



# Friends Foundation of Worthington Libraries

spring 2015

## WELCOME TO NEW FRIENDS!

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- Barbara & Albert Glover
- Linda Jerome
- Katharine Merrick
- Ginger Oswald
- William Persi & Jane Parnes
- Anna Marie Robinson
- Jim Rundle
- Terri Searfos
- Maria & Bill Slattery
- Ravi Subbaraman
- Jeanette Tedmon
- Jeff Ulrich
- Maria & Richard Wade
- Nila Whitfield

## UPCOMING BOOK SALE

Old Worthington Library Meeting Room

- Thursday, May 14 (members-only) 7-9 pm
- Friday, May 15 9 am-6 pm
- Saturday, May 16 9 am-5 pm
- Sunday, May 17 1-4 pm

## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

It is such an honor to assume the duties of the Friends Board President for 2015. I have had the pleasure of serving on the board since 2006, and have greatly enjoyed working with everyone involved with Worthington Libraries. As a member of the Friends Board, I see first-hand the indelible impact our libraries have in our communities, from the homework help centers to the summer reading programs—just two of the programs the Friends help make possible, thanks to your generous support.

Last year, our board took part in a strategic planning session to better define the organization's role and purpose. As a result of this work, a new mission statement was approved, as follows:

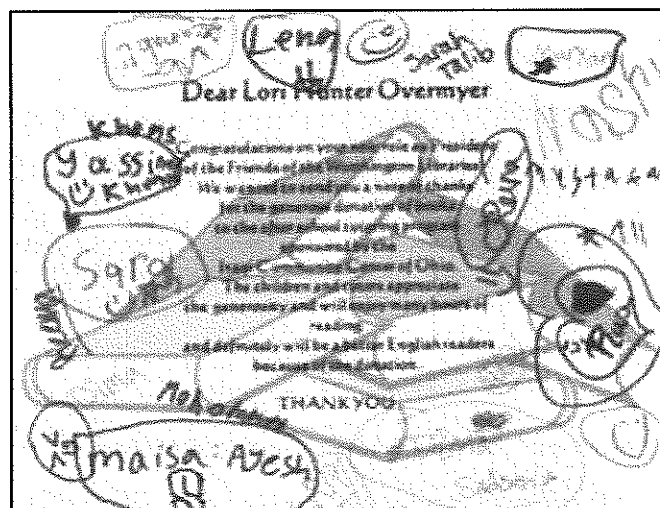
- INCREASE** awareness of library services and programs
- INSPIRE** community involvement in Friends Foundation activities
- PROVIDE** funding to support the library's mission
- ADVOCATE** for strong public library funding

This year, we will be focusing on strengthening the Friends Foundation brand, both through our print and online presence as well as through new benefits of membership. Our goal is to develop an identity for the Friends that resonates with current supporters and attracts new members. We'll be testing



**LORI OVERMYER**

several new Friends-only events, expanding our community collaborations through book donations (read the amazing note at left from Rua, Mustafa and the other students at the Iraqi Community Center of Ohio) and exploring exciting program partnerships. Thank you for your continued support of the Friends Foundation!



# OUTREACH EFFORTS: GIVING BACK

Since January 2015, your Friends Foundation has made a significant impact by donating books and materials to these grateful community partners:

**247 juvenile books** to elementary schools in Hilliard serving English for Speakers of Other Languages students

**1,920 boxes** of large-print fiction books to Goodwill

**1,065 hardback and paperback books** to the Pickaway and Richland correctional institutions

**231 teen and juvenile books** to South High School (Columbus City Schools)

**247 juvenile books** to Wright Elementary School (Dublin City Schools)

We wanted to share with you this heartfelt thanks to the Friends, following a recent donation of books. The following excerpt is from a letter from Gretchen Persohn, Librarian II at the Richland Correctional Center, dated February 5, 2015:

*"I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the Friends of the Worthington Library for the opportunity they have afforded me to obtain books for my library collection at the Richland Correctional Center. Reading truly does transform lives, and the ability to provide inmates with good reading materials is difficult in times of waning funding. This partnership with the Worthington Friends group and my library has been a true win/win situation. Your books are benefitting hundreds of people rather than being discarded or recycled. Again, thank you for this golden opportunity."*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Ingenuity, inspiration and sheer desperation all play a part in mankind's attempts to transform plants into alcohol. Amy Stewart leaves no flower, fruit or fungus unturned in *The Drunken Botanist*.

Stewart, who is also the author of *Wicked Bugs* and *Wicked Plants*, will share the story behind your favorite drink on April 15 at the McConnell Arts Center, 777 Evening Street.

As a Friends Foundation member, your ticket is only \$5 and includes admission to a 6 pm author reception.

Call the McConnell Arts Center at 614-431-0329 or go to [mcconnellarts.org/wp/events](http://mcconnellarts.org/wp/events) to purchase tickets. To receive the discounted price, use the code FRIENDS.

**AMY STEWART**  
WEDNESDAY,  
APRIL 15  
at 7 PM  
McConnell Arts Center  
777 Evening Street



Be one of the first to see the library's new Poetry Path during this annual event, sponsored by the Friends Foundation.

Poems from local- and nationally-known writers have been installed on permanent signage in the garden area, which is on the south and west sides of the building, making it the perfect place to relax and reflect. Maggie Smith, David Baker and Karen



**COMMUNITY BREAKFAST**  
THURSDAY,  
APRIL 16  
at 7:30 AM

Northwest Library  
2280 Hard Road  
RSVP to 614-807-2610

Weyant all have poems included in the Poetry Path, and will read their work during the Breakfast.

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# CURRENT MEMBERS

We gratefully acknowledge the following individuals for their generous annual support as members of the Friends Foundation of Worthington Libraries. This list reflects those contributions received as of March 20, 2015. In the event your listing is incorrect or was omitted, please accept our sincere apologies and contact Hillary Kline at 614-807-2605.

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Board Member*

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# NEW BOARD WELCOME

The Friends Foundation Board of Worthington Libraries is pleased to welcome four new members, who officially began their terms in January 2015.

While each new board member brings a unique skill set, all expressed great pride in our wonderful Worthington Libraries and a desire to give back to our community. We are thrilled to have them as part of the Board!

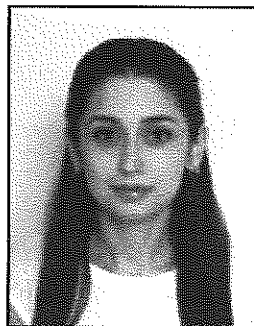
**Lisa Abrams** is the director of diversity and outreach at The Ohio State University's College of Engineering, where she also serves as an assistant professor. Her duties at OSU include leadership and oversight for the Women in Engineering program and the Minority Engineering Program, and teaching and curriculum development for the Engineering Education Innovation Center. Lisa's talent for outreach, advocacy and program development and evaluation will be an asset to the Friends.



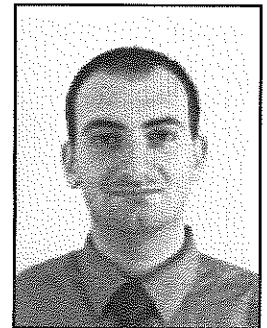
**Dawn Malone** serves as the development manager at the Worthington Resource Pantry, which was founded in 2008 as the Worthington Food Pantry. Dawn is also a certified public accountant, and brings to the board both financial and fundraising expertise. In addition to the Friends Board, Dawn is a member of the board of the P.E.E.R. (Peers Enriching Each Other's Recovery) Center, a drop-in wellness, recovery and support center.



**Katerina (Katie) Smirnova** began her involvement with the Friends Foundation as a book sale volunteer. She is employed by Nationwide Insurance as a developer in IT operations. Skilled in analysis and planning, she also serves on our organization's task force to enhance book sale operations.



**Ilya Shats**, a procurement engineer for Greenville Technologies, Inc., started helping out the Friends Foundation as a book sale volunteer. As part of a task force to evaluate and analyze current and future book sale operations, Ilya's background in supply chain management will be an invaluable asset.



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## STACK CHATTER

In mid-December, Bill Meltzer, a Northwest Library adult services librarian, was approached by a young woman from the Middle East he had helped before. She told him she had finally passed the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language), after several attempts and, with that behind her, was preparing for her pharmacist's licensing exam.

She said his suggestion to focus on calming her test-taking anxiety rather than just studying English, as well as the resources toward which he pointed her, were exactly what she needed. She repeatedly said how happy she was and how grateful she was to him for helping her overcome this barrier to getting her license in the U.S.

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## STAR STRUCK!

As if more evidence was needed to prove that our library system is out of this world: in November, *Library Journal* announced its latest Index of Public Library Service, and Worthington Libraries once again received a five-star rating—the best possible—in its category of libraries with total annual operating expenditures between

\$5 and \$10 million.

Worthington Libraries is one of only 20 libraries in the country to receive a five-star rating in all seven editions!

More than 7,500 U.S. libraries were evaluated for the most recent Index on the following service indicators: library visits, circulation, program attendance and public Internet computer visits.

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# SALES MAKE MISSION POSSIBLE

The record-setting winter weather may have produced the best books for sale that the Friends has ever seen! Why, you ask?

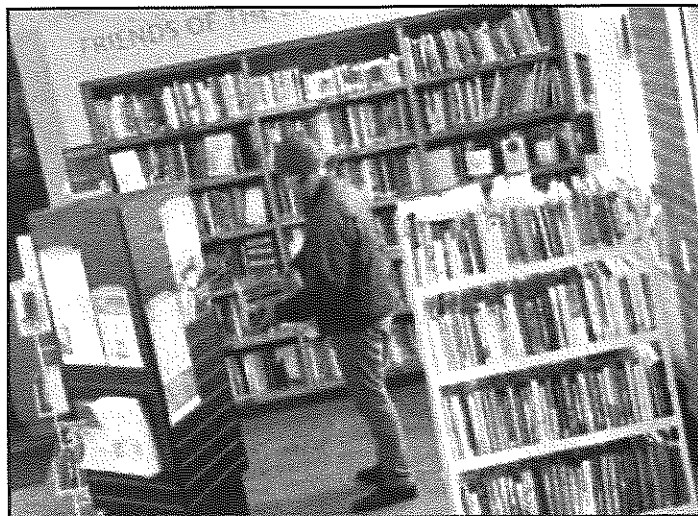
Completely unscientific research indicates that people have been culling their book collection when it's too nasty to go outside, then donating some wonderful books to the Friends Foundation.

In addition, library staff has been winnowing the shelves at each location, and the Friends has received a bounty of books from that process.

Be sure to stop by the ongoing book sale when visiting Old Worthington Library or Northwest Library. Located near the main entrances, the sales offer great books for only \$2, from A (*American Cheese* by Clark Wolf) to Z (*Zane Grey's The Spirit of the Border*).

Put upcoming sale dates on your calendar and make plans to attend each preview night, scheduled the Thursday evening before a sale opens to the public. This is a perk for you as a Friends Foundation member! Sale dates for the rest of 2015 are **May 15-17, July 17-19, September 25-27** and **December 4-6**.

We appreciate all the book donors and buyers who help fund the many programs supported by the



*Volunteers frequently refresh the ongoing book sales at Old Worthington Library (above) and Northwest Library with new titles.*

Friends. If you would like to further the Friends' mission, consider volunteering to help with ongoing book sale efforts. The work schedule is flexible. E-mail [BookSaleHelp@yahoo.com](mailto:BookSaleHelp@yahoo.com) to join the team.

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