

# THE BREWER TIMES

The Newsletter of the Brewer Public Library

Winter 2003

## Library Hours

### Brewer Public Library

Mon.- Thurs. 10 AM – 8 PM  
Friday 10 AM – 5 PM  
Saturday 10 AM – 2 PM

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### Brewer Health & Science Library (Upstairs)

Mon. – Fri. 9 AM – 5 PM  
Wednesday open until 7 PM

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### Richland County History Room (Upstairs)

Mon. – Fri. 10AM – 4:30 PM

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## Friends of the Library Elect New Officers

At the annual meeting on September 22, the Friends of the Brewer Library elected the following new officers to two-year terms: Asenath La Rue, President ; Carole Troxel, Secretary; Cindy Crofton, Treasurer. Ariel Ferguson is continuing her term as Vice-President.

The Friends, library staff, and all of us who visit and enjoy the library thank Kathy Bastian (past President) and Fred Graf (past Treasurer) for their enduring commitment and talented contributions of the past two years.

## New Librarian Joins our Community

Jessica Brooks has joined the faculty of the UW-Richland as the Associate Academic Librarian. Her duties include public service work, supervising work study students, managing inter-library loans, bibliographic instruction, and reference work.

Jessica grew up and attended school in Oregon, Wisconsin. She received her bachelor's degree and her Master's degree in Library Science from UW-Madison. She has

a wide range of interests which include: reading, philosophy and religions, science fiction and fantasy, and disability rights.

Jessica is looking forward to settling into the community. She has recently become a member of the Friends of the Library. Welcome, Jessica!

### Many Thanks!

The library has new furniture! Two new easy chairs in each reading room and 2 chairs and a settee in the Senior's meeting room downstairs. Thanks to the Friends and all those who worked to give our library a fresh, new look! The Friends also purchased 12 new 6ft. tables for use during meetings, book sales, etc...

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To the Friends and to Betty Boeing for providing new computer counters in the main circulation area.

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Five additional public access computers will be added, courtesy of the Star-Spangled Grant we received in late 2002.

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Wal-Mart has given a \$1000.00 grant to the Children's Room thanks to the efforts of Dianne Hendricks and Ed Tiegs. The money will be used for much-needed supplies among other things.

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Moody Ahmad, Trudi Martin, Jean Wells, Mckenzie Merkle, and Chris Daly -- special people who have volunteered to work for the

betterment of our library by graciously giving their time, talent, and energies.

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Deborah Cureton, Adrian Gollata, James Gollata, and Gordon Glass for keeping us literate!

## Our Home Improvements

The library has added two new walkway lights on either side of the entrance outside the library. These lights have added much needed illumination and make the building look much more inviting after dark.

Work has been completed on the soffits and eaves-troughs for the building. Not only does this improve the building's appearance, but it will facilitate much better water drainage.

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## Announcements

As of January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004 patrons using the Library Meeting Rooms and other city buildings will be asked to sign a waiver of responsibility. See the librarian for details.

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A reminder : The library will be closed on December 24 and 25 for the holidays.

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In 2004, the Friends of the Library will meet the second Friday of each month at 2:00 PM, downstairs in the library. Next meeting is January 9<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome!

## Children's Room News

### Story Hour

Preschool Story Hour is offered on Friday's at 9:30 and repeated at 10:30. This is a free program open to all children ages 3 - 5. Walk-ins are welcome. If you have any questions just call or stop by!

The themes for December are:

Dec. 5 Three Little Pigs (puppet show)

Dec. 12 Choo- Choo Trains

Dec. 19 Christmas! (what else would it be?!)

Dec. 26 No Story Hour (sorry!)

There will be a free Christmas Tree Decorating Story Hour on Saturday, Dec.20 from 10:30 - 11:30am for all children in Grades K-3. We'll make decorations to put on the library tree and kids can choose one ornament to take with them now and pick up the rest of them after Christmas. There will also be treats!

The staff of the Children's Library offers free Story Hour programs to any preschool or daycare group by request...just give us a call!

Preschool Playgroup

Preschool Playgroup has started!

On Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a group of parents and their preschool children meet downstairs in the library. This is a great opportunity to discuss parental issues and allow children to socialize in a safe and relatively quiet setting.

If you are interested, give us a call or stop by!

### Friends of the Library News

Don't Pitch Those Old Books !

The Friends will be sponsoring another "Books and More" sale this coming May (date to be announced), so if you have interesting books, videotapes, CDs, or audiotapes to

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donate, please set them aside for the sale. These semi- annual events always provide good buys, and we hope to have the biggest sale yet in May.

If you are out of storage space, consider donating books now to the Brewer Library Friendshop for ongoing resale.

Community Lecture Planned for the Spring
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**Save the Date : April 12, 2004**

The Friends are working with UW-Richland Extension and the Wisconsin Humanities Council to host a community lecture by noted author and NPR contributor Judith Strasser on April 12, 2004.

We'll have more about Judith's presentation in the next Brewer Times.

**Membership Dues**

For all members of the Friends of the Brewer Library (except Lifetime Members), the due date to renew memberships is January 2004. You'll find a form enclosed in this newsletter, or inquire at the circulation desk.

If you would like to help support and improve the library, please consider joining. Membership fees have helped to underwrite the purchase of new books and materials for the library this past year, and more comfortable furniture. We would also welcome any end-of-the year donations. Every dollar helps!

**Fall Events Were a Success**

On October 6, 2003, at a community lecture sponsored by the Friends of Brewer Library, Deborah Cureton, Executive Officer and Dean of the UW-Richland campus, provided a fascinating and lively look at the life and works of Zora Neale Hurston, an influential feminist African-American author. Hurston's "Their Eyes Were Watching God" is included in the Brewer Public Library's Millennium Books collection. Dean Cureton provided a window into the life of this free-spirited author whose fiction has helped to preserve myths and stories of her community. The Friends extend a heartfelt thank you to Deborah for her presentation.

On October 4th and 5th, 2003, in conjunction with the Center Color Fiesta activities, the Richland Area Arts Council hosted poetry readings by several area authors. Listeners on Saturday were treated to excerpts from an epic poem by Gordon Glass, haiku by James Gollata, and free verse by Adrian Gollata. Let's have more such readings in the future!

Ideas, thoughts, comments – tell us!!

If you have thoughts on additional speakers or creative ideas about literary events for this coming year, contact Ruth Graf (647- 2174) or Asenath La Rue (larue@mwt.net or 983- 2888).