long-term Needs

There are a number of long-term needs at the Library. While they are not included in this year's funding request, they should be considered priorities for the future health of our city and its great Library system. These include:

- A web services manager;
- Additional staff for improved customer service and safety;
- A commitment to "green" development for Library buildings;
- Installation of fiber-optic technology between all Library facilities. The fact that bandwidth is often "maxed-out" means decreased efficiency and longer waits for both customers and staff;
- Increasing Saturday hours at Central Library; and
- Dedicated public funding for technology replacement. It is estimated that by 2010, the Library will need approximately \$500,000 annually for replacement of computers and other technology. Currently, the Library funds technology replacement with fees and fines, as well as a small line item in its budget of \$40,000 each year.

The Friends' Match

In order to support this commitment to the Saint Paul Public Library, The Friends offers to match City funds in two ways:

1. If the City increases by \$440,000 its investment in the Saint Paul Public Library, The Friends will match that with \$200,000 in private funds for both the purchase of books and materials, and support of Library programs and services.
2. If the City issues Library bonds for long-term capital investments, The Friends will raise at least \$10 million in private funds over the next five years to supplement Library renovations and improvements, continuing its pursuit of a vision that the Saint Paul Public Library is among the foremost library systems in the United States.

The final budget won't be approved until sometime in December. Until then, we remain optimistic. 🌿

So Long, Stu... We'll Miss You!

It is with mixed feelings we announce the departure of Stu Wilson, Vice President of Operations for The Friends. Of course we're sorry to lose him after 12 years of creative and dedicated service, but we wish him the best as he works in his new position to unify the **Library Foundation of Hennepin County** and **The Friends of the Minneapolis Public Library**. Wilson will be the Executive Director of the organization that supports the recently merged library systems.

Among his many achievements during his tenure at The Friends, he is perhaps proudest of his involvement with the **Minnesota Book Awards**. It was The Friends who founded the program 21 years ago as part of the Twin Cities Festival of the Book, and Stu has been actively involved for the last 11 years. His leadership brought the Book Awards back to The Friends two years ago.

He has helped The Friends win numerous national awards for public relations and programming, including the coveted **John Cotton Dana Award** for the public awareness campaign surrounding the reopening of Central Library after its \$17 million renovation. Other award-winning programs include the **Chicano Latino Writers Festival** and the **Untold Stories** labor history series, both of which he launched while heading up cultural programming.

Twelve Branches: Stories From St. Paul was another of Wilson's major achievements, with assistance from Marvin Anderson, former Program Committee Chair. It began as The Friends' Library Book Project to coincide with the reopening of Central, and was developed to connect the vast array of library services with the broadest number of users. The idea was to write a novel about St. Paul, told by the very people who live here. The outstanding, enjoyable work of fiction was published by Coffee House Press, and is available at all Saint Paul Public Library branches.

Please join us in congratulating Stu on his new position "across the river." We'll miss him, and wish him good luck! 🌿



Stu Wilson, Vice President of Operations for The Friends, is leaving after 12 years.

Memorials & Honoraria 5/7/08 through 9/19/08

Memorials in Perpetuity *

Frances Frost Sailors: Shirley Sailors
James P. Houck: The Mellin Family
Leonard G. Kaufer: Robert Kaufer

Book Endowment

Jill Scarpari

Memorials

Jean Borax: Kathryn Abbott; Anonymous; Jeanne Comeford; Alice H. Engelman; Friends at Highland Grill; Beverly Gause; Lori Haaland; Gail Helland; Tracy Hrouda; Marylee Martig Johnson; Susan Kosel; Peg Murrinan; Bernd and Karin Schreiber; Maria Thompson Seep and Jim Seep; Stephanie Shimp; Staff of Harding High School; Micheal and Rebecca Thompson; Muriel Thompson; Kathleen Wilson

Millie Byrne: Colleen M. Byrne

Patricia Ethier: Helen A. Fleming

George Gold: Mark and Susan Williamson

Dan Hardy: Michele Boston; Patrick Coleman; Co-Workers of Richard Hardy; Victoria Keller; Greg, Mary, Henry, Frances and Fred Myers; Edward J. Flahavan and Susan O'Leary; Richard and Kathleen Hardy; Paul and Amy Vargo

George Jurgensen: Mary R. Benson

William Miller: Jane and Dick Scott

Robert Parker: Ralph and Reece Bell; Mary K. Ross

Lars Steltzner: Bonnie Alexander; Geri Olson; Bill and Beverly Seabloom

Austin Wehrwein: Ruby Hunt

Honoraria in Perpetuity *

Benjamin Isaac: Mary Fitzpatrick and Michael Helmecki

Kenji and Akimi Oyanagi's 60th wedding anniversary: Lynn M. Oyanagi

Honoraria

Fran and Larry Butler's 50th Wedding Anniversary: David and Kathleen Tregilgas

Terry (Hoffman) Devitt and Rod Thein's Wedding: Kathleen H. Corley; William and Maureen Cosgriff; R. James and Rene Gesell

Brian Leff and Jennifer Busse's February 29, 2008 Wedding: Anonymous

Benjamin Entenza Quam's 2008 Graduation from Central High: Matt Entenza, Lois Quam and brothers, Will and Steve

**A gift of \$500 or more will endow the purchase of a book for the Library each year in perpetuity.*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: 5/7/08-9/19/08

Sandra and Edward Abramson
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 Chuck and Lee Blons
 The Camilleri Family
 Sharon R. Clark
 Edward J. Cleary
 Jackie Cronin
 Steven Damer
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 Sarah Dobis
 Keith and Marie Dotseth
 Matthew and Vickey Dudley
 Shirley Espeland
 Lori Fligge
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 Sara L. Gjerdrum and Charles S. Olson

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 Shirley Larson
 Deborah Lee
 Toni R. Magnuson
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 Karen Mareck
 Patricia Marjoram and Paul Miller
 David and Shirley Martin
 James and Martha McCartney
 Carolyn McClain
 Kelli McCully

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 Diane M. McIver
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 Craig Polley and Thekla Rura-Polley
 Claire H. Press
 Peter and Erin Probst
 Susan Rasmussen
 Nancy Scanlan
 Joseph and Sheila Schneider
 John Sielaff
 Linda Silver
 Jerome Siy
 Debra Mitts Smith and Marschall I. Smith

Conrad Soderholm and Mary Tingerthal
 Roger Sorbel
 David and Linda Spokowski
 Carol Starkey
 Philip and Brielle Basil Stoyke
 Audrey Sueker
 Joan Trenerry
 Meg Ubel
 Joan Velasquez
 Ann Walton
 Barbara G. Washburn
 Joe White and Jeanne Hannah-White
 Michele Mary Wicka
 Kathleen K. Wolter
 Abby and Ron Young

SUMMER READING PROGRAM:

IT'S A WRAP!

Thank you to all of the generous sponsors of the 2008 Summer Reading Program at the Saint Paul Public Library:

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SteppingStone Theatre for Youth Development



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BACK TO SCHOOL MEANS BACK TO THE LIBRARY!

For many St. Paul students, back to school also means back to the Library for its Homework Help program. Now in its ninth academic year, Homework Help is available at five library locations, and live, online help is available to anyone with a library card. A sixth homework center is opening this fall at the Arlington Hills Branch Library. If you know a student in grade four through adult that may need assistance, please let them know about this great resource!

The **Read With Me** program is also back in swing for the fall. First- through third-graders who need assistance with reading are paired with a teen or adult to read for one hour each week of the academic year.

Major funding for the 2008-2009 Homework Help program is provided by the **Best Buy Children's Foundation, RBC Foundation, Travelers Foundation, and Xcel Energy Foundation.** Volunteers to serve as tutors are needed in both programs. For more information, please visit www.sppl.org/homework. 🌟

THE FRIENDS' PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS FOR OCTOBER AND BEYOND



October 7 – 7 p.m.

THE ROSE ENSEMBLE WORKSHOP

Hamline Midway Branch Library, 1558 W. Minnehaha Avenue

The Rose Ensemble, the Twin Cities' premier early vocal music group, presents a workshop and discussion about their upcoming concert, "Celestial Harvest: Music for the End of Time."

October 8 – Noon

NOON BOOK CHATS IN ZELDA COFFEE

Central Library, 90 W. 4th St.

Minnesota Crime Wave member Ellen Hart (*Mortal Groove*) discusses *In the Woods* by Tana French.



October 10 – 7 pm

AN EVENING OF IRISH POETRY AND MUSIC

Central Library, 90 W. 4th St., Magazine Room

Join acclaimed writers for an entertaining evening of Irish poetry and music. Some readers include Eamonn Wall and James Liddy from Ireland, as well as Irish-American poets Daniel Tobin, Ethna McKiernan, and Donna Potts. Paddy O'Brien provides traditional Irish music selections. Reservations are required for this free event. Please call The Friends at 651-222-3242. Presented with Metro State University.



October 15, 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS FILM SERIES

Presented with The Advocates for Human Rights

Hayden Heights Branch Library, 1456 White Bear Ave.

"Finding Dawn," examines the murders and disappearances of an estimated 500 Aboriginal women who have gone



missing or been murdered in Canada over the past 30 years, crimes that remain unresolved to this day. A discussion will follow the film.

Additional films in the series will include: "Iron Ladies of Liberia," November 19 at St. Anthony Park Branch Library and "Maquilapolis: City of Factories," December 16 at Riverview Branch Library. And the series continues into 2009. Watch our website and future newsletters for updates.

October 26 – 2 p.m.

PUBLICATION EVENT FOR "CUTTINGS"

St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 2245 Como Avenue

Don't miss the publication party of Artichoke Press's new title, *Cuttings*, a collaborative work by ten Minnesota writers. In this limited edition, fine press book, Georgia A. Greeley uses phrases that have been cut from contributors' previous manuscripts to create something new and beautiful.



IS THERE A DOCTOR IN THE BOOK? PHYSICIANS WRITE ABOUT THEIR WORLD

How do doctors think? What happens when a doctor becomes a patient? What's a doctor's prescription for our ailing health care system? What happens when a doctor acts against medicine's highest values? These and other questions are the focus of "Is There a Doctor in the Book? Physicians Write About Their World." In four very different evenings, using four very different books, we will visit a doctor's world, with help from guest commentators, themselves physicians. Moderated by Patricia Ohmans, MPH, of Health Advocates.

All programs take place at St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 2245 Como Ave.

Thursday, October 9, 7 p.m.

The Soul of a Doctor: Harvard Medical Students Face Life and Death (an anthology). Stories told by 44 doctors-in-training about what they've learned—the hard way.

Thursday, October 16, 7 p.m.

As I Live and Breathe: Notes of a Patient-Doctor, by Jamie Weisman. The gripping memoir of a young doctor with a rare disease.

Thursday, October 23, 7 p.m.

A Second Opinion: Rescuing America's Health Care, by Arnold Relman. A Harvard medical school professor's take on what's wrong with American health care, and how to fix it.

Thursday, October 30, 7 p.m.

Oath Betrayed: Torture, Medical Complicity, and the War on Terror, by Steven Miles. Careful research led a Minnesota ethicist to insights on how and why doctors, nurses, and medics helped abuse prisoners at Guantanamo.

2008 TWIN CITIES JEWISH BOOK FAIR

Saturday, Nov. 1 @ 6:30 Art, 7:30 program, 8:30 signing.

Benefit with Israeli Fine Art Market and special guest **Martin Fletcher, NBC News Bureau Chief, Tel Aviv**, and author of *Breaking News*. St. Paul JCC.

Sunday, Nov. 2 @ 3:00 p.m.

Jeff Hetzberg and Zoe Francois, co-authors of *Artisan Bread in Five Minutes a Day: The Discovery That Revolutionizes Home Baking*. St. Paul JCC.

Wednesday, Nov. 5 @ 7:30 p.m.

Joanna Hershon, author of *The German Bride*. St. Paul JCC (or Minneapolis JCC).

Sunday, Nov. 9 @ 3:00 p.m.

Rimon Artist Salon @ the Twin Cities Jewish Book Fair. Guest: **Roger Bennett**, author of *And They Shall Know Us By The Trail Of Our Vinyl: The Jewish Past As Told By The Music We Have Loved And Lost*.

Tuesday, Nov. 11 @ 7:30 p.m.

Bob Morris, author of *Assisted Loving: True Tales of Double Dating With My Dad*. St. Paul JCC.

Thursday, Nov. 13 @ 7:30 p.m.

Reed Farrel Coleman, author of *Redemption Street*. St. Paul JCC.

Sunday, Nov. 16 @ 2:00 p.m.

Comic Book Expo. **Arie Kaplan**, author of *From Krakow to Krypton: Jews and Comic Books*, appears @ 3:00 p.m. St. Paul JCC.

Tuesday, Nov. 18 @ 7:30 p.m.

Community Reads Presentation: **Ariel Sabar**, author of *My Father's Paradise: A Son's search for His Jewish Past in Kurdish Iraq*. St. Paul JCC.

Thursday, Nov. 20 @ 7:30 p.m.

Robin Gerber, author of *Eleanor Vs. Ike*. St. Paul JCC.

Saturday, Nov. 22 @ 7:30 p.m.

Closing Night Jam — Reminisce about the "good old days" with **Kevin Odegard**, local musician and author of *A Simple Twist Of Fate: Bob Dylan and the Making of "Blood On The Tracks"* (Kevin played on the session), and some of the Twin Cities' favorite musicians offering their favorite Dylan tunes.

Call the St. Paul JCC for ticket information at 651-698-0751. Friends members will receive the JCC discount upon request.

THRILLS FOR DINNER

RBC Wealth Management presents:



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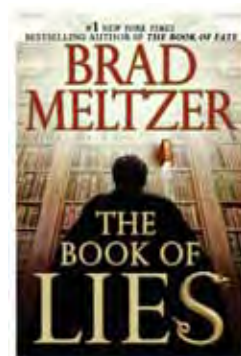
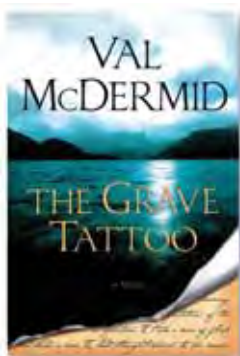
Sunday, October 12, 2008

Please join us for the 5th annual Opus & Olives, a fundraising event hosted by—and supporting the work of—The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library and local literacy projects of the *Pioneer Press*.

Enjoy drinks, dinner, and engaging conversation with five of the world's bestselling authors. Our line-up for 2008 has a distinctly “thrilling” flavor:

- Master of Ceremonies and master of the political thriller, **Vince Flynn**
- Pulitzer Prize-winning Civil War historian and author, **James M. McPherson**
- Internationally lauded “Tartan Noir” mystery writer, **Val McDermid**
- Journalist, documentary filmmaker, and one-half of the Jefferson Bass writing team, **Jon Jefferson**
- Critically acclaimed author of legal thrillers *and* comic books, **Brad Meltzer**

The evening begins with a cocktail reception and social hour, when our authors visit with guests and sign copies of their books (which can be purchased at the event). This is followed by a wonderfully relaxed and entertaining dinner, when each bestselling author speaks about his or her book, the art of writing, love of reading, or other topics. The evening ends with another opportunity to interact with the authors and purchase their books. Ticket prices start at \$125. Visit our website for more information or call The Friends at 651-222-3242. 🌿



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