



Letter from the President of the Friends

Greetings Friends,

The sun gently rises over the river calling the mist off the water. Hints of red, yellow, and orange peek from the trees along the banks. The fishers and eagles compete for breakfast by the island. Early morning adventurers explore the trail on foot and by bicycle. As the sun lifts in the sky so does the coolness of the air climbing to a warm, Fall afternoon. The library silently watches as the day's scene unfolds. Inside, the library materials and programs offer more stories and adventures. Supporters of the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library help make those adventures happen through donations and volunteering.

Friends of the Ruth Culver
Community Library

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Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

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The Friends 15th annual golf outing fundraiser was held at the Lake Wisconsin Country Club in July. Thank you to the sponsors, golfers, diners, and volunteers who made it a tremendous success. And thank you to Lake Wisconsin Country Club for hosting the event.

The Water Street Social Club is hosting a Friends Trivia Night Fundraiser on Tuesday, October 22, at 6:30 p.m. Come on out for trivia, literary themed cocktails and appetizers, delicious food, prizes, and fabulous company at the Water Street Social Club.

The 2024 winning golf team from St. Vincent de Paul

The National Friends of Libraries Week is October 20 – 26. Show your support

of the library by renewing your annual Friends membership, joining the Friends board of directors, volunteering for a Friends event, and taking advantage of the resources offered by the library.

And so, this brings us almost to the end of another year. A heartfelt thank you to all who have supported the Friends and the library through your generosity of donations and volunteerism. I hope you will continue to support your favorite groups in the community so they flourish. Be a friend!

Thank you for being a Friend!

Carl Hoffman

Friends President

**BOOKSALES DONATIONS ADVOCACY
FUNDRAISING VOLUNTEERING COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIPS SPECIAL EVENTS
MEMBERSHIP DRIVES SUPPORT
CELEBRATIONS RESOURCES PROMOTION
COLLABORATION LIBRARY LOVE**

Thank the Friends.



NATIONAL Friends of Libraries WEEK
OCTOBER 20-26, 2024 AN INITIATIVE OF UNITED FOR LIBRARIES



15th Annual Golf Outing & Dinner a Success!

We had a perfect day for our 15th Annual Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library Golf Outing held July 17! Thank you to our hole sponsors, silent auction donors, volunteers, golfers, dinner guests and Lake Wisconsin Country Club for hosting—all to support our library!

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What is the purpose of the Friends?

- To promote and improve library services, materials and facilities for the community
- To stimulate gifts and bequests to the library
- To provide volunteer support in strengthening the library's programs
- To encourage the broadest possible use of its facilities, materials, and services

Friends of Libraries Week

October 20-26, 2024

The Ruth Culver Community Library gets by with a LOT of help from our Friends!

October 20-26, 2024 is the 19th annual National Friends of Libraries Week, and it's the perfect opportunity for the staff and trustees of the Ruth Culver Community Library to give our Friends a big shout out for all you do to make a positive impact on us every single day. Take a look at the display in the library to see examples of just a few of the MANY contributions the Friends have made to support our library.

We know the Friends are always looking for new members and volunteers. They have so much fun while working to make our community better. Joining is just a click away--visit <https://www.pdslibrary.org/friends-library> to learn more or to renew your membership.

Joining the Friends of the Library is a terrific way to make new friends of your own, give back to our community, and make the library even better.

2024-2025 Friends Board of Directors

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2024 Friends Meeting Dates

The remaining 2024 meeting date for the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library is:

- Thursday, November 21

Meetings will be held at **6:30pm** in the library Community Room. All are welcome to attend. Contact Meagan at mstatz@pdslibrary.org or 608-643-8318 for details.

Yes! I'd like to support the Friends of the Library!

Thank you for your gift to support the Friends of the Library and the Ruth Culver Community Library. Please share your intentions for your gift:

A one time gift of \$ _____

This gift is:

In Memory of _____

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Please make checks payable to:
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Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

Donations may also be made online at www.pdslibrary.org/friends-library

Name(s) _____

I prefer for my generosity to remain anonymous

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

The Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library is a 501(c)(3) organization. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.



Trivia Night Fundraiser

Tuesday, October 22, 6:30pm

Water Street Social Club

Join us for a Night of Fun and Knowledge! This Trivia Night sponsored by Friends of Ruth Culver Library and Water Street Social Club will have literary-themed questions (among other topics) and Water Street Social Club is even working on literary-themed cocktails/mocktails. Gather up your friends, family, neighbors, coworkers, strangers off the street, whoever you can to pull a team together - and come test your general trivia knowledge! Grab a bite to eat, a signature craft cocktail and join us for a night you don't want to miss! All ages welcome, and prizes for the top 3 teams! Tickets available at the Ruth Culver Community Library (\$5 per person, cash or check only) or walk-ins are welcome with a donation to the Library!



Upcoming Library Events for Adults

Find out about upcoming library events through the online calendar at <https://ruthculver.librarycalendar.com>. Many events require registration when space is limited, and you can register online through the calendar too! Contact the library at 608-643-8318 with questions.

Free Yoga

Second and Fourth Wednesdays monthly
9:00am

Stretch, breathe, repeat.

Instructor Brittney Ricks of Peak Yoga Wellness will lead a free monthly yoga session in the library community room. Please bring a mat and/or towel.

Family Event: The Oregon Trail Live

[Registration Required!](#)

Saturday, October 26

Reservations available at 9:00am, 9:30am, 10:15am, 10:45am and 11:30am

Wanted: brave individuals up to the challenge of reaching Willamette, Oregon via the Oregon Trail. Sign up on our website for a time slot on this live version of the classic video game. Can you survive to the end? Our Oregon Trail game will take up to 8 players on the trail at a time. Recommended ages 6 and up. The Oregon Trail will be a giant board game format in our community room with each square representing 100 miles on the trail. You will be given supplies, but you will also face many calamities before your journey's end. If even one player makes it to the end of the trail, the players win. After playing the game, you will be welcomed to take a photo in our Oregon Trail photo area and try your hand at a yarn weaving craft.

Artificial Intelligence

Why it's changing the world, what it is, and how we can prepare for it

NEW DATE! Monday, November 4, 7:00pm

AI is a transformative technology with the potential to revolutionize education, the workforce, and our society. Join us to better understand AI's implications and prepare for its impact on our lives and community. This conversation will be led by Jake Boll, local educator and educational technology specialist at CESA 5. Jake will discuss the potential benefits and risks associated with AI as it continues to evolve as well as ethical and data privacy considerations. Feel free to bring a device to explore some AI tools on your own and ask questions! All are welcome whether you are a beginner or experienced AI user as we look forward to sharing and learning from one another.

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Dollar Store Holiday Crafts

Monday, December 9, 6:00pm

[Registration Required](#)

Supplies will be provided to create two holiday crafts items made with supplies from a dollar store. Open to ages 18+. Space is limited. Registration is required and can be done [online](#) or by calling the library at 608-643-8318. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library.

