

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Mid-May 2015

Dear Friends,

Happily, spring-and early summer- have arrived!! That means the Friends are again gearing up for our summer event and fundraiser-Our re-imagined Book, Bake and Boutique Sale! We've tweaked our major fundraiser to include more special books, new and favorites, crafts and cookery, and special interest items donated by our Friends to help raise money for the programs at the library.

The Friends meet monthly at 7PM in the community room at the library on the second Wednesday of each month. We'd love to see you at a meeting, especially all of the new members who have recently joined. Many of you indicated you'd like to take an active role with book sales and other activities and events sponsored by the Friends for the benefit of the library *Now's your chance! Now you're members, and you can join us in helping with these events- and give us some new ideas as well! If you can offer an hour or two (or more, if you have the time!), we can use help in setting up the sale on Tuesday, 5:30PM---7:30PM- on Wednesday at the Preview Sale for Friends members only (you're already members, so why not come early, help out and shop early!) or during the regular sale hours on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.* We can also use some help with closing up and packing up after the sale at 1PM on Saturday. So please check your calendars and see when you can come, meet some new friends, and help us with the sale. To offer help, just call our President, Joe Melisi, at 447-2169 and leave your name and number and when you can be there-it's as easy as that!

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING LATELY?

We held another successful *Appraisal Afternoon* on April 11th with Kelley Auction group.

Some of the Friends were at the opening event for *Whitman Reads* to hear Steve Puleo's talk about his book, Dark Tide, The Great Molasses Flood of 1919. and

to host sales for the book and autograph session afterward.

We hosted our first-ever *Trivia Event* at the Library in April as well- a fun afternoon for all. We hope to do another event in the fall. Watch for the announcements!.

HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT!

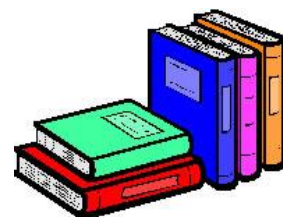
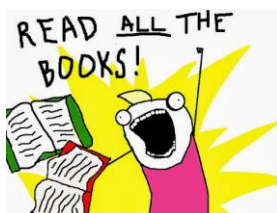
THE BIG SPRING-SUMMER BOOK, BAKE AND BOUTIQUE SALE

The dates have been set: **Thursday June 4th through Saturday, June 6th**. You can start putting aside those books you read during the winter and want to clear out of the house-donate them to the book sale, and come to the sale to buy a new supply for the summer. We're also looking for donations for our new boutique corner -items of special interest, floral arrangements, plants, some collectibles We have eliminated the yard sale because of declining appeal and hope that this new addition will interest a lot of you. Because of storage limitations, we are unable to accept donations until the week before the sale -we'll take them also during the setup days-just check out the sale setup schedule for the times Friends will be in the community room to accept your book donations. The book sale organizers are already sorting and organizing the books that have already been donated or discarded by the library, so there will be a great selection for the sale. We'll have CDs, videos, puzzles, and plants for sale, too. The bake sale has become a three-day event, too-so drop by and get the delicious goodies baked by our Friends! It takes time to set up the tables, bring out all the donated materials and sort the new ones that come in during the week of the sale, and then do the actual setups on the Wednesday before the sale starts, put up the posters and signs, and get ready to greet our customers on Thursday. We're always happy to have volunteers help us with setting up-and most importantly, with closing up at the end of the sales. Please mark the dates on your calendar and come to the library for lots of special bargains!

FRIENDS' MEMBERS PREVIEW NIGHT

The Friends will be hosting the Preview Sale for Friends members on Wednesday evening, June 3rd, from 6PM to 7:30PM in the community room. All you need to do is show your current membership card (or check the current membership list to be sure you're listed) and you'll have first chance to browse and buy at the book sale and the boutique areas.. Maybe you'll find a

signed first-edition among the donated books, or an Antiques Roadshow-worthy painting or teapot -but even if you don't, it will be fun to come and browse and buy ahead of the crowd the following day! Join us in the community room for this special thank-you event for our loyal members.



A TISKET, A TASKET

ELLIE NEEDS SOME BASKETS AND CERAMIC POTS

Our yard sale and resident green thumb lady, Ellie Cabral, has a request – if you have any pretty teacups and saucers, or small plant baskets or decorative pots, or decorative ribbons or silk flowers that you'd like to donate, she can transform them into arrangements and gifts! Just leave them at the library with her name

on the bag, and the staff will be sure to get them to Ellie- she'll work her magic, and you'll soon see them for sale, to raise money for library programming. You'll be helping twice-by donating the supplies, and by purchasing the finished crafts and plant baskets at the library.

The Friends are happy to announce that the following businesses have joined our group or renewed memberships for 2015. We greatly appreciate their support, and the support of all our individual and family members as well

Conway Insurance Agency, Inc.

Donald A. Young, Ameriprise Financial

Duval's Pharmacy Buds and Blossoms

Dr. George Leavitt Venus Café

Mutual Bank

Law Offices of Ronald. N. Whitney

SCHEDULE FOR BIG BOOK, BAKE AND BOUTIQUE SALE IN JUNE

- Tuesday, June 2nd 5:30PM Setup for the Book, Bake and Boutique Sale**
Help is always welcome to setup the tables up and bring the books and yard sale items out of the back room
- Wednesday, June 3rd**
10AM to 2PM The sale organizers and helpers set up their area and price the items donated for the sale Donations accepted all week. Helpers are needed and welcome to set the books on the tables for the Book Sale and put finishing touches on the sales areas
- Wednesday evening,**
June 3rd- 6PM-7:30PM ***Preview Sale for Friends of the Library Members only***
A Special Thank-You to our loyal members- show your current membership card, or check with our helpers at the entrance to the Community Room for free, early admission to the sale
- Thursday, June 4th** Sale opens to the Public 1PM-5PM
- Friday, June 5th** Second day for the sale 1PM-5PM
- Saturday, June 6th** Final day of the sale 9AM to 1PM
- Saturday, June 15th 1PM** Helpers gladly welcomed to close up and pack away the leftovers



Even if you are not yet a Friend, you can help us in several ways:

- * by donating books, yard sale items, plant containers and baskets
- *by donating baked goods for the bake sale
- * by buying some of the tasty offerings at the bake sale that runs every day of the sale
- *by helping with setup or with closing up after the sale is over
- *by supporting those local businesses who are members of the Friends organization and who support the library and the community
- *by using your local library and taking advantage of all we have to offer here at the Whitman Public Library
- *by signing up as a new member!

Did You Know?.....

...That the Friends fund the ***Summer Reading Program*** at the library?

....That our ***Trivia Event*** was a success, thanks to Pat Gardner, who organized it, and Dennis Chick, who ran it, as well as Our Friends members who helped out with setup and cleanup, and of course to the players! Thank you also to local merchants who contributed prizes: Carlybelle's, Duval's McGuiggan's Pub, Cowbells Café, Emerald Isle Shop and the Flying Pig Emporium.

..That you can pick up a ***Whitman Library tote bag, or an Entering Whitman magnet*** at the library- all proceeds support programming for Children at adults.

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...That our ***book sale prices*** range from 3/\$1 for children's books, to \$1 for all hard covers and large-softback books, to small paperback at 2/\$1 ,and new or special interest books at \$2 each? Prices are listed at the sales and will be available as bookmarks to everyone who attends the sale. All proceeds from our sales go directly towards funding programs for the library

...That the Library has a delivery service for those who cannot come to the library? It's called ***Library-To-Go***. Just call Barbara at the library to register, and a volunteer will bring the books to you on Wednesdays-and pick up when you're done, too!

A COUPON FOR YOU

**REDEEMABLE FOR ONE FREE BOOK
WHEN YOU PURCHASE AT LEAST ONE BOOK
AT THE BIG SPRING SALE**

Coupon valid June 3rd through June 6th, 2015

