Friends of RADL  
July 2022 Newsletter  

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103 Members!  
Membership Meeting, August 3 at noon in the Community Room at RADL.  
• You’re welcome to arrive early or stay after meetings to socialize. We love to have a Friendly chat!  
• Topics for this meeting include: elections, basket event, fundraising ideas and bylaw changes.

A-Tisket-A-Tasket - Soon there will be baskets!  
• As you know, there’s no basket giveaway in July. Time for the Summer Reading Program to take center stage!  
• The Basket Committee will be meeting this month to confirm plans for baskets resuming in August - December.  
• The committee needs thick yarn, raffia and wide ribbon any color/ kind other than Christmas for basket assembly.

• Upcoming basket themes are: Aug.-all things pets, Sept.-Sports (Joe and Rita Battockletti), Oct.-Fall/ Halloween, Nov.-Thankfulness, Dec.-Holidays

Family Fare - Direct Your Dollars - Whoopie!  
Chairperson Deb Livingston and counters Rita & Joe Battockletti report that once again, WE HAVE $150,000 IN RECEIPTS! We are eligible to receive another $1,000 donation check from SpartanNash Foods. Wow! Thank you to all our members and library patrons who are saving those receipts and leaving them at the library. You are all fantastic!

Amazon Smile Donation  
The Friends received a $12.76 donation from the Amazon Smile Foundation. This represents a share of Amazon purchases made by Friends between January - March 2022. If you purchase through Amazon, you may designate the Friends of RADL as your non-profit to receive a donation. Please register on the same page where you shop or checkout with Amazon.

RADL Program “Ambassadors”  
Thank you to members who have attended RADL programs and acted as greeters or ambassadors. These members have greeted attendees as they entered and invited them to enter door prize drawings. It’s a great way to increase our visibility and a chance to thank RADL’s supporters.

Thank you:  
May - Grand Hotel Program - Martha Clapp & Beverly Emery  
Rita Battockletti for getting the geraniums & Lisa Sutton for making the fudge  
May - Author Visit - Ann Jordan, Linda Brick for getting books for prizes  
June - Author visits - Ann Jordan, Kathy Wahl & Susan Horvat  
July - Peter Bergin Concert - Joe Battockletti & Linda Brick
Membership Renewals - Due by September Meeting
Membership Renewals begin in August! You can renew your membership you can renew in 3 easy ways:
• Bring $5 to the Friends August or September Membership Meeting,
• Bring $5 to the Circulation Desk at RADL, or
• Mail a $5 check made out to "Friends of RADL” to:
  Friends of RADL, Attention Lisa Sutton Membership
  P.O. Box 311
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Fundraising Committee
Sue Glover, Kathy Wahl, Rita Battocletti, Susan Horvat, Linda Brick and Gene Koerner have been brainstorming fundraising ideas - big and small! They will soon bring a bevy of ideas to the board and membership for consideration. The committee is looking at ideas on the merits of balancing effort and outcome, possible Covid restrictions, not to burden local merchants or adopt ideas other community groups employ. Importantly, members will be asked which fundraising activities they will support by volunteering to be a part of. And baby! These aren’t your “run of the mill” fundraisers!

Mini-Book Sales
At the July Membership meeting, we discussed having a couple mini-book sales. We need to disperse books that have been withdrawn from the RADL collection and accumulating in the basement. Removing books from a collection to keep the collection vibrant and useful is a necessary library function. Getting the discarded books into the hands of readers is a win-win!

At the RADL program on Thursday, July 14, Joe Battocletti and Linda Brick will set up a table with books and offer them for sale before and after the piano concert. Bargain prices!!!

Looking for 2 - 3 people to do the same on July 23, 10 -noon, surrounding the Summer Reading Program finale. Contact Linda Brick friendsofradl@gmail.com or 248-835-3036.

Elections
Steve Remenar, Susan Glover and Linda Brick have been contacting members in an effort to find our next Friends of RADL officers.
Background:
• From our current membership - 19 people have taken at least one term on the board. Many, multiple times.
• At our July meeting - all but one person in the room are presently on or have been on the board.
• As of this newsletter, 18 phone calls to other members have been made. More are being made.
• As of this newsletter, 2 positions have volunteers for the position, Secretary and a Trustee

Linda Brick here - We need your help. We need to fill President, Vice President, Treasurer and another Trustee. We have until the September meeting to do this. At the latest. In recent months, we have attempted to show these aren’t overwhelming jobs. That we all have the skills to do these jobs. We have tried to appeal to you that we did these jobs because we wanted to keep the group going but we also thought we should take a turn. We have hoped you might volunteer on your own. We have been told people like to be personally asked. Now we are making a lot of phone calls.
I have previously outlined that our group, like others, have similar and legitimate characteristics and concerns.

- Our group is over 10 years from its formation,
- Our original mission to establish and support a library has been achieved,
- Our members are aging,
- Many of us belong to other community groups,
- Many of us want to travel, are gone part of the year or not have rigid schedules,
- Many of us have increased responsibilities due to family situations, and
- Some have personal health concerns.

We’ve asked, “How can we operate that better suits your abilities to help out?”

Out of that came the proposed bylaw changes outlined to you last week:

Proposal 1 (to be voted on at August 2nd Meeting):
Motion was made and approved - Starting in September, 2022, changing the meeting day to the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 12:00 at the library.”

Proposal 2 (to be voted on at August 2nd Meeting):
Motion was made and passed to - Ask members should meetings not be held January - April.

We need your help.
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RADL News
The library has had many visitors for the Summer Reading Program activities that continue through July 23. A big thank you to Cathy Spencer for creating and leading crafts for kids every Wednesday morning and to Corinne Weslowski for bringing science activities to the kids on Thursdays! (These two talented people are also members of Friends.)

Thank you to Amy Schmidt for coordinating a cookie decorating day on July 12 sponsored by Lear Corporation.

Welcome to new staff members Myah, Kayla, Mary Alice and Susan McIntosh (Lyon Branch). We’re so lucky to have you as part of the RADL family.

(With apologies, all boo-boos are mine. Linda)