

Bakers Needed

The Friends are beginning to plan for this year's bake sale held in conjunction with the Craft Fair on November 1st. We sold out quickly last year and could benefit from a few additional donations for the sale. Popular items include pumpkin bars, cranberry and banana bread, chocolate chip cookies, pies of all varieties, and dessert bars. In addition, specialty items like Norwegian cookies go quickly too. Those interested in baking for the event are asked to contact Sharon Erb at erb8@verizon.net or 423-4485.

Book Discussion Group

2nd Monday of each month
6:30 P.M.
Cambridge Community Library

September 8th selection:
1984 by George Orwell
(Our Classic selection)
Call the library with questions,
423-3900.

New members are welcome to the group at any time! There is no pressure to attend every session – come when you can.



Volunteers prepare for the Member-Only Preview the evening before the Public Book Sale.

SAVE the DATE! Friends' Craft Fair November 1st

Change--that's what Craft Fair attendees will notice at the annual Friends' Craft Fair, scheduled for November 1, 2008 from 9 AM to 3 PM at Cambridge High School. "The lunch and the raffle will change, not in spirit, but in delivery and format," say organizers Pat Finn and Margit Ohrn, "and we will be adding craft demonstrations by local artists."

Sponsorship of the delicious lunch has been taken over by the Friends after the retirement of Catherine Lader and the inactive status of the CHS FCCLA club. Catherine continues to help the Friends with menu, supplier, and delivery information. We hope we have not bitten off more than we can all chew here, and if large scale food production is your forte, we need you!

Regarding the raffle, organizers and Friends officers decided to shift resources from the extensive solicitation of raffle prizes employed in 2007 to a donation format, which means that Friends will not formally ask for prizes but will, of course, gratefully accept prizes if offered. Key raffle prizes have already been donated most notably by Shirley Coulter and the Leoni's. Shirley, long-time Friend and super volunteer,

created a spectacular quilt for the raffle. It took Shirley an entire week to cut the 5,000 pieces for the all-blue, queen size "Cabin on the River Quilt" and countless hours of sewing before it was quilted by Carol Pollack. When Friends told Chamber co-president Jeff Leoni of our non-solicitation policy, he immediately offered a night's stay at the award winning Cambridge House Bed and Breakfast. Inspired and thankful for these prizes, the Friends are hopeful that others will follow. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the library during October and at the Fair, but there are no current plans to mail tickets to the Friends members.

Loretta Byrne, nationally recognized for her Native American dolls, and Sherral McGrail, proprietor of Queen Bead, have been slated for craft demonstrations on Fair day. Anyone wishing to do a demo may contact Pat or Margit at 423-3900 as should crafters still wishing to reserve a booth. Local trends indicate that Fair attendance will be strong and thus the perfect opportunity for veteran and novice crafters to profit from their artistic work.

2008 Book Sale a Record Success!

On January 20, 1979, The Friends held their first Book Sale. Surely, it's changed a lot since then but judging from the numerous visitors who came to peruse the books during this year's sale held on August 1 and 2, several things remain the same: lots of people like to read, locals use the sale as an opportunity to catch up with one another, and everyone enjoys a bargain! Many visitors walked away with Cambridge canvas bags filled to the brim with reading or video material.

We had a record year this year in the amount raised and the number of volunteers who supported us. Our thanks go out to everyone who donated books for the 2008 sale. It's a great way to recycle and, best of all, share the gift of reading enjoyment. If you didn't have time to sift through your bookshelves before the sale, please know that you can drop off books anytime at the Library for next year's sale. Lastly, and most importantly, a huge thank you to the volunteers who gave of their time, talent and muscles to unpack, sort and organize numerous boxes of donated books, and help customers the day of the sale....we are grateful for your generous support of the library work.

Joan Behm, Library Director, Celebrates 20 years with the Cambridge Community Library



In addition to this being the 30th year of the Cambridge Community Library, it is also the 20th anniversary of Joan

Behm's tenure with the library and her 15th year as Library Director. The Library Board and Friends of the Library would like to thank Joan for her years of continued service to our community. Please take a few moments to congratulate her on her 20 years with the library the next time you see her.

Q&A with Joan Behm...

Q: *Where did you grow up?*

A: Cambridge. I went to first grade in the old Woodside Country School. I was the only first grader. Then a bus became available for me to ride into Cambridge for the rest of the grades.

Q: *What was your childhood association with a library?*

A: I remember waiting in the high school library for my older sister to ride the bus home with her. Sometimes we went to the Fort Atkinson library. I remember liking a particular Golden Book as a child and I really looked forward to school in the fall.

Q: *Tell me about your family.*

A: There is my husband and three children who are now grown.

Q: *When did you begin at the Cambridge Library?*

A: I began as an assistant in 1988 learning to work with all the different sections and programs of the library. Between that time and 1993 I was often interim director as we had a change of directors frequently. In 1993 I became the director as I am now.

Q: *Why did you want to do this?*

A: Well, initially I was looking for a part time job. When I came to work with

Ann Bowles as her assistant, she was so kind and wonderful. She taught me much of the work that is my present job. While I was learning I sometimes had to bring my children to work with me. Also, my husband has played a great supporting role in my work here, doing all the little extras that we may have needed help with when the help didn't show up. That includes child care of our three when I could not be at home.

Q: *Have you taken continuing education as a result of your position?*

A: Oh yes. The South Central Library System makes classes available all the time both through them and the UW. Sometimes we send the assistants to help them refresh skills or learn new ones. Some of these classes and workshops are now offered on-line.

Q: *What are your personal special interests?*

A: One of them is kayaking. I like to play card games. I enjoy the job I have as it affords me to see friends I have made over the years in a variety of places. And of course, I read a lot. I am never without books and magazines when we travel. I always saw to it that my children had things to read in the car. I think the single most important thing you can do to stimulate a child in learning is to read to them. I feel that should be one of any parent's hobby as they raise children.

Q: *What are you reading right now?*

A: I am reading *Tell No One* by Harlan Coben. This was also a recent French film. In addition, I order many home decor books to dream with and write lists of things for my husband to do.

Q: *And finally, what is your motto?*

A: It is to "use common sense."



Fall Storytime

Preschool Story Time

Wednesdays and Fridays,
9:30 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.
September 24 – November 14

Family Story Time

Thursdays
6:30 P.M. – 7:15 P.M.,
September 18, October 16,
November 20, December 18

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