

Between Friends

Newsletter of the Friends of the Nampa Library Summer 2013

AT LAST!

New library will grow in soil turned at ground breaking

The *Friends of the Library*, along with hundreds of other Nampa citizens, cheered when shovels dug into the soil at Library Square on May 7, 2013, in preparation for a long-awaited new library building.

FOL President Jeannette Quist represented the *Friends* as a library partner in breaking ground at the event. *Friends* members Phil Bence and Debbie Holm, members of the library board, also assisted. Children wearing plastic



hardhats and sporting orange balloons marched in a parade from the old library two and one-half blocks to Library Square for the event, billed a “story time.”

They listened to a story from Mayor Tom Dale, and several were in the group that dug the first soil with golden shovels. Finally, they gathered in a sandy area to break as much ground as they wanted with plastic shovels.

The new library will be a 62,000 square foot building, set to open in the fall of 2014. Funding will be provided through urban renewal funds administered by the Nampa Development Corporation, and from private donations.

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Top photo: Look at these happy *Friends* at the Library Square ground breaking! From left, Jeanette Quist, Debby Booth, Karen Ganske, Donna Bailey, Shirley Westfall, Misty Preece, and Susan Cropper. Below:



President — Jeanette Quist
Vice President — Donna Bailey
Treasurer — Debby Booth
Membership Chairman — Tamara Wright
Secretary — Misty Preece
Newsletter Editor — Debbie Holm

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A Message From Our President

By Jeanette Quist

This is a wonderful time for the Nampa *Friends of the Library*, as we anticipate our new library that will be finished in about 18 months. We hope you are also enthusiastic about the opportunities our new library will bring.

As we anticipate these changes, there are many things we can be doing now to get ready.

We are planning to open a used bookstore in the lobby of the new library. There is much that needs to be done for us to open the doors of the bookstore at the same time the library is ready.

Think of all the volunteers that will be needed to staff the bookstore. What about all the used books we will need to fill the shelves? As *Friends of the Library*, we need to be ready to step up and help.

What skills do you have that could help us in this endeavor? Do you have time to spend a few hours each month to staff the bookstore? Do you have extra books on your shelves that you could donate? Do you have friends with books to donate or time to help? Would you be available to help on a committee to organize volunteers, help with the website or the newsletter? What



about helping to sort books? Maybe you could help with advertising or creating a fundraising event. Please note these on the survey on page 3, and return it in the enclosed envelope.

During the coming year we will be organizing and planning. Starting in July 2013, the *Friends of the Library* board will meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 12 noon in the basement of the old library. This is a change—we have previously met on the first Wednesday. This would be a great place to spend your lunch hour once a month.

The potential of our new library and our used bookstore brings many opportunities to volunteer and help. Come help us create a great *Friends of the Library* organization!

Please come to the *Friends* annual meeting

By Debbie Holm

The annual meeting of the *Friends of the Library* will be held Wednesday, June 5, at noon in the basement of the library. A slate of officers for the 2013-2014 year will be presented for a vote after nominations are accepted from the floor. Anyone interested in serving in an office is encouraged to attend the meeting.

The current election slate discussed at the May meeting includes Jeanette Quist for president; Donna Bailey for vice president (in line to be president in 2014); Debby Booth for treasurer and Misty Preece for secretary. Misty resigned as vice-president in May, noting that she has been serving as both vice-president and secretary, and Donna was asked to be a vice-presidential candidate. It is proposed that a *Friends* executive board be instituted as per the by-laws, and this will be discussed at the annual meeting.

Other helpers include Tamara Wright, membership clerk; Phil Bence, online book sales coordinator and Debbie Holm, newsletter editor. Wanda Welsh will serve as chairman of this year's book sale.

Last year's financial statement, and next year's proposed budget will be reviewed.

Please note that starting in July, *FOL* meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month at noon in the library, rather than on the first Wednesday. This change was made in May in order to accommodate schedules of members.

If you can't attend the meeting and have comments or ideas to share, please feel free to add them to the survey in this newsletter, or contact Jeanette Quist at 208-468-4066 or <gsquist@yahoo.com>

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Gardner Company and ESI Engineering will build the building on the historic downtown block, which was home to the city's first water tower and later, to city hall, and still later, to the police station.

Some of the building's special features will include: a multi-purpose room for public use, holding up to 150 people; six smaller study or meeting rooms; a local history room with microfilm capabilities; an expanded Spanish language area; an outdoor patio on the third floor; abundant

parking in an adjoining parking garage; a two-story lobby with exhibit space; a much-expanded children's area with family restrooms, and access to an outdoor plaza and nearby retail space and restaurants.

Plans include a *Friends* retail store where the *FOL* will sell used books.

The ground breaking represents the end of many years of waiting for a new building. During the 1990s, supporters hoped to fund a new library through a bond election, an idea that proved politically unpopular. Around 2006, supporters could see a new library on the horizon as plans were drawn

and community input was received. However, the funding mechanism—an urban renewal district, which would pay for the project through property taxes generated within a certain area—was challenged in court. By the time it was declared legal by the Idaho Supreme Court, the economy had tanked and it took several years for it to recover enough so that the new Hugh Nichols Public Safety Building could be built for the police department, and to clear other hurdles. More photos of the event may be seen at <http://newlibraryfornampa.org/photo-gallery/>

FRIENDS of the Nampa Public Library SURVEY

The new Nampa Public Library at Library Square is on the horizon! And, the *Friends of the Library* are looking for support from the community!

- Would you be interested in becoming a *Friend* of the Library? YES or NO
- Do you know a neighbor or friend who would participate? YES or NO
- Do you need to renew your membership? YES or NO

Can you help with these tasks? Please check below:

- _____ Sort Books
- _____ Offer 3 or more hours per month to staff the upcoming *Friends* bookstore
- _____ Participate on a committee
- _____ Donate books and media

Benefits!

- Be part of something BIG in Nampa! A New 63,000 sq ft. Library!
- Obtain regular information about library news/events, books, and people!
- Discover, preview, and purchase books in advance!
- Receive a small gift of gratitude!

Please send us this survey and your opinions / ideas in the enclosed envelope. Thanks!

Become a Friend Today!

__ Yes I want to purchase a Friends of the Library membership for 2013.

Please complete the form at the right and make a check to & send to: *Friends of the Nampa Public Library*, 101 11th Ave. S., Nampa, ID 83651

Annual membership options for the *Friends* of the Nampa Public Library:

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| ___ \$15 Individual Membership | ___ \$20 Family Membership |
| ___ \$10 Youth Membership (<18) | ___ \$10 Senior Membership (65 and up) |
| ___ \$50 Patron Membership | ___ \$100 Business/Sustaining Member |
| _____ New Membership | _____ Membership renewal |

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

FOL Annual Book Sale set in Aug. 15, 16, 17 & 19

The *Friends of the Library* will sponsor its annual used book sale Aug. 15, 16, 17 and 19 at the Nampa Public Library, 101 11th Avenue South.

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. 12, **or call Phil Bence at 468-7753 for pick-up.** Construction of Nampa's new library should boost our sales, as *FOL* funds are set aside for the new building. Proceeds from the sale have also provided recognition for Summer Reading teen volunteers, bought prizes for summer reading, and contributed books and other materials to the library collection.

Romances cost 10 cents while soft cover books cost 50 cents and hardback books are \$1.

Audio books and DVDs are \$2 and videos are 50 cents.

Member Appreciation Night is Thursday Aug. 15 from 5 to 7 p.m.— join other *Friends* for the best selection! On *Hot Choices Days*, Friday August 16 and Saturday Aug.17, the book sale is open to the public from 10 a.m. until library closing. Monday August 19 is *Donation for Entry Day*, when numerous books may be purchased with a one-dollar donation from 10 a.m. until the books are gone.

Many folks join the *Friends* so they can take advantage of *Member Appreciation Night*. See membership information on Page 3! 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.

FOL changes look of book cart & sorting room!

Patrons who want to buy used books from the *Friends of the Library* book cart in the library have many more volumes to choose from since more new shelves have been installed.

And, a new receptacle for the money paid for the books has been bolted to the wall and is emptied daily, since someone vandalized the former receptacle .

“This incident highlights the need to think ahead to a new building and explore the possibility of opening a *Friends* bookstore operated by our members,” says Jeanette Quist, *Friends* president.

A simpler system will now be used for sorting books. They will be sorted into these categories: fiction, non-fiction, media

and children's books. Sub-categories such as history, philosophy, travel, etc. are being eliminated, according to Donna Bailey, who has been managing the sorting room.

In sorting books for the book cart, *FOL* sorters are to set aside books published in the past five years so Phil Bence can examine them for possible online sale possibilities. Also, Donna places a date on each book on the book cart, and she pulls them if they don't sell within a certain time.

FOL members still visit the Nampa Senior Center to sell books on the fourth Friday of each month, and they report that this program is well received.

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