

# Between Friends

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## A new library is coming!

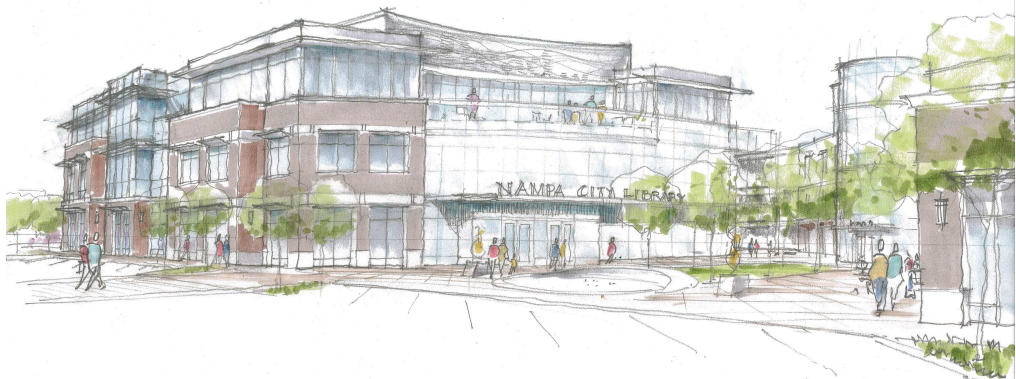
### Friends encourage City Council in land exchange vote

By Debbie Holm

In a room packed with *Friends* and other library supporters, the Nampa City Council took a step toward building a new library July 2 by voting to turn the so-called “pivot block” over to the Nampa Development Corporation in exchange for the new Hugh Nichols Public Safety Building, currently owned by the NDC.

Many *FOL* members wearing green shirts were among 23 citizens who spoke in favor of exchanging the downtown properties. Four speakers were against the plan, and four were undecided or had further questions.

Mark Rose, library



*Nampa Pivot Block - View from the east side of 12th Ave.  
4-25-12  
Redwood Design Group*

This architect's rendering shows the front of the new library to be built on the site of Nampa's former police station.

director, says the next step will be for the NDC to formalize a contract with the Gardner Company, a Salt Lake City-based construction company that will build a new three-story library building, parking structure, and retail and of-

office space on the pivot block where the old public safety building now stands.

Gardner is also building the new Zions Bank building in downtown Boise.

The NDC is Nampa's Urban Renewal board,

and the library will be built with urban renewal funds, also known as tax increment financing.

Council members Pam White, Martin Thorne and Bob Henry voted for the measure. Stephen Kren cast the dissenting vote.

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# FOL annual book sale in August

By Debbie Holm

The *Friends of the Library* will sponsor its annual used book sale Aug. 16, 17, 18 and 20 at the Nampa Public Library, 101 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.

Romances cost 10 cents each, while soft cover books cost 50 cents and hardback books are one dollar. Audio books and DVDs are \$2 and videos are 50 cents.

*Member Appreciation Night* is Thursday Aug. 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. — join other *Friends* for cookies and the best selection!

On *Hot Choices Days*, Friday, Aug. 17 and Saturday, Aug. 18, the book sale is open to the public from 10 a.m. until library closing.

Monday, Aug. 20 is *Donation*

## Sale days

- Aug. 16 - 5 to 7 p.m. *Member Appreciation Night*
- Aug. 17 & Aug. 18 - 10 a.m. to library close, *Hot Choices Days*
- Aug. 20 - *Donation Day*

*Day*, when numerous books may be purchased with a cash donation.

Proceeds from the sale provide recognition for Summer Reading teen volunteers, buy prizes for summer reading, contribute books and other materials to the library collection, and fund specific library goals.

The *FOL* is excited about a new library for Nampa, and funds are set aside for that upcoming project.

It's easy to join the *Friends*, with annual membership dues of \$10 for those under age 18 or over age 65; \$15 for an individual; \$20 for a family; \$50 for a patron and \$100 for a business or sustaining member.

You can also earn membership by volunteering at the library or donating used books. For more information, contact Jeannette Quist, *FOL* president, at 208-468-4066.

If your bookshelves are overflowing, or if books, music and movies didn't sell at your yard sale, consider donating them for the sale by depositing them in the designated bin at the library before Aug. 13.

## The walls are alive at the Nampa Public Library

Kids are doing cart-wheels and hanging from bars, jumping and playing across the walls of the Nampa Library, thanks to a service project funded by the Friends of the Library and carried out by the Nampa Chamber of Commerce leadership class, Centennial Job Corps, Push Marketing and Blacksmith Signs.

After a crew from the Job Corps did the preparation work, the leadership class painted the entire downstairs meeting room in vibrant new colors.

Blacksmith Signs jazzed it up with black silhouettes of active children. Lynn Calvin of Push Marketing came up with the colors and design for the walls.

Amanda Bizeau, public services associate with the



The *FOL* donated the paint the two volunteers used to create this cart-wheeling kid in the large meeting room downstairs.

library, said the young patrons loved it: “I was heading upstairs to make my announcements; three kids with their caregiver had already come downstairs. Even before I saw them I could hear them exclaiming over the pictures.

“When I came closer, I asked them how they liked the new look. One of the little girls flashed a huge

grin, ran up to me, and wrapped me in a big hug. She was SO excited! Then she and the other two began to show me which colors and silhouettes were their favorites. They put themselves up against the walls where the pictures were and tried to fit themselves to the shapes.

# Quist leads *Friends of Library*

By Debbie Holm

Jeannette Quist is the 2012 president of the *Friends of the Library*.

“My husband and I are new in the community, and we love it. Libraries are very important to me, and I could see that the Nampa library could use support, so I joined the *Friends* a few years ago,” she says.

Jeannette is passionate about the library, and has shown it by creating outreach opportunities for the *Friends* group.

Because of her enthusiasm, the *Friends* have had booths at Downtown Nampa Nights, the Winter Fest and the Senior Fest.

She instigated the idea of bringing the *Friends* to the Nampa Senior Center, and for the last two years, she and other *Friends* have sold used books at the center on the fourth Friday of every month.

She also attends meetings of the Nampa Library Board.



## *Become a Friend of the Nampa Library*

Yes! I want to purchase a *Friends of the Nampa Library* membership for 2012. Here is my check made out to *Friends of the Nampa Library* and mailed to:

***Friends of the Nampa Library***  
**P.O. Box 3783**  
**Nampa, ID 83653**

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- \$10 for people older than 65 and younger than 18
- \$15 individual
- \$20 family
- \$50 patron
- \$100 for business or sustaining member

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Please contact me with ways to become more involved with my *Friends* group!

## Check out Alexander McCall Smith in several genres

By Susan Cropper

I'd like to give an "author review" in lieu of the typical book review. I've been working through Alexander McCall Smith's books (listed under McCall Smith.) He is best known for his *No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* series, a delightful and insightful peek into the daily life and culture of Precious Ramotswe's Botswana. Bulletin: A new volume will be out this year, a page-turner, *The Limpopo Academy of Private Detection*.

Born in Rhodesia, Africa, of Scottish origin, McCall Smith is well qualified to write in all the genres he uses: novels, children's books, and academic texts. He studied in both countries and was a professor of medical law in Scotland. In Africa he set up the University of Botswana

Law Department. He now lives in Edinburgh, Scotland, and writes full-time.

Two of his series, *44 Scotland Street* and *The Dog Who Came in from the Cold*, resulted from requests from "The Scotsman" newspaper for daily episodes, now published in several books.

Both are fascinating, as they deal with the many different kinds of personalities, including animals, who live in apartment buildings (i.e., at the address 44 Scotland Street, Edinburgh.) Somehow, we keep them all separated—as we do our own diverse, unique friends!

In *The von Igelfeld* series, McCall Smith introduces the unnaturally tall Professor Dr. Moritz-Maria von Igelfeld of the Institute of Romance Philology, who is engaged in a comical, never-ending mission

to win the respect that he is convinced he is due from others," says an article in Wikipedia.

The *Sunday Philosophy Club* series features the half-American, half-Scottish Isabel Dalhousie, editor of "The Review of Applied Ethics" and amateur Edinburgh sleuth. Much like Precious Ramotswe, she often entangles herself in problems that are none of her business – including murder, love and sedition – and which put to good use her philosophical brilliance," the Wikipedia article notes. This series, unlike others, gives the reader more room to think.

The problems encountered are rarely cut and dried, and give us the opportunity to decide what would be, or what may have been, the best answer in each intriguing situation.

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