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One of the most popular categories in our used book sales is kids picture books. If you have any gently used picture books that your kids or grandkids have outgrown, please consider donating them to the Friends.

Visit our website

Our website is your source of the latest information about Friends of the Tualatin Library. Please visit us soon:

FriendsOfTualatinLibrary.org

Special sale: large print books



During the week of July 27th, the Friends will hold a special sale of used large print books. Most of these titles are fiction in a variety of genres by a wide range of popular contemporary authors. They're formatted in extra-large fonts for readers with poor vision. The books will be on display on the Friends freestanding bookcase just inside the library. They'll be priced at 50 cents each, which is half the regular price. If you have trouble with standard print books, we hope you'll stop by and stock up for your late-summer reading.

Meet Molly Burns



When the Friends board voted to institute a new Lifetime Membership category, it was no surprise that Molly Burns was the first to enroll. Molly has been an enthusiastic supporter of the Tualatin Library since the mid-seventies. Why? "Libraries are a civilizing influence in communities," Molly says. "It's a good use of my money to support the Tualatin Library."

In addition to supporting the library financially, Molly is also generous with her time. You'll see her at the library every Tuesday stocking the shelves of the Friends ongoing book sale. And you'll see her at our Spring and Fall book sales helping with setup and staffing the sale. Molly has discovered an unexpected side benefit to helping with the Friends book sales. "I've found

some wonderful books that I enjoyed in my childhood and bought them for my grandkids," she says.

Building a stronger Friends group



For the past several months the Friends Board has been working very hard to learn the techniques and methods of expanding its membership and creating a more effective board.

We began with a 4 hour retreat, facilitated by a man who has worked for years with non profit organizations. We then divided the board into subcommittees to study specific areas: membership, public relations, finance, and special events. We met every month, listening to the committee reports,

making comments, asking questions, and finding the path we need to take to improve. To date, here are just a few of our decisions:

- update our ByLaws and Policies and Procedures
- change our fiscal and membership year to start in January
- add categories to our membership dues so that we can encourage more people and businesses to join
- contact people who did not renew their memberships in the past and encourage them to rejoin
- ask all members for as little as 2 hours of volunteering for the Friends each year
- actively ask businesses and individuals to sponsor specific events during the year in order to increase our ability to provide programs and items the library staff deems important.

With these ideas, and more, we hope to make our organization more lively, effective, and fun for the members while providing the library with funds during the year.

If you would like to help with this task, please contact Marge Congress at maven345@yahoo.com. Let us know what you want to do and we will see that your request is honored.

We need an accountant

The Friends have been very successful in recent years in raising money for the library through the sale of used books. We have been fortunate to have excellent people who have been willing to serve as treasurer. We would like to have a certified public accountant review our financial documents and procedures to be sure we are in compliance with our bylaws as well as State and Federal regulations. Please contact us if you have any suggestions for this important activity.

New membership categories

The next time you renew your membership in the Friends, you'll notice some changes in the membership categories. We've added a new Lifetime Membership for individuals and two levels of Business Membership:

Senior/Teen (\$5)

Individual (\$10)

Family (\$20)

Patron (\$50)

Benefactor (\$100)

Lifetime (\$250)

Business I (\$50)

Business II (\$100)

You can help us build the membership. Please invite your family, friends, and business contacts to join!

Why do we need libraries?

We came across an interesting article in the latest United for Libraries newsletter. It's a review of the new book "Our Enduring Values Revisited" by Michael Gorman. The author lists nine essential roles for modern libraries in the community:

- To house print and other tangible collections -- not only those from the past but also those that will be created in the future.
- To provide spaces for the integration of technological resources and services as well as "traditional" resources and services.
- To house spaces for people to study, to do research, and to read, view, and listen for pleasure.
- To provide places in which anyone can obtain online access to the whole range of electronic resources and can obtain assistance in their use.
- To provide areas for specialized collections and associated library services.
- To provide meeting places within the community.
- To provide spaces in which library users can be assisted by professionals.
- To provide spaces for library and literacy instruction leading to empowerment of community members.
- To provide spaces for social interaction, both for meetings and conversation.

The Friends are committed to helping our library achieve all of these

worthwhile goals.

Welcome new members

We extend a warm welcome to the newest members of Friends of the Tualatin Public Library:

Susanne Brothers Family

Ida Hecker Family

Robert Hordan Family

Caroline Jaffee Family

Sherilyn Lombos Family

Wally MacDougall

Mary Pattison

And our newest business members:

Fujimi Corp.

Tualatin Chamber of Commerce

Tualatin Life

Tualatin Tire Factory

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