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Perk (purk)

1. n. Short for perquisite. A reward or added benefit received in addition to a regular satisfaction. 2. v. To become more cheerful and lively.

Editor's Desk



Why do people join and remain members of the Friends of the Brown County Library? In its most basic sense, we hope that they believe in and want to support our mission, which is to help the Brown County Library in its broad efforts to improve childhood, teen, and adult literacy in the county.

But let's be honest, the perks sure do make a membership that much more valuable and worthwhile.

1. Book Sale perks – Your membership gives you exclusive admittance to the members-only opening day of our bi-annual BIG Book Sale. New this year, members will have more hours to shop on opening day, as doors will now open at 1 p.m. instead of 3 p.m. as in years past. And in addition, an informal Member Appreciation reception will be held during this opening day, offering snacks and refreshments to tide you over during your shopping spree.

2. Newsletter perk – While our newsletter is available free of charge at any Library location, your membership entitles you to be first in line to receive a paper copy mailed directly to your home.

3. Exclusive Discount perks – Members who show their membership card receive a 10% savings at these participating booksellers: The Attic (730 Bodart St. in Green Bay), Lion's Mouth Bookstore (401 N. Washington St. in Green Bay), and Powers Comics & Collectibles (2180 S. Ridge Rd. in Ashwaubenon). Thank you to these retailers for supporting the Friends!

4. Exclusive Book Club perk – The Reading Between the Spines book club was established by the Friends as a local book discussion club open to members only. For each limited-attendance event, the club purchases the books of that title for members to read. After the in-person discussion, the books are donated to the Library for its collections.

5. Exclusive Event perks – The Friends have begun scheduling events that are only open to Friends members.

As a member, you will receive an email notice of upcoming members-only Events and Book Club discussions as they are scheduled.

The above are the more tangible "Definition #1" benefits of being a Friend, but "Definition #2" also has its satisfaction. The pleasure of finding that special book at the Book Sale... Seeing a parent's gratitude at receiving books for their kids' holiday gifts from the Friends Give-A-Kid-A-Book program... Knowing that newborns and their parents will start their journey to literacy with baby books provided by the Friends Born-to-Read program... the satisfaction of helping children, tweens, teens, and even adults maintain their reading enjoyment over the Summer by helping the Library's Summer Reading Program. Those are the real perks of our Friends memberships. Perhaps not to the level of becoming "lively and cheerful," but certainly "warm and satisfied." I'll take that as a perk.

Don Kraft, Managing Editor

Fall BIG Book Sale

Mark Your Calendar for the 2023

Exciting news: The Fall BIG Book Sale dates are set AND we're opening earlier on the first day to accommodate more members-only shopping.

The 2023 Fall BIG Book Sale is set for Monday, November 6 through Thursday November 9. As always, the first day, Monday, will be open to Friends members only, and is expected to include an informal reception with snacks and refreshments.

And, in response to your suggestions, the Monday sale will open two hours earlier than in past years, providing a full six and one-half hours of shopping from 1 p.m. thru 7:30 p.m. for members' enjoyment.

Please check the Friends website for hours and prices for the full sale.

Also, mark your calendar, as the days for next year's 2024 Spring BIG Book Sale have tentatively been set for Monday, April 29 thru Thursday, May 2.

The Joy Of Reading In Action

A box of tattered Western books have provided second, third, and even fourth rounds of reading enjoyment.

Last fall, someone donated a box of 30 to 40 paperback Western books to the Friends BIG Book Sale. Because the books had little resale potential, they were likely destined for the recycle bin. But a book sorter preparing for the Sale knew just the person to give them to, a neighbor who only read Westerns. But the joy didn't stop there; the neighbor's 16-year-old grandson enjoys reading Westerns as well and began reading them after his grandfather finished. When the teen's history teacher asked him what he was reading, he told her, and she became the fourth recipient of the same books that almost went into the recycling bin.

Books really are the gift that keeps on giving!

From The Library Director:

East Branch Is An Enhanced Community Hub

In the wise words of Albert Einstein, “The only thing that you absolutely have to know is the location of the library.” And for Eastiders and others who are curious, the new East Branch is now located at 2253 Main St., Green Bay.

The new Library location (in the site of the former Titledown Fitness) opened with great fanfare on Sept. 18, built with great intention to serve the ever-evolving community it serves. This long-awaited new Library branch represents the culmination of two decades of planning. The site offers almost three times as much space at 16,300 square feet, which is important. But even more important is what is housed and featured within those walls (and outdoors, too, which has an enclosed garden and patio featuring several outdoor gathering spots). The space is configured to accommodate the many populations the Library services with:

- Designated areas for all ages including varied, attractive, and comfortable seating
- An expanded and enhanced area for children and families featuring new age-appropriate toys and equipment to help build literacy and other types of skills, and a family restroom nearby
- High-speed Wi-Fi for job seekers, children doing homework online, etc.
- A fireplace
- A calming room for those who are overstimulated and need a reset
- Five reservable study rooms, each with a whiteboard and Bluetooth-enabled monitor for study groups of all ages
- A 100-person meeting room that can be divided into smaller rooms and an adjacent kitchenette, plus a hearing loop for the hearing impaired, monitors, and video conferencing
- Computer access
- A business center offering a print and copy center, including faxing and scanning to email
- A drive-up window for convenient book return
- A bright, attention-getting facade that glows at night and beckons patrons day and night

The space also pays homage to the Green Bay area with art made from historic local maps from the Library’s archives. And, no Library would be complete without the Library staff who bring life to the space. In the words of Timothy Healy, former president of the New York Public Library, “The most important asset of any library goes home at night – the library staff.” The good news is that Brown County Library librarians and other staff return each morning, ready to open the doors, say “welcome” or “bienvenido” to patrons, and cater to their diverse learning needs. We look forward to seeing you at your new East Branch Library!

Sarah Sugden, Brown County Library Director



35th Annual Local HISTORY Series Runs Through October

The Local History Series is making a name for itself in the history books as it hosts its 35th annual sessions for fall.

Transport to the past by attending any or all of the sessions on a diverse list of topics. All sessions are hosted at the Central Library Auditorium on Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. on these dates: September 14, September 21, October 5, October 12, and October 19. Simply show up for the sessions; no registration is required.

Session details:

Thursday, September 14 Excavations at the Second Fort Crawford

Presented by Vicki Twinde-Javner

In 1999, while monitoring for road and water main improvements, archaeologists discovered portions of the Second Fort Crawford (circa 1829 to 1856) intact in Prairie du Chien, Wis. Portions of seven rooms, five in the eastern Enlisted Men's Quarters, and two in the southern Officers' Quarters, were discovered. This session highlighted some of the artifacts discovered and what research was undertaken to help interpret what was found.



Thursday, September 21 Research and Investigation of the Fort Howard Military Stockade

*Presented by Les Van Horn
and Mary Jane Herber*

In 1852, the Fort Howard Military Post was abandoned by the U.S. Department of War. Many of the structures were either moved or torn down, but what about the stockade? What started as a discussion over an old map has become an ongoing study about what happened to the stockade. With the work of surveyors, historians, and public land records, some of these questions were answered, including "Where exactly is Fort Howard's stockade?"



Thursday, October 5 Louis Jolliet: A Solid Path Through Water

Presented by James Healy

2023 is the 350th anniversary of the expedition of Louis Jolliet and Father Jacques Marquette through Wisconsin and down the Mississippi. The trip dramatically affected the lives of both those coming to North America and those already here. Louis Jolliet: A Solid Path Through Water will offer a connection to our past and to some of the questions that still confront us. James Healy is presenting Louis Jolliet as the man he was: a thoughtful man of his times, daring and planful.



Thursday, October 12 The Ku Klux Klan of the Fox River Valley

Presented by Michael D. Jacobs

In the mid-1920s, the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) was recruiting in the area from Oshkosh to the north, including Brown County, where the population was immigrant, largely Catholic, and northern European. The Klan had more than one focus of un-American ideas – opposition of Catholics, violations of the Volstead Act (Prohibition), and the immigrant population. Learn how the KKK influence, although small, rose and fell in Northeast Wisconsin.



Thursday, October 19 The All-American Girls Professional Baseball League in Northeast Wisconsin

Presented by Jeff Ash

The All-American Girls Professional Baseball League was formed in 1943. In August 1944, the sport was brought to Green Bay for a tryout. The Milwaukee Chicks were looking for a new home. Did the team make Green Bay home or did the Chicks find another community to roost in? Discover more about the different teams in the league and how long it lasted.



*The Brown County Library Local
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Pop Con™ is Back Bigger, Better, and With "Goosebumps" Galore!

The ever-popular Pop Con™ convention continues to get better and better, with this year's event hosting none other than R.L. Stine of Goosebumps fame on Saturday, October 7 as well as adding two brand-new sessions on Friday, October 6.

Friday Kicks Off The Fun

The fun begins with Pop Con™: School's Out! from 1 to 3 p.m. on Friday with activities, crafts, and more for youth. Kids ages 5 to 17 can show off their cosplay (the practice of dressing up as a character from a movie, book, or video game), play some games, and more. Then, starting at 7 p.m., the Library will kick off Pop Con™ Preview with Comedic Neutral. This is a hilarious improvised Dungeons & Dragons show from ComedyCity's Comedic Neutral. Their crew will embody the characters they created and take you on an adventure like no other. Although they will make many decisions, their ultimate fate depends on the roll of the dice! This event is for ages 13 and older.

Don't-Miss Saturday Activities

Come Saturday, the whole family can get into Pop Con™.

Dress up as your favorite superhero or pop-culture character or just hang out with fellow fans. You can enter the Cosplay Contest or try out new and favorite board games in the gameplay area with Gnome Games. Don't forget a shopping bag for when you meet and discover unique treasures from local artists and creators in the aisles of Artist Alley. You can listen to interviews and meet local authors and artists... including the opportunity to meet none other than the creator of "Goosebumps," R.L. Stine!

Stine is a popular American novelist best known for his horror books for children. His writings have been scaring people all around the

FRIDAY
October 6,
1-3 & 7-8 pm

SATURDAY
Oct. 7, 2023
10am - 4pm



world for decades. So far, he has sold more than 400 million books and his books have been translated into 35 languages, making him one of the best-selling authors in history. Lifelong Stine readers and those new to his literary works are welcome to listen to **two interviews with Stine that will include the opportunity to ask questions and attend a signing afterwards** (limit 2 items per attendee).

- **The first interview will be held at the Brown County Library Pop Con™ at 12 p.m.** on Saturday, October 7 with Dr. Bryan Carr from Bryan Carr's Serious Fun podcast at the Brown County Central Library auditorium. **Dr. Bryan Carr** hosts the podcast Serious Fun, where pop culture and social culture collide. Dr. Carr hosts interviews and discussions with academics, professionals, and fans from across the industry – from video games and comics to sports and music and so much more – to take a critical and comprehensive look at popular culture and our relationship with it. Dr. Carr is an Associate Professor in the Department of Communication, Information Science, Women's & Gender Studies at UW-Green Bay.

- **Stine will give another interview at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 7 at Washington Middle School auditorium**, 314 S. Baird St., Green Bay. Doors will open at Washington Middle School at 4 p.m.

Space is limited at each interview location with a first-come, first seated procedure.

In addition, don't miss The Shake Ups, an award-winning, Midwest-based power-pop music collective that blends co-ed vocals, bouncy melodies, and infectious energy into a refreshingly charming sound. The Shake Ups have independently released several full-length albums inspired by their favorite cartoons, including Steven Universe, Voltron, My Little Pony: Friendship Is Magic, Scooby-Doo, and more. The band continues to build on its reputation as a primary force in the independent music community, bringing joy to children of all ages as well as pop culture enthusiasts and the indie music echelon.


Plan Your Schedule

A full Pop Con™ schedule and a list of presentations can be found by visiting BrownCountyLibrary.org/PopCon.

Pop Con™ is made possible with generous support from the Friends of the Brown County Library as well as the following partners: Powers Comics, Gnome Games, and the Lion's Mouth Bookstore.

Stay current on Pop Con™ by connecting with the Library on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube, visiting www.browncountylibrary.org or calling 920.448.4400.





It's the 35th "Chapter" of Give-A-Kid-A-Book - Celebrating 35 Years And Counting



2023 marks a celebratory year all around for the Friends – 60 years of the Friends supporting Brown County Library and over the past 34 years of supporting literacy through the Give-A-Kid-A-Book (GAKAB) campaign!

GAKAB is a great example of how the Friends support the Library through volunteer collaboration and financial patronage. Our mission is to get new books into children's hands, and we have succeeded in doing that to the tune of 360,000 books over the past 34 years.

As with every year, we have thousands of area kids awaiting new books, primarily through the Salvation Army Holiday Assistance program. We need help this holiday season in sharing a love for reading by providing new, unwrapped books for kids of all ages, from babies to age 18. There are several options for donating, whether you want to choose books or provide money. As GAKAB Team Leader Meg Deem says, "Kids Who Read, Succeed!"

You have many options for securing books for the campaign:

- **The Barnes & Noble Book Fair** at the Green Bay location is scheduled for Saturday, November 18. More details are to come.
- **Lion's Mouth Bookstore**, whether in person or online at lionsmouthbookstore.com, and let them know the books are for GAKAB.
- Find our **Amazon Wish List** at tinyurl.com/GiveAKidABookWishlist. Select from a predetermined list of books and have them shipped directly to the Library.
- Starting in November until December 10, you can drop off books at our **GAKAB book collection bins** located at all Brown County Library locations, Nicolet National Bank locations in the Greater Green Bay area, and many other area businesses.
- **Allow us to buy books for you** – You can make a financial contribution which we will use to purchase books on your behalf. Online, you can go to the "Help Us - Donate - Funds" page at our www.browncountylibraryfriends.org Friends website. If you prefer, you can make out a check payable to "Friends of the Brown County Library - GAKAB" and either mail it or drop it off at the Central Library, 515 Pine St., Green Bay, WI 54301.



Meg Deem sharing information about the Friends and the GAKAB program

Each year we are so fortunate to have the support of hundreds of individuals who allow us to provide books to the children in our community. The GAKAB program is also fortunate to have the long-standing support of key sponsors such as Nicolet National Bank, Green Bay Packers Give Back, the Green Bay Area Retired Men's Club, the Allouez Optimists, Brown County Community Women's Club, Festival Foods, and WBAY-TV2. Also, we welcome a new 2023 sponsor, the Augustine Stewardship Fund. To them, we say a resounding, "Thank you!"

Please mark your calendar to join us for the official 2023 GAKAB campaign kickoff event on Wednesday, November 1 at 9 a.m. at the Brown County Central Library. We are planning a special celebration to commemorate GAKAB's 35-year anniversary. See you there!

Friends of the Brown County Library

This newsletter is published on behalf of the Friends of the Brown County Library. The Friends is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable and educational organization whose mission is to promote, sustain, and extend the mission of the Brown County Library to help ensure library excellence into the future.

Our goals are:

- To assist in the funding, development, and implementation of Library programs
- To promote knowledge of the functions, services, resources, and needs of the Library
- To raise funds for Library programs and equipment
- To maintain an endowment fund for Library excellence



Through the generosity of members, volunteers, and donors, the Friends help guarantee the continued success of the Brown County Library. For additional information, please visit www.browncountylibraryfriends.org, call 920-448-5811, or find us on the social media platforms listed on the back of this newsletter.

Closing the Chapter On A Successful 2023 Summer Reading Program

The Library was an exciting and inviting destination this summer, bursting with more than 440 programs, stories, and special events as part of the Summer Reading Program. The common denominator: Building background knowledge and vocabulary, factors in reading success.

Among other things, this included:

- The newly-launched Seed Library led to several gardening-related programs
- The Renaissance Faire was a hit with people who donned period clothing and enjoyed a mix of history, fantasy, and arts
- Teens created zines (small magazines on any topic using a mix of mediums)
- Job seekers connected with career navigators
- Authors discussed their books
- Costume book characters delighted children
- Professional performers entertained with music, magic, science, and comedy

The Numbers Are In!

The Library offered four Summer Reading Programs in June, July, and August. About 1,600 adults (ages 18+) signed up. One Library user commented, "Since I retired, I have read over 600 books. I'm here all the time!"

Teens and tweens (grades 6 and up) weren't far behind, with nearly 1,400 of them tracking their reading to earn prizes including water park passes, Green Bay Packers tickets, and books of choice. We couldn't have done it without our teen volunteers who helped the librarians administer the reading program by checking readers in, distributing prizes, and performing other duties.

Children through grade 5 also recorded the time they spent reading to earn prizes and a free book. A whopping 4,500 kids maintained and/or improved their reading skills during the summer. This is so important because reading over the summer helps prevent "summer learning loss" or "summer slide" that leads a child to fall behind in their skills and return to school with a literacy deficit.

New this year: A program for ages 0-4. The Early Literacy program integrated the five practices of reading, signing, talking, writing, and playing through fun, interactive activities that help develop language and literacy skills. The program had more than 1,500 participants and they, too, earned age-appropriate prizes as well as a book.

Altogether, there were 9,080 registered summer readers. The Library was abuzz with individuals, families, summer camp groups, and others who checked out Library materials, participated in activities together, met others, and enjoyed the Library's decorated-for-summer surroundings.

The Summer Reading Program is supported by several community partners. At the top of the list is the Friends of the Brown County Library, who is a significant funder of the Summer Reading Program. Thank you, Friends, for understanding the importance of literacy, why exposure to new experiences is essential to learning, and why reading matters. The Friends know, "Kids who read, succeed!"



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Upcoming FBCL Events

UntitledTown - <i>Writing Through Grief</i> , with Mike Dauplaise and Pete Angiello	October 21, 2023
Give-A-Kid-A-Book Kickoff	November 1, 2023
Fall BIG Book Sale and Opening Day Members-Only Reception	November 6-9, 2023
UntitledTown - <i>Survival Strategies for Writing</i> , with Wendy Wimmer and Nick Chiakras	November 11, 2023
FBCL Members-Only Event - with author Lynda Drews	December 5, 2023
UntitledTown - with author Stuart Stotts	February 2024 (TBD)
UntitledTown - Women's History Month	March 2024 (TBD)
UntitledTown - National Poetry Month	April 2024 (TBD)

Stay Connected to the Friends Through Your Online Account

Reminder: You can access everything regarding your Friends membership through the Friends website at BrownCountyLibraryFriends.org. From there, you can:

- Obtain your membership card
- Renew your Friends membership
- Volunteer to help with our events
- Donate to the Friends



If you're not already a member of the Friends, scan this code to begin your membership online.

Your email address is your username AND it's essential to keep up to date so we can reach you with Friends news, events and your membership renewal. If you change your email address, please notify the Friends so you don't miss any news and happenings. To update your email, please send an email to info@BrownCountyLibraryFriends.org.



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