

# THE BREWER TIMES

The Newsletter of the Brewer Public Library

December 2002

## LIBRARY HOURS

### **Brewer Public Library**

Mon.-Thurs. 10 AM - 8 PM

Friday 10 AM - 5 PM

Saturday 10 AM - 2 PM

PHONE: 647-6444

EMAIL: [richlandcenterpl@yahoo.com](mailto:richlandcenterpl@yahoo.com)

Web: [www.brewerpubliclibrary.org](http://www.brewerpubliclibrary.org)

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### **Brewer Health & Science Library**

(Upstairs)

Mon.- Fri. 9 AM - 5 PM

Wednesday Open Until 7 PM

PHONE: 647-6513

Web: [www.mwt.net/~drbrewer](http://www.mwt.net/~drbrewer)

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### **Richland County History Room**

(Upstairs)

Mon.- Fri. 10 AM - 4:30 PM

Phone: 647-6444

[richlandctyhistoryroom@yahoo.com](mailto:richlandctyhistoryroom@yahoo.com)

## **BIG SHOES TO FILL**

Since the inception of the Friends of the Library, **Ruth Graf** has worked tirelessly to sort and organize books for the Friendship, Annex, and book sales. Ruth needs a much-deserved break from this vital work, and has tendered her resignation from these duties. Thanks to Ruth's efforts, along with those of a few other faithful Friends, the Friendship/Annex has generated income of approximately \$100 a month. **Unless we find others to carry on this work, we will lose a very important source of income.** Due to the high volume of donated material, we need several people who are willing to commit 1 or 2 hours a week on a consistent basis. The work is not difficult, and training is provided. We need people who are committed and reliable. Please leave your name and phone number at the library circulation desk or contact Kathy Bastian, Friends of the Library President: 647-2174, [bastian@mwt.net](mailto:bastian@mwt.net) or Ruth Graf, 647-2174.

**Thank you, Ruth,** for your years of service. Your Friendship expertise will be missed, but we know you will continue to be an important contributor in other ways.

## **MILLENNIUM MOMENTS**

You will soon be hearing the familiar voices of some area residents as they read short excerpts from some of the books in Brewer Public Library's Millennium collection. These volumes of American Literature were donated to the library by the Friends. **WRCO's Ron Fruit** has graciously donated radio time to air these brief "Millennium Moments" as a service to the community.

### **Preschool Story Hour**

Children approximately 3 to 5 years old are invited to participate in story hour on Friday mornings in the basement of Brewer Public Library, at 9:30 am or 10:30 am. Topics for December include:

- December 6 - Counting
- December 13 - Good Luck Charms
- December 20 - Winter
- December 27 - No Story Hour

**Kindergarten through 3rd Grade** children will have a tree trimming story hour Saturday, December 14, at 10:00 am.

### **Friends Spend, Library Benefits**

With funds raised from the Friendship/Annex, Friends' Book Sales, and membership contributions, the Friends group was able to fulfill a number of library needs. At the November meeting, the membership approved purchases in the following areas:

1. Renew a list of periodicals originally funded by the Friends - \$200.
2. DVD core collection - \$500.
3. New DVD player and monitor - \$250.
4. National Library Week program - \$100.
5. Circulation desk for Children's Room - \$1,000.
6. 2 electric typewriters - \$700.
7. Anti-fatigue floor mats for circulation desk staff - \$275.
8. 30 additional volumes of Millennium Collection American Literature - \$121.

**Total expenditures approved: \$3,146.00**

### **Friends of the Library Meeting Reminder**

The Friends of the Library will meet on Monday, December 16, at 7:00 pm at the Brewer Public Library.

### **TOM BACHMAN to Retire**

The Friends will be **honoring retiring Library Director Tom Bachman** at a reception to be held after the holidays. The time and details are still to be decided, so watch for further information in the local news media. The public will be invited.

## **MOO!**

### **Join the Campus-Community Shared Reading Experience**

Plan on attending author Jane Smiley's lecture on Thursday, January 30, 2003 at the Coppertop Theater, University of Wisconsin - Richland Center, 7:00 P.M. In the meantime, read **MOO**, Jane Smiley's darkly comic novel set at a Midwestern agricultural campus. Featuring large pigs, large grants, and political, sexual, and intellectual intrigue, this novel turns the campus into a microcosm of today's western world with a vision that is alternately sad and wise, but always comic. All UW-Richland students will read **MOO** during the fall semester, and community members are invited to read the book as well and participate in upcoming discussion sessions. Copies of the book are available at the Brewer Public Library. So start reading, and watch for announcements of upcoming discussion sessions in the Brewer<sup>4</sup>Times and from UW - Richland Continuing Education.

### **Sonnets for Sale**

Published poet and associate English professor at UW-Richland Marnie Dresser will compose sonnets for a fee of \$50 each. The funds from the sale of the poems will help finance Jane Smiley's visit in January. Each of the five sonnets Marnie Dresser plans to write will be personalized through a collaborative process involving Ms. Dresser and the client. The resulting sonnet will make a unique holiday gift. To order a sonnet, contact the Richland County Campus Foundation by December 9 at 647-6186.

### **Secretary Wanted!**

The Friends of the Library are in need of a secretary. If you can attend the monthly meeting and take notes, please consider making yourself available for this volunteer position. Contact Kathy Bastian at 647-4948, [bastian@mwt.net](mailto:bastian@mwt.net).

### **Welcome Aboard**

The Friends of the Brewer Public Library would like to warmly welcome a number of new members who joined us this year. They include: Shaila and Tom Bolger, Ardys Brendemuehl, Genevra Bundy, Lillian Hanke, Dawn Keifer, Asenath LaRue, J. Robert Matthews, Sr., Lana Peters, Diane Walker, and Jay Walsh. New members are always welcome whether to support the Friends' mission by hands-on participation, financial support, or both.

## **The Constitution in the Millennium Spotlight**

Bill Moyers calls it "The best resource for understanding the morning headlines I've seen in a long time." It's THE DEBATE ON THE CONSTITUTION, PART ONE: September 1787 to February 1788 and THE DEBATE ON THE CONSTITUTION, PART TWO: January to August 1788. Both volumes are part of the Library of America's Millennium Collection of classic American literature and they are available at the Brewer Public Library.

These extraordinary volumes follow the course of the bloodless revolution that created the government of the United States. The contentious ratification process is sketched through speeches, newspaper articles, pamphlets, and letters. The compromise between John Hancock and Samuel Adams that saved the country from political upheaval, the debate featuring the oratorical fireworks of Patrick Henry versus the rigorous logic of James Madison, these are just two of the highlights these volumes present. Also included are a detailed chronology, biographical notes, background notes, and complete texts of the Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation, and the Constitution.

### **Thanks for all the help!**

Thanks again to all the new members of the Friends of the Brewer Public Library, especially those who joined at the lifetime membership level. Member volunteers sorted books, stocked Friendship and Annex shelves, and helped at the Friends' Book Sales. Thanks for your help! And thanks to everyone who donated books and other materials. The Friends salute the spirit of cooperation that makes its existence possible. Our combined efforts help boost the resources available to the entire community.

### **Submissions**

Please submit news, event information, book reviews, and other library related material for the January 2003 newsletter by December 27. Submissions may be left at the children's desk or e-mailed to Greg Myszkowski at [grmyszko@yahoo.com](mailto:grmyszko@yahoo.com).

### **Newsletter will be mailed to Friends**

Friends of the Brewer Public Library will receive the Brewer Times in the mail as part of a new trial program. Friends or anyone else who wishes to receive the newsletter via email instead can contact Greg Myszkowski at [grmyszko@yahoo.com](mailto:grmyszko@yahoo.com).