



August 2022 Members Newsletter

Annual Members Meeting Report



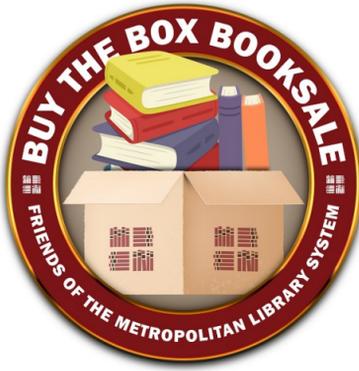
The Friends Annual Members Meeting was held online on May 18, 2021. Our Board President, Elizabeth Garrison, reported on the status of the current fiscal year, noting that future annual member meetings may be moved until after the end of the Friends’ fiscal and member year, which now ends June 30 of each year.

Attendees honored volunteers for years of service and provided a memorial moment for Betty Hall and Wanda Lambino. Additionally, volunteers serving on the Sort Site Ad Hoc Committee were recognized for their exemplary leadership and service in providing and maintaining safety guidelines on behalf of the board during the pandemic.

Guests heard from Dr. Larry Nash White, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Library System, and were among the first to hear that plans for the 2022 big Booksale at the OKC State Fairgrounds are underway. Finally, new board members were approved. The board welcomed Ryan Gadson, Lauren Hammonds Johnson, Dr. Melinda Howard, Shelley Leveridge, Brent Moss, Rev. Adam Shahan, and Shawna Standiford to begin their terms of service on July 1, 2021.

We hope that our 2022 Annual Members Meeting will take place in person once again and we can celebrate our accomplishments together! Fingers crossed!

Did someone say they wanted to buy books...?



We are flipping our pages with excitement to be able to bring you our annual Buy The Box Sale on [Saturday, September 11](#) from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm or until we are sold out. If you have not been to our box sale before, you should know that the books are pre-boxed by genre. No opening boxes and no peeking – although we don’t mind if Friends make trunk trades in the parking lot!

Boxes will be available in the genres of religion, romance, mystery, children’s, fiction, and others. These treasure troves are priced from \$5 to \$25 and all proceeds raised by the Friends will benefit our local Metropolitan Library System. We also have some items for individual sale including games, puzzles, holiday books, cookbooks, and journals.

All active members (who didn't waive benefits) at the Book Club, Book Lover, Bibliophile, and Lifetime levels will receive 10% off if you present your new membership card at checkout. **You must have your card to get the discount!** Also, remember you can only use the discount on one transaction during the sale.

Join us from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm on September 11 at [300 NE 50th Street](#) and Buy The Box! Event is first come, first served. **Masks are strongly recommended.** Volunteers and staff will be masked for community health efforts.

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Library Learning at Home – made possible by YOU!

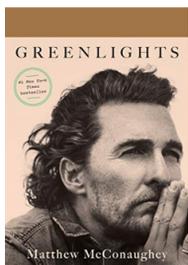
“Since June 2020 take home kits have been our primary form of programming during the Covid-19 pandemic,” said Serina F., librarian at the Almonte Library. This past year, the Friends of the Library helped contribute funding for educational take home kits at the Almonte and Village libraries. These kits empowered libraries to remove barriers for access by providing all supplies needed to complete the library activity at home without the use of technology!

Needless to say, the kits have been a huge success at keeping customers engaged and learning with the library. Librarians built the kits to be a part of Summer Reading 2021, which ended July 31. Thank you to our members and Friends supporters for helping us provide something more for the library community.



MLS Book Recommendations

Greenlights by Matthew McConaughey



“Matthew gives us insight into his life philosophy... He has embraced life and looks for the greenlights, while recognizing that yellow lights and red lights all eventually turn green. Profound and humorous, he will make you laugh and think.”

- Laura W.; Library Manager, Warr Acres Library

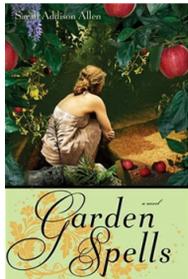
The House Next Door: A Ghost Story by Darcy Coates



“I recommend this book if you enjoy a spooky read that's not gory, and a story with slowly building suspense, creepy happenings and a satisfying ending.”

- Paula P.; Teen Librarian, Warr Acres Library

Garden Spells by Sarah Addison Allen



“This book will transport you to the town of Bascom, North Carolina, and convince you that love and magic are still at work in the world. Recommended for fans of magical realism in the style of Alice Hoffman.”

- Ellory W.; Access Specialist, The Village Library

Happy reading!

Thank you for renewing your Friends membership for this member year! As a reminder, your membership will be good through our next big Booksale event and will expire on June 30, 2022. We are grateful for your support and look forward to connecting with you throughout the year!

Friends of the Metropolitan Library System

Our mission is to raise funds and awareness for the Metropolitan Library System, support its mission, augment its ability to enhance services and programs, and to promote literacy within our community.

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