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A NOTE FROM THE PREZ

Dear Friends,

This certainly has been the most challenging winter that most of us have ever known, economically and psychologically. The City of Duluth is in a financial crisis and our beloved Library is feeling the hit. The Friends Board is working hard to come up with new fundraising methods to supplement our annual used-book sales. Money brought in by the Friends is readily available to the Library, as opposed to endowments that are interest-bearing and which are intended to address the longer term needs of the institution. We are proud to see an immediate effect on the Library when we present the staff with the proceeds of our fund raising efforts.

Another talented person has joined the ranks of our Board of Directors. Wendy Grethen answered our want ad for a person with public relations experience and has been with us since January. You may recognize Wendy's name. She writes for several area small newspapers, including The Hill-sider and Northern Wilds; she is a prolific community education instructor; and she is active in the local chapter of Women in Science. Her wealth of experience in organizing and promoting events will be invaluable to us as we work to help the Library. Thanks, Wendy, for joining us.

In the same vein, in April we will be bidding farewell to Robyn Dentinger. Though Robyn was with the Board for only a couple of years, she was our treasurer during a time of transition and we appreciate her contributions very much. Sorry to see you go, Robyn.

Mystery in the Stacks is back! Members, please register for our 10th annual Mystery in the Stacks to be held April 24 at the Main Library, 520 W. Superior Street. Kent Krueger will be our featured speaker, reprising his role at our first event all those years ago. If you haven't yet read his latest Cork O'Connor mystery, Red Knife, you should do that. It is his most moving and powerful novel to date, in my humble opinion. (It was the winner of the Fiction category at last year's NEMBA.) Space is limited, so please return your registration form as soon as possible.

Speaking of NEMBA, we received the sad news that last year's featured speaker, Bill Holm, has passed away. He was a vital and positive force in the literary community and was a good friend to many poets, authors, publishers, and others in the Duluth area. He will be deeply missed. See his website at <http://www.billholm.com/> for a glimpse into the man and his writings.

Until next time,

Adele Krusz
President of the Friends of the Duluth Public Library

Great quote

from Joseph Addison via Printha:

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body."

Got E-Mail?

Send an e-mail to dplfriendsof@yahoo.com to receive our announcements right to your inbox. You will also be able to send us your input on important Friends issues on how to help the Library. We will not share e-mail addresses with any third party.

General Friends' info is on the web at

<http://www.duluth.lib.mn.us/CS/Friends.html>

Upcoming dates to remember:

- Poet Laureate Young Poets reading, Saturday afternoon, April 25th, 2009 at Mitchell Auditorium at the College of St. Scholastica 3 to 5 pm,. There will be a young poets reading, of high school students, from seven area high schools on Saturday afternoon, The event is free and open to the public, refreshments will be served. The event is organized by Duluth poet laureate Jim Johnson, and will take place at the Mitchell auditorium, CSS campus (1200 Kenwood Avenue, Duluth.)
- Mystery Dinner in the stacks, April 24 , 2009
- NEMBA, Sunday May 17, 2009, at the Marshall Performing Arts Center on the UMD Campus Free and open to the public. For more information see <http://www.d.umn.edu/lib/nemba/index.htm>
- May 19th, 4:30 p.m., **Friends of DPL Annual Meeting**, in the Green Room of the Main Library.

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William Kent Krueger – book titles & characters

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Be a Friend to your Library!

When the City needs to know what the Library means to you, please tell them. Here is contact information for City

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Clues for Search Words

William Kent Krueger – book titles & characters

Iron _____
 _____ Waters
 _____ Ridge
 Blood _____
 Mercy _____
 _____ River
 _____ Bay
 Red _____
 Devil's _____
 _____ O'Connor
 _____ Meloux,
 Ojibwe medicine man
 _____ County
 (setting for most of his books)

Answers
 Lake
 Boundary
 Purgatory
 Hollow
 Falls
 Copper
 Thunder
 Knife
 Bed
 Cork
 Henry
 Tamarack

Great Reads

If you like mysteries, discover the wit and humor of Rex Stout's fat detective Nero Wolfe and Wolfe's sidekick Archie Goodwin. Find them @ DPL in the Mystery section under "Stout." (I wonder... is that how Nero got to be the size he is?)

Knit or crochet, or want to learn? Lots of people are crazy about the series of three One-Skein Wonders yarn books. They provide lots of inspiration for novice or experienced knitters and crocheters. Projects are small (one skein or less) and, therefore, inexpensive. Lots of beautiful stuff to knit or crochet besides hats, socks, mittens, scarves. Find them in the stacks at: 746.432 On22, 746.432 L979, and 746.432 On21

Do you want to do something to help with your own financial crisis? Learn how to Do It Yourself through resources at the Duluth Public Library. Learn a craft, get help with DIY projects: building, car repair, pet care, and many other skills. Ask the Reference librarians for help in finding what you need.

Adele Krusz

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows

Have you ever read a book from the library and thought it so wonderful that you bought 3-4 copies, one to keep and the rest to send to your favorite book loving friends? This gem of a novel takes place on the Isle of Guernsey during and after WWII. It is beautifully written, filled with an enormous amount of information, and the story is intense.

The Thirteenth Tale by Diane Setterfield has a stunning ending and is well-worth the read. The story line is a mix of gothic, romance and mystery. One of those page-turner books that is extremely satisfying.

Betty Ramsland

She's Come Undone by Wally Lamb 465 pages

This is the story of Delores Price's journey through mental illness. Water and whales connect the pivot points of her illness and its triggers. She stumbles from one event to another, repressing her emotions. The use of popular culture and its icons permeate the story. She receives

treatment and is reborn. There is a happy ending but it is a long and twisting road getting there.

The Forest House by Marion Zimmer Bradey 462 pages

A prequel to The Mists of Avalon, the book begins with a list of the people and their relationships, deities, and places used in the story. This is the saga of the time after the Romans conquered Brittania, the conflict between the indigenous people's culture and religion with the Roman culture and religion. The story is told through the main characters of Eilan the daughter of a Druid and the half Roman half Briton Gaius. Gaius is a young officer in the Roman legions occupying Brittania. After helping to nurse Gaius back to health from a fall into a boar pit, Eilan enters the Forest House. There she takes her vows and then becomes High Priestess of the Oracle. The two have a son but are unable to wed. The story unfolds as these lovers try to make their separate ways through the cultural clash and religious upheaval of the times. Each trying to keep their son safe.

Robyn Dentinger

Meet The Newest Board Member

Wendy Grethen lives in Lakeside with her husband and two cats. She moved to Duluth ten years ago from Illinois. She is a local documentary filmmaker, dulcimer performer & instructor, freelance writer, and local craft fair organizer. Her community involvement includes being with the Skyline Planning & Preservation Alliance, Altrusa (service group with a focus on literacy), Hillside newspaper, NE Clean Energy Resource Teams and playing healing music for hospice patients. She believes in the value of reading for people of all ages and recognizes the Duluth Public Library as one of the best assets in Duluth.

