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FRIENDS OF DRAKE COMMUNITY LIBRARY Spring 2014

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Hi, I am Rich Thorson, the new President of Friends of Drake Community Library. I am a life-long Grinnellian who farms southeast of Grinnell. I look forward to serving the Friends.

The Friends have been very active in the past few months. In October the book sale was held and was successful. Around \$2010 for library activities was raised. Many thanks go to the **GHS Curtain Club** and the **GHS Boys and Girls** cross-country teams. Their help setting up the sale was invaluable.

Another place to donate the unsold books from the book sale has been identified, (thanks to Gary Mertens): Better World Books. They will accept all of the books the Friends wish to send to them. There is an article about them inside the newsletter – take a look.

On December 6 & 7, the **Festival of Trees** occurred with a huge crowd and a large number of trees decorated by many groups. Santa, the GMS Jazz Band and the GMS Honor Choir were a huge draw. I would like to thank Santa, the Jazz Band and the Honor Choir for participating. They all did a great job!

One announcement: there will not be a Spring Book Sale. We've decided to focus on one big sale in the fall. Stay tuned for more details!

- Rich Thorson, FDCL President

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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Friends-of-Drake-Community-Library/105175702945665>



<https://twitter.com/#!/FODCL>

New relationship with Better World Books

Ever wonder what happens to the books we don't sell at the Book Sale? In the past, we've donated them to organizations like Planned Parenthood – but we've just embarked on a new way of handling our 'overflow'. Better World Books is a non-profit bookseller that takes books from libraries (including Grinnell College's) and friends organizations and puts them to work in 3 ways: some are **resold** (and a portion of the sale price returns to FODCL); some are distributed to **literacy programs** around the world; and the remainder are **recycled** (keeping them out of landfills). We see our relationship with Better World as a win-win-win!

Another successful Festival of Trees!!

Well, it's happened again - FODCL has orchestrated another Festival of Trees, and we had a record number of entrants and donations! Congratulations to Sit and Knit, which won 1st prize with their forest of small knitted trees. Thanks also to the Middle School band and choir for entertaining us! Finally, thanks to all the friends and family who came out to support the Friends and the library – we appreciate it. See you next year!



Get this newsletter via email!!



We are embarking on a new era in the Friends newsletter – an **electronic** version. All we need is **your email address**. We'll **send you the newsletter via email** – and of course it goes without saying (although we'll say it anyway) that we will never use your email for anything other than sending you the newsletter. Sound good? Send an email including your name and the words 'FDCL newsletter' to: friends@grinnell.lib.ia.us. You'll be glad you did!

Coming Soon: New & Improved Library Catalog

A **new online catalog** is in the works and should be up and running this spring. The new interface will provide better search tools and easier access to downloadable materials (ebooks and audiobooks). The new product will offer several enhanced search features to make it easier for everyone to find the books and materials they want. **"Fuzzy search" features** (yes, that's really what they call it) will do a better job finding things if a word is misspelled and will also offer "did you mean" suggestions similar to search engines like Google. **Faceted searching** will allow you to narrow your search results by multiple criteria like material type, author, publication date range, and numerous other categories.

There are also features that will make it easy for you to **send item info via text message** (helpful if you want to have it on your phone to help you find it in the stacks when you get to the library) or share the books you really like with friends on Facebook. One of the most exciting features is full integration with our eBook and eAudiobook vendors (WILBOR/Overdrive and OneClickDigital) that will allow single click downloading of materials from the catalog. Once you log in to your library account, if you find an ebook you want in the catalog all you have to do is click download to get the book. No more routing you to the external WILBOR site where you have to login all over again. Curious about progress or want to know more? Systems Administrator **Monique Shore** would be happy to show you a preview and hear what you think about it.

Pictures from the 2013 Festival of Trees!!



Library Director's Report

Dear Friends,

One good thing about the frightful weather outside is good reading inside. Whether you are curling up with your tablet or a real book, listening on your CD player or to your iPod, I hope you are finding lots of material to your tastes at Drake Community Library. Your feedback regarding our services is invaluable, so please let us know if you are not finding what you want or are experiencing obstacles accessing any of our services.

Construction work will begin in February on the library's humidity control project. This work will fine tune our geothermal and air intake systems to increase overall building efficiency and create a steady and more accurate environment in the library archives with respect to temperature and humidity. It is anticipated that the work will take no more than two weeks and have minimal, if any, impact on library services.

*Happy reading,
Marilyn Kennett, Director*

"Bookin' It at the Drake"

Our bi-monthly book discussion group has had a good response so far and always welcomes new readers. The next discussion will feature **The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry, by Rachel Joyce**. Harold Fry is convinced that he must deliver a letter to an old love in order to save her, meeting various characters along the way and reminiscing about the events of his past and people he has known, as he tries to find peace and acceptance.

Find out more by picking up a copy at the library and come along for a fun discussion led by Karla Cornish, **March 13th at 7:00 p.m.** (also available via WILBOR download)

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Membership categories:

- Business - Contact FODCL President (see front page)
- Individual - \$25
- Family - \$50
- Patron - \$100 (the typical price of a reference book)
- Life - \$500

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