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ALMA LIBRARY FRIENDS

February 2025 Newsletter

Drinks on the House

More than 60 people have signed up to attend our Valentine's Day free wine tasting event featuring wines from VanDeMark Farm and Vineyard. Because of the great response we're going to need a little help from our Friends.

Friday, Feb. 14, starting at 10 a.m. we'll be setting up for the event. It should take about an hour. At the event, (4:30-6 pm) we need volunteers to work the registration table and check IDs, to pour wine samples, to keep the cheese and cracker table well stocked, and keep the water and coffee table going. If you have time to volunteer, you can reply to this email or call or text me at 989-620-0272, or sign up at the circulation desk at the library.

Adult fitness program extended

We had a good response to our first adult programming event, so we decided to extend the original 4-weeks to 8-weeks, and the Chair Fitness classes will continue to run on Mondays at 10 a.m. through February.

Book Display Carousels are assembled and in use!

Stop by the library and see the two beautiful carousels purchased in memory of Lynne Ludy. The carousels were purchased with money raised from our used book sale and from community donations earmarked to honor Lynne's memory.

Make more Friends

We now have some jaunty little business cards you can use to share information about the Library Friends with your friends. You can pick some up at our next meeting, or at the library circulation desk.

Library of Things

The library is discussing the possible creation of a "Library of Things" --a collection of non-traditional items libraries loan to their patrons. It's a growing trend at libraries across the country, intended to provide access to items people might not be able to afford, or only need for one-time or

infrequent use.

Items could include tools, gardening equipment, musical instruments, kitchen appliances, even our recently purchased Ghost Detection kit. It's an idea still in the thinking stage, but could be a great addition to our library. And of course the Friends stand ready to help.

One Book, One Community

At our January meeting, a Friends member brought the program *One Book, One Community* to our attention. The concept originated in the late 1990s and has been used by a number of libraries and nonprofit organizations. It's intended to help build community and communication through a shared reading experience. The American Library Association has developed a guide for implementing the program. Nancy O'Brien, Denise Ledbetter, Karol Davidson, and Susan Hunter volunteered to explore the idea and report back to the Friends.

Learn some cool Scarf Dancing moves

Storytime with children's librarian Miss Jessica continues to grow. If you have an hour to assist on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. or Fridays at 1:30 p.m., please do. It's a fun gig and consists mostly of helping kids with the day's craft. Though I can testify that you can also pick up some great moves watching (or participating in) the very popular Scarf Dancing segment of Storytime. 😊

Okay, that's it for now. **Our next Alma Library Friends meeting is 4:30 p.m. Thursday, February 27th** at the Alma Public Library. A reminder with the agenda for February and the minutes from the January meeting will be coming your way a few days before the meeting. Thank you for being a Friend!

Susan

Susan Hunter, chair Alma Library Friends

A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. ~Andrew Carnegie



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