

# FRIENDLY CONNECTIONS

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## Minnesota: Land of 10,000 Lakes and a "Boatload" of Award-Winning Authors

The 19th Annual Minnesota Book Awards Gala has come and gone (see additional photos on page 3), but ongoing outreach activities are underway year-round to bring the work of these award-winning authors to readers in every corner of the State.

The ceremony held on Saturday, May 5 in Saint Paul was a rousing success with over 600 people in attendance. Emceed by MPR's Kerri Miller and hosted by The Friends, the Mayor's Office in Saint Paul and the Saint Paul Public Library, awards were presented in eight categories. The awards were presented by former Minnesota Book Award winners, and the evening also included a tribute to Gordon Parks by Alexis Pate.

The Kay Sexton Award for lifetime contributions to Minnesota's book community went



*A wonderful aspect of the Minnesota Book Awards is the opportunity for authors to socialize and interact with their peers, a rare pleasure for practitioners of a typically solo profession. Pictured above are Anne Ursu, Lauren Stringer and Joyce Sidman, finalists in the Children's Literature category*

to former Milkweed Editions publisher, Emilie Buchwald, while the new Readers' Choice Award, selected by nearly 3,000 voters from across the state, went

to Matthew Sanford for his book, *Waking*.

The Book Award winners in each of the categories were: Autobiography, Memoir & Creative Nonfiction – **Diane Wilson**, *Spirit Car*; Children's Literature – **Dianne E. Gray**,

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## 125 Years of Words and Music!



Celebrate the birthday of two beloved Saint Paul institutions:

### The Saint Paul Public Library and The Schubert Club

Join the Library and the Schubert Club for their blow-out 125th anniversary celebration on **Sunday, September 30, from 1 to 5 p.m.** Free, fun-filled activities for the whole family will stretch from Central Library, through Rice Park to the Landmark Center.



A children's Storybook Parade begins at 12:15 p.m. on 4th and Wabasha, and ends at Rice Park. Kids are invited to decorate their trikes, strollers, wheelchairs and wagons, or dress up as their favorite storybook character, and be part of the birthday parade.



After a welcome from Mayor Chris Coleman, Library Director Melanie Huggins and the Schubert Club, free birthday cake will be served, and terrific performances and fun for all will commence.

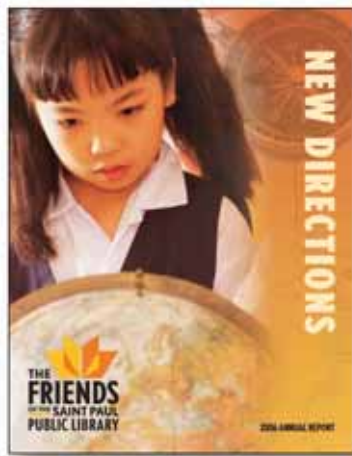
Just a few of the day's highlights include the **Teddy Bear**

**Band, Bill the Juggler, Los Soles, Tou Ger Xiong, Storyteller Danielle Daniel, Kantorei** choral group, several local authors, and more! 



*Look for more information on the Library's website: [www.spl.org](http://www.spl.org). The Schubert Club, Minnesota's oldest performing arts organization, promotes the art of music through concert, museum and educational programs. Festivities are sponsored by The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library. In case of rain, the parade will be cancelled, and Rice Park activities will be moved into Central Library and Landmark Center.*





## ANNUAL REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library's 2006 annual report, "New Directions," is now available on our website, [http://www.thefriends.org/annual\\_report.htm](http://www.thefriends.org/annual_report.htm). If you would like to receive a copy by mail, please contact Ann McKinnon at 651-366-6489, or [ann@thefriends.org](mailto:ann@thefriends.org).

After the reports were produced and mailed, it was brought to our attention that businesses providing matching gifts were integrated into the larger list of contributors without this special designation. We are very grateful for the extended support that matching gifts provide, and would like to thank the following companies for standing with their employees in supporting the Library:

### 2006 Matching Gifts Companies

3M Foundation	Red Wing Shoe Company, Inc.
Ameriprise Financial	Securian Foundation
Boston Scientific Corporation	Thomson West Group
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Capital Group Companies	Travelers
Entegris	UBS Foundation USA
General Mills Foundation	

While we make every effort to be as thorough as we can when acknowledging our supporters and contributors, one or two names occasionally slip past our diligent proofing team. If you were a donor of \$50 or above and your name wasn't listed in the report, please call us or send an email to inform us about the omission. To that end, we wish to send a special "thanks, again" to our friends at 45 Degrees Mpls, Susan Hopp and Karl Schweikart, for their generous contributions. 🌻

## BEA... like sipping from a fire hose

NEW YORK CITY, JUNE 2007 – By Sue Hall, *Opus @ Olives* Coordinator

There are few things more thrilling to a book lover than getting off a plane in New York City to begin three days of meeting authors, picking up free copies of dozens of books and squeezing in side trips to the Big Apple's best places. It just doesn't get any better than this.

I am here to attend "BEA" – BookExpo America. BEA is the Olympics of books, where publishers from the biggest names in the business to the smallest presses gather to preview their fall and winter publications. 35,000 librarians, booksellers, event planners and media representatives walk the miles of booths featuring books in all languages and genres.

I will spend much of my time courting publishers, persuading them to send their most interesting authors to **Opus & Olives**, our annual fundraising event scheduled for October 28, 2008. By the end of the first day, I've spoken to a dozen authors and publishers, and have a "short list" of about twenty authors I'd love to invite to the event. We need only four, and it's a balancing act, finding authors who will appeal to all of the 650+ guests who come to the event: not too many fiction writers, but no one who is too serious; balance male and female authors and look for diverse backgrounds; make sure they can speak publicly, as well as write. It sounds easy, but...



The best thing about BEA is the sheer number and accessibility of the authors. Saturday morning, I drag myself out of bed at an unholy hour to attend the author breakfast. On the cab ride over, I ask myself, "What was I thinking when I signed up for this?" Soon, I know. Steven Colbert immediately has the audience roaring as he presents the panel of Lisa See, Khaled Hosseini and Ken Burns. It is over the top.

Other authors, some less known—and others more famous—sit in their publisher's booths, signing books and chatting with everyone. One of my favorite moments occurs as I walk down one of the aisles and look out of the corner of my eye to spot an author sitting quietly by herself: Alistair Burke. She is the real-life daughter of one of my favorite mystery writers, James Lee Burke, and one of the characters in his Dave Robichaux series. Without thinking, I blurt out "You're real!" In the next fifteen minutes, we have a wonderful conversation about her father, her law career, and how she finally found her own writing voice. I walk away with a lovely note written in the front of her new book. Did I say it just doesn't get any better than this?

By the time BEA is over, I am numb but successful. I have sent home two boxes of books to read and share. **We have four wonderful authors signed for Opus @ Olives**, and I believe they will present our best program yet. I have dined with publishers, talked to authors who live to write and share their gifts, and validated my belief that books are the cornerstone of our culture. I can hardly wait for next year to do it all over again. 🌻

# Land of 10,000 Lakes and Award-Winning Authors, cont.

*Tomorrow, the River*; Fine Press – **Jim Moore**, **Regula Russelle** and **CB Sherlock**, *What it's like here*; General Nonfiction – **Taner Akçam**, *A Shameful Act*; Genre Fiction – **William Kent Krueger**, *Copper River*; Novel & Short Story – **Maureen Millea Smith**, *When Charlotte Comes Home*; Poetry – **Jude Nutter**, *The Curator of Silence*; and Young Adult Literature – **Julie Schumacher**, *The Book of One Hundred Truths*.

This fall, the Minnesota Book Awards will launch a series of outreach efforts statewide thanks to a Library Services and Technology Act grant from the State Office of Library Services/Minnesota Dept. of Education. The activities include creation of reading guides for the award-winning books this year; website resources on writers for Minnesota libraries; author tours to libraries; and distribution of DVDs, displays, posters and bookmarks highlighting this year's award-winning books.

**The 20th annual Minnesota Book Awards are scheduled for April 12, 2008** in downtown Saint Paul. Eligibility and nomination requirements will be posted this September, with nominations accepted through mid-December. For more information on Minnesota Book Awards outreach activities, past award-winners, or eligibility and nomination guidelines, be sure to visit The Friends' website, **www.thefriends.org**.

We would like to thank the major sponsors of this year's Book Awards for their generous support: the

Cultural STAR program of the City of Saint Paul, F.R. Bigelow Foundation, The Harlan Boss Foundation for the Arts, Huss Foundation, The Katherine B. Andersen Fund of The Saint Paul Foundation, Minnesota Dept. of Education—State Library Services,



*Saint Paul Mayor Chris Coleman, a great supporter of libraries and literacy, acknowledged his brother, Pat, for instilling in him his love of reading. He was funny and gracious as he welcomed all and introduced the City's Poet Laureate.*



*The City of Saint Paul's Poet Laureate, Carol Connolly congratulated the winner of the award for Autobiography, Memoir and Creative Nonfiction, Diane Wilson, author of Spirit Car.*

Minnesota Library Association, Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA), Minnesota Public Radio, Pioneer Press, *The Rake*, Saint Paul Neighborhood Network (SPNN), The Saint Paul Foundation, Shadow Falls—a development of Wellington Management, Sit Investment Associates, and TPT-Minnesota Channel.

Finally, a big thank you to all of the judges, committee members, Library and Friends staff, and volunteers who made this year's Book Awards possible. 🌻



*The Red Balloon Bookshop provided book sales at the gala, offering the nominated books as well as other titles by the same authors. And of course, the authors were on hand to sign books. A portion of all proceeds was donated to The Friends to support the Minnesota Book Awards.*

## MINNESOTA BOOK AWARDS



*Readers' Choice Award winner, Matthew Sanford in an intimate moment with his "fiery wife," whom he thanked for helping to market his book, Waking.*



*Emilie Buchwald shares her joy and a laugh with daughter and author, Claire Buchwald. Emilie's new business, Gryphon Press publishes children's picture books.*



*The evening moved seamlessly from one award presentation to the next, thanks in part to the professionalism and poise of our emcee, Kerri Miller.*

# WHAT DOES A PHILANTHROPIST LOOK LIKE?

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By Liz Boyd, Planned Giving Officer

**W**hat does it take to make a planned gift to The Friends? Nothing but PASSION. One of the greatest myths about planned giving is that it is something only the wealthy are able to do. That is simply not true. You don't have to be wealthy to make a significant gift to The Friends. All it takes is PASSION for the Library, The Friends and our mission.

Planned gifts provide resources that create extraordinary opportunities and preserve our future. Philanthropy is defined as “a desire to improve the material, social and spiritual welfare of humanity especially through charitable activities.” Philanthropy is different from a charitable response to an immediate need. Philanthropy generally extends over a period of time and is devoted to helping other people.

To be philanthropic has nothing to do with current wealth. Did you know you can designate The Friends as a beneficiary on an insurance policy or your retirement/pension plan?

The designation can be for the entire amount or just a portion. Laurie Wachter made such a designation. She is an employee of the Saint Paul Public Housing Agency and is young, accomplished at what she does, and living on what she considers to be an average income. She is passionate about the programs and services of The Friends and the Library it serves, and found that making a gift of pension benefits was a

way for her to leave a legacy to the library she loves.



*The library was the one place we got to go without asking for permission. And they let us choose what we wanted to read. It was a feeling of having a book be mine entirely.*

— Rita Dove



Rita Dove was the Poet Laureate of the United States from 1993 to 1995, and winner of the 1987 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry.

*“I have always loved the library. Fond memories include my three sisters and me making trips to the Riverview library, with each of us getting a pile of books. When it was time to return the books, there was always a scramble to locate all of them (four children can mean a lot of books!). ‘How many did you have? Where is that last book? Find it quick!’ I still make use of the Riverview branch today. And I love going to Central library downtown, walking up the marble stairs that are worn down in the middle from so many feet passing over them. The library is a rich treasure that should not be taken for*

*granted. It has given a lot to me (and still does) and I’m happy to give something back.”*

Wachter might not fit one’s picture of the typical philanthropist, but she feels that giving to organizations dedicated to increasing public education—such as the Library—should be important to people of all ages and socio-economic backgrounds. There are a variety of

means to make such short-term and long-term gifts. If you are considering a planned gift, please contact us so that we may discuss the many options. Remember, it may be as easy as changing a beneficiary form. We strongly encourage you to also confer with professional legal and/or financial advisors.

Please let us know if you have already named The Friends in your estate plans. We would like the opportunity to thank you for your generosity, and invite you to our annual Donor Society luncheon. If you would like to remain anonymous, we certainly will respect your request, but recognition of your gift may encourage others to make a planned gift. 🌿

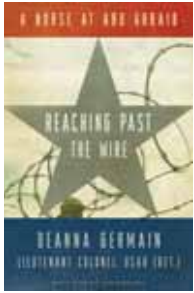
**Check out her works today from the Saint Paul Public Library!**

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**Wachter, an employee of the Saint Paul Public Housing Agency and living on what she considers to be an average income, says, “I’m happy to give something back.”**  
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## DIVERSE CULTURAL PROGRAMS PRESENTED BY THE FRIENDS

**WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 5, 7 P.M.**



Retired army Lieutenant Colonel **Deanna Germain** talks about her book *Reaching Past the Wire*. In February 2003, Germain received her orders to report for active duty in Iraq; in her book she gives a clear-eyed account, full of startling detail, about life as a nursing supervisor behind the fortified gates of Abu Ghraib.  
*St. Anthony Park Branch, 2245 Como Avenue*

**THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 6, 7 P.M.**



Spend an evening with poets **Éireann Lorsung**, author of the debut collection *Music for Landing Planes By*, and **Deborah Keenan**, whose most recent book is *Willow Room, Green Door*.  
*Hamline Midway Branch, 1558 W. Minnehaha Avenue*

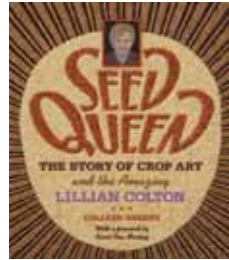
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 7 P.M.**

**The Rose Ensemble** presents a workshop on research into ancient Hawaiian music for their upcoming CD release and concert.  
*Hamline Midway Branch, 1558 W. Minnehaha Ave.*

**THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 13, 7 P.M.**

*Bamboo Among the Oaks* Hmong contributors reading, celebrating 5th anniversary of the anthology's publication.  
*Rondo Community Outreach Library, 461 N. Dale St.*

**THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 18, 7 P.M.**



**Colleen Sheehy** presents her book on the emergence of crop art as popular culture, *Seed Queen: The Story of Crop Art and the Amazing Lillian Colton*, as well as a crop art demonstration.  
*Merriam Park Branch, 1831 Marshall Avenue*

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 6:30 P.M.**

**Facing Race: New Conversations about Race and Racism**, discussion programs sponsored by The St. Paul Foundation.  
*Arlington Hills Branch, 1105 Greenbrier St.*

**SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2 P.M.**

To honor F. Scott Fitzgerald's birthday, **Georgia Ray** will discuss her new biography, *Grace Flandrau: Voice Interrupted*, including the



relationship of Scott and Zelda, who were contemporaries of Flandrau.  
*Central Library, Fitzgerald Alcove, 90 W. 4th St.*

**MONDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 24, 7 P.M.**

Jazz music and reading from *Tales of the Jazz Age*, by F. Scott Fitzgerald.  
*Central Library, Fitzgerald Alcove, 90 W. 4th St.*

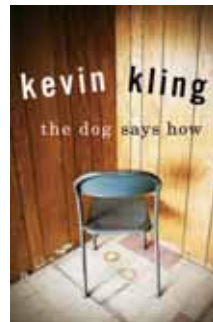
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 6:30 P.M.**

**Facing Race: New Conversations about Race and Racism**, discussion programs sponsored by The St. Paul Foundation.  
*Rondo Community Outreach Library, 461 N. Dale St.*

**THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 27, 7 P.M.**

Author **Annette Atkins** presents a program on her new book, *Creating Minnesota: A History from the Inside Out*.  
*Merriam Park Branch, 1831 Marshall Ave.*

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 7:30 P.M.**



Join the hilarious and poignant storyteller, author and actor Kevin Kling for the release of his new book, *The Dog Says How*.

*Fitzgerald Theater, 10 East Exchange St. - Tickets \$15, Friends members receive the MPR discount.*

**THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 25, 7 P.M.**



*New York Times* bestselling author **John Hart** reads from *Down River*, which explores the depths of human nature and the lengths to which people will go for family and revenge.

*Merriam Park Branch, 1831 Marshall Avenue*

**TUESDAY,  
OCTOBER 30, 7 P.M.**

Celebrate the 10th anniversary of the **Chicano & Latino Writers Festival** at a reception with the authors and supporters who have contributed to the series over the years.  
*Sponsored by Neighborhood House. Paul @ Sheila Wellstone Center, Saint Paul.*

## FRIENDS PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE:

- Deanna Germain**  
*Reaching Past the Wire*  
9/5 - St. Anthony Park
  - Poets Éireann Lorsung and Deborah Keenan**  
9/6 - Hamline Midway
  - The Rose Ensemble**  
9/11 - Hamline Midway
  - Bamboo Among the Oaks**  
9/13 - Rondo
  - Colleen Sheehy**  
*Seed Queen*  
9/18 Merriam Park
  - Facing Race: New Conversations about Race and Racism**  
9/20 - Arlington Hills  
9/27 - Rondo
  - Georgia Ray**  
*Grace Flandrau: Voice Interrupted*  
9/23 - Central Library
  - Jazz Music** and readings:  
*Tales of the Jazz Age*  
9/24 - Central Library
  - Kevin Kling**  
*The Dog Says How*  
10/2 - Fitzgerald Theater
  - John Hart**  
*Down River*  
10/25 - Merriam Park
- More programs are listed on our website: [www.thefriends.org](http://www.thefriends.org)*

## A NEW SEASON OF SAINT PAUL ARTS AND CULTURE LAUNCHES IN OCTOBER!

The countdown is on for the Launch Party for the newest St. Paul Arts and Culture website!

On October 11, 2007, the Saint Paul Arts and Culture Partnership (ACP) will host a fabulous party to celebrate the launch of its new, revolutionary website that will help users explore the exciting world of Saint Paul Arts and Culture, "St. Planet."

At 4 p.m., the ACP will host a reception for the 50 member organizations and their close friends. Starting at 6 p.m. and running into the evening, the public is invited to come and celebrate the launch with appetizers, drinks, and live entertainment!

Please contact [ann@thefriends.org](mailto:ann@thefriends.org) if you would like to be included on our guest list, or you may purchase your tickets at the door. 🌸

## NEW MEMBERS FROM 3/12/07 THROUGH 7/30/07

John Adams • Jonathan Allinder and Amanda Trofholz • Elaine Alper • Janet Atzmilller • Bonnie Bennett • Bonnie Beverly • Michael Burbach and Mary Thomas • Allison Byron • Susan Carter • Bob Close and Cindy Peltier • Trisha Collopy • Kathy J. Cumming • Frances L. Cummins • Rhonda Dahl • Virginia Davini • George and Lora Davis • Dara Sanders Dokas • Arty and Coleen Dorman • Susan and Bryan Dowd • Linda Ehlers • Peter Eiswirth • Trudie Ellsworth • Everett and Myrna Engebretson • Margaret J. Evans • Patricia Finnegan • Caroline and H. Dutton Foster • Bart and Lynn Galle • James and Joan Gardner • Scott and Candace Gislason • Dale and Martha Graber • Theodore J. Greenfield • Jill Griffin • Bill Hammond • Richard Harrington • Moira and Leo Harris • Charles Hawkins • Rich Heichart • Jim Heimer and Tess Sierzant • Jerry Hertel • Anna R. Igra • Jerry and Nancy Jacobsen • Everett and Norene Karon • Kathleen Kennedy • Kathleen Klumb • Stephen J. Kuncio • Diane LaCasse • Rick Lancaster and Abby McKenzie • Jennifer Larson • Robert T. Laudon • Justine Lee • James P. and Susan Lenfestey • Alfred Lounsbury • Marilyn Marion • Ann Marie Martinsen • Kathy McGovern • Richard and Rosemary McHugh • Pat Melendez • Michael Michalik and Paula Skarka • Chip and Mary Michel • Cynthia Nadler • Ida M. Nagel • Katie and Adam Nave • Shirley Nuechterlein • David Ovadia • Michael and Paula Pergament • Ellen M. Perrault • William and Theresa Piepgras • Christopher and Nicole Poletto • David and Esther Porter • Dan and Denise Quinlan • Jane Rhodes • Roger and Elizabeth Ricketts • Stewart Rosoff • Rosalyn Rubin • Collin Rust and Pamela Scott • Kaye Sabean • Breck and Mary Salisbury • Tom and Maria Saliture • Richard and Jean Sanford • Diane Sannes • Sue Sattler • Jeffrey A. Simon • Arlene Sims • Robert Smith • Donald L. Smith • Judy Solmonson • Stephanie Sommer • Anthony and Gayle Stelter • Cindy Tong and Robert Denison • Charles and Sara Torbert • Megan and Tom Tucci • Celine Vachon • Craig and Barbara Van Gelder • Elly Verhagen • Michael and Nancy Walsh • Stacie Ware Joncas • The David Watson Family • Richard Weatherman • Sue Webster

## THANK YOU TO NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

**O**ur members provide the backbone of support each year to The Friends. Without the generosity and help of members, The Friends would be seriously hampered in supporting the Saint Paul Public Library. We greatly appreciate the assistance from both renewing and new members during our recent membership campaign. Thank you!

As an additional thank you, Friends members are also eligible for discounts at select local businesses and organizations. Currently, the following discounts and special offers are available to Friends members:

- **Bibelot Shops** – \$10 gift card at the \$50 membership level and above, sent with membership card. (Visit [www.bibelotshops.com](http://www.bibelotshops.com))
- **Micawbers Books** – 20% off coupon for a one-time purchase, sent with membership card. (Visit [www.micawbers.com](http://www.micawbers.com) or call 651-646-5506)
- **Park Square Theatre** - \$5 off ticket purchase or ½ price preview tickets. Mention that you are a Friends member when making purchase. Special offer not available



with website purchases. (Visit them at [www.parksquaretheatre.org](http://www.parksquaretheatre.org) or call 651-291-7005)

- **Red Balloon Bookshop** – 20% off coupon for a one-time purchase, sent with membership card beginning August 15. (Visit [www.redballoonbookshop.com](http://www.redballoonbookshop.com) or call 651-224-8320)
- **Rain Taxi Review of Books** – 10% off a one-year subscription to the Twin Cities' award-winning quarterly literary review. To subscribe, send a check or money order for \$13.50 and mention you are a Friends member to *Rain Taxi*, P.O. Box 3840, Minneapolis, MN 55403. (Visit [www.raintaxi.com](http://www.raintaxi.com))
- **The Rose Ensemble** – Ticket upgrade for better seats with ticket purchase. Mention that you are a Friends member when making ticket purchase. Special offer not available with website purchases. (Visit [www.roseensemble.org](http://www.roseensemble.org) or call 651-225-4340)

Members at the \$100 level or above also have a choice of four different Friends gift premiums. And thanks, again, to all Friends members for your generous support, as well as to the businesses and organizations supporting our membership campaign. 🌻

## Memorials and Honoraria from 3/7/06 through 7/30/07

### Memorials in Perpetuity: \*

**Donald Sell:** Estelle Sell

### Memorials:

**Clarence N. "Clary" Anderson:** Ann McKinnon and Stanton Zobel

**Frank D. Bilotta:** Julian G. Plante

**Edwina Wiess Dickinson:** Michael and Marilyn Fetsch

**Jeanne Fischer:** Edward Swanson and Carsten Slostad

**Marie G. Hesse:** John and Carol Kline

**Evelyn Huddleston:** Ronald and Sharon Esch, Helen A. Fleming, Hugh and Maureen Guscetti, Mark and Marianne Harris, Dennis and Dorothy Huddleston, Robert and Sharon Karel, J. and D. Kilian; Karen A. Koeppel, Thomas and Nancy Landsberger, George and Doris Leach, Robert and Joanne Michels, John and Mary Newton, Dr. Julian G. Plante, Barbara and Robert Prokop, Lorraine Pyne, Geraldine M. Ritter, James Trevis, Rolande Voerding, Elaine M. Wagner, Kathy Wilmar

**Patricia Kane:** Paul and Laura Gustafson

**Mildred McAdams:** Betty Barker

**Donald McIntyre:** Lois Marrinan

**Lorraine Sparks and Family:** Marilyn E. Lancaster

**Herman R. Straka:** Louis and Ida Lee Hurvitz

**Barbara Stuhler:** Susan Cammack

**Carole L. Williams:** Janet Fabio

### Honoraria:

**Anonymous**

**Harriet Arend and Michael Arend:** Mark and Judith Flahavan, William and Judith Brombach

**Bernice and William Bordenave's 50th Wedding Anniversary:** David and Kathleen Tregilgas

**Billy Collins' Speedy Recovery:** Steve and Gail Brand

**Kelly Davis – Mother's Day 2007:** Tom and Sally Patterson

**Anne Fahey's Birthday:** Rita and Mark Dillon

**Michael Hughes:** Arthur C. Benson

**Dr. Richard and Jean Lynch's 50th Wedding Anniversary:** David and Kathleen Tregilgas

**Ashley Brooke Manges' Birthday:** Dianne M. Brooke

**George W. Reynolds:** Shelley Boulanger

**In Celebration of the Marriage of Leslie Rudolph and Charles Thiele:** David and Patricia Barker

**Sandra Schloff's Special Birthday:** Edward and Elaine Devitt

**William J. Wilson's Special Birthday:** Steve and Gail Brand

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

## Saint Paul Public Library Supports Economic Development from the Ground Up

Libraries in Saint Paul are working to help create a stronger workforce and nurture economic opportunities, through partnerships with both the for-profit and non-profit sectors.

The Rondo Community Outreach Library, through grants from the Travelers Foundation and the Trillium Family Foundation, has a **Small Business Resource Center** to help entrepreneurs take their first steps. Dedicated computers with specialized software and data resources are available to help research and develop business plans and apply for loans. Through partnership with the Neighborhood Development Center (NDC), "office hours" for individual help are available on Thursday afternoons. Ongoing classes are available which focus on accounting, website development, marketing and more.

In addition, partnerships with Goodwill Easter Seals and LifeTrack Resources provide assistance to people seeking jobs at the Rondo Library. Through grants from Allianz Life Insurance and Thomson West, LifeTrack Resources continue to offer their series of classes that help with job attainment and retention, including resume writing and interviewing skills. These classes also continue at the Rice Street Branch Library, and will expand to the Sun Ray Branch Library in 2008.

A grant from the State of Minnesota Library Services Technology Act will be used to create a **Job Center** at the Sun Ray Branch Library. A suite of dedicated hardware and software, including fax machine, printer, and computers, will be located in the new center, along with reference materials to support success in the workplace and financial stability. 🌟

## The Greatest Generation Film Series

The Minnesota Historical Society and The Saint Paul Public Library present the 2007 series of original, short films that explore the lives and legacy of Minnesota's Greatest Generation. Recently produced by filmmakers of all ages and abilities, these accounts portray ordinary—and some extraordinary—Minnesotans who grew up during the Great Depression, came of age during WWII, and participated in the boom that followed in the wake of war. These short films (10 minutes or less) reveal how



events at home and abroad affected individuals and created a legacy shared by all Minnesotans.

Representatives of the Minnesota Historical Society will be on hand to talk about the value of preserving your family stories and propose ways to share them with others. Each screening will include a unique set of new films for 2007. For more information, please visit [www.mnhs.org/mggfilm](http://www.mnhs.org/mggfilm).

**7 p.m. film screenings scheduled for St. Paul:**

**RONDO – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

**HIGHLAND – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

## WHAT PAGE ARE YOU ON?

Along with readers from across the country, the Saint Paul Public Library celebrated Saturday, July 21, as the day Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows was released. At 11 pm on Friday night, after the free outdoor movie presented by The Friends, Central Library was transformed into Hogwarts School of Wizarding, and children and adults alike who had placed the Library's 114 copies on hold were there, ready to check out their books and start reading at 12:01.

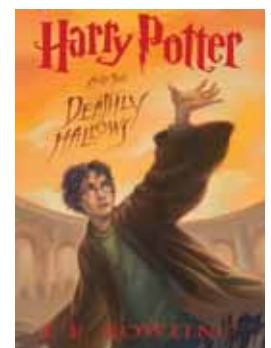


*Hagrid picked up his copy of the book at midnight, along with more than 100 other fans.*

Along with Harry Potter fans of all ages, the Library welcomed Hagrid, the Portrait Lady, owls and magicians and more. There were door prizes, refreshments, face painting, and fortunes which could only be read in the Mirror of Erised. Visit our photo sharing site at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/stpaulpubliclibrary/> to view more pictures from the event.

Thanks to the generosity of the **Red Balloon Bookshop**, the Library was able to give a copy of the book away at each Library branch, including the Bookmobile. The **Pioneer Press** promoted the giveaway by creating bookmarks for the system, with a tear-off entry form youth could drop at the library for a chance to win.

Central Library's event was featured on Fox 9 news, and as of Tuesday, July 24th (just three days later!), eight copies had already been finished, returned, and were journeying to the next readers on the waiting list. 🌟



*The Saint Paul Public Library purchased 114 copies of the new and final book in the Harry Potter series. You can get on the waiting list with your library card at [www.sppl.org](http://www.sppl.org).*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

4th Annual



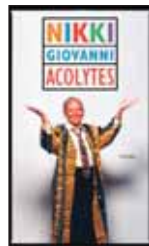
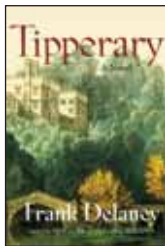
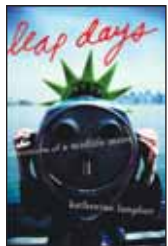
**Sunday, October 28, 2007**

**P**lease join us for the 4th 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*.

Our emcee for the evening is **Katherine Lanpher**, formerly of the *Pioneer Press* and MPR's *Midmorning*, and the author of *Leap Days: Chronicles of a Midlife Move*, a witty and inspirational collection of essays about starting over.

Enjoy drinks, dinner, and engaging conversation with some of the best authors in the country: **Frank Delaney**, acclaimed author of *Ireland*, will present his latest novel, *Tipperary*, a story set during the fight for Irish independence; the ever-charming and funny **Dorothea Benton Frank**, best-selling author of *Sullivan's Island* will bring her latest, *The Land of Mango Sunsets* and the upcoming *The Christmas Pearl*; the extraordinarily popular and outspoken poet, **Nikki Giovanni** will give us something to think about as she presents *Acolytes*; and **Dave Zirin**, considered "an icon in the world of progressive sports," will present his book, *Welcome to the Terrordome: The Pain, Politics, and Promise of Sports*.

Ticket prices start at \$125, with corporate sponsorship opportunities available. Visit our website for more information or call The Friends at 651-222-3242. Contact Wendy Moylan at 651-366-6484 for sponsorship options. 🌿



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## DONOR SOCIETY LUNCHEON

**Thursday, September 27**

*Mark your calendar for a special author event celebrating a beautiful new book about our treasured Library:*

### A NOBLE TASK:

*The Saint Paul Public Library Celebrates 125!*  
by Biloine (Billie) Young

The Donor Society luncheon recognizes individuals who have chosen to make a substantial commitment to The Friends through a planned gift (*John & Myrtle Briggs Circle*), or gift(s) of \$500 or more in the previous year (*Perrie Jones Circle*). Donor Society members attending the annual luncheon will be the first to see the book, and of course, receive a complimentary signed copy. If you are not currently a Donor Society member and are interested in joining, please call Stu Wilson at 651-366-6483.

Over the years, the Library has benefited greatly from the contributions of Donor Society members. Please join us! 🌿

*Friendly Connections* is the quarterly newsletter of The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library. A large print version is available by contacting Ann McKinnon at 651-366-6489. If you would like to see your name appear differently on the address label, please call the The Friends at 651-222-3242, or email friends@thefriends.org. Updates on literary programs and author events may be found at www.thefriends.org.



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**— a 50-member consortium of large and small arts and culture organizations that works to strengthen the arts in Saint Paul through marketing, advocacy, and securing public and private funding. Please join us on October 11 to celebrate the launch of our new, interactive website that helps users "See Art. Feel Different." See story on page 5**

