

# Friends of the Marshalltown Public Library

January 2008

## *You're Invited*

All Friends are invited to attend the Friends of the Marshalltown Public Library

### **Annual Meeting**

**Sunday,  
January 27  
at 4:30 pm**

in the Heritage Room of the Marshalltown Public Library.



### **Use The New Online Catalog!**

Use our online catalog to search for titles from home, see your due dates, & **renew** your checkouts!

Click on **New Items** to see what has come in this month and place holds!

You can also see the **Most Popular** titles, authors, and subjects being checked out by people in Marshalltown!

## **A Letter from the President of the Friends of the Library**

We begin 2008 looking forward to many changes at the Marshalltown Public Library. If all goes well we will be leaving the Carnegie building for a beautiful new building. It is very exciting to drive by the new site and see the steel frame of that building become a reality.

The Friends' annual book sale last spring was a great success bringing in \$2,868.35. The Friends' Board of Directors is discussing having a fall book sale before the move to the new building. The proceeds from the book sale along with member dues and donations allowed the Friends to provide the Library with new materials, programming, promotions, and a newsletter. The value of these goods and services was \$14,424.17.

I want to congratulate Carole Winkleblack and the library staff for another successful year. The Library circulation was well over 200,000, the Youth program continues to flourish, and computer and Internet usage continue to increase. I also want to thank the Friends' Board members who have volunteered many hours to ensure the success of the new building project and who will continue to support the operation of the new building.

I want to encourage all Friends members to attend the annual meeting on Sunday, January 27 at 4:30 pm in the Heritage Room. Next year at this time we will be holding our meetings in a shiny, new conference room. We can hardly wait.

*Susan Malloy*

Friends of the Library President

## **NEW Friends Book Series**

Join other readers in a new book series featuring three titles with Iowa connections.

The first book selection is

Midnight Assassin: a murder in America's heartland by Patricia Bryan. This non-fiction work reconstructs a 1900 murder, investigation and subsequent trial in rural Iowa. The book examines how prejudice and fear distort justice. Copies of the book are available for loan at the Circulation Desk of the library beginning January 28th or at the Friends' Annual Meeting on January 27th. Discussion of Midnight Assassin will be 7 pm Thursday, February 21st in the Heritage Room.



More book discussions follow on March 27th and April 24th. The Friends Book Series can be joined at any time. It is free, open to the public and funded by Friends of the Marshalltown Public Library.

## **Annual Magazine Give-away!**

Saturday, Feb. 2  
8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.  
Downstairs Meeting Room

Back issues of library magazines are offered on a first come / first served basis.



Check out the **Kids' Books Blog** on the Youth page of the library's website!

Joa keeps you up-to-date with book reviews, book-into-movie news, and new books with curricular tie-ins!

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## Catch the Reading Bug @ Your Library!

Planning for the 2008 summer reading program is underway. As always, the Marshalltown Public Library joins most of the states in the country on a collaborative theme that allows us to share planning and reading incentive resources for a very cost-effective approach to an annual summer reading program.



Each year, many of the craft and activity supplies, refreshments, special program presenter fees, and prizes for the reading incentive points program are provided thanks to Friends of the Library. In addition, the Friends have always been supportive of our VolunTeen Program, a weekly work experience program for middle school and high school students that remains in high demand. Friends' monies often help us to provide library t-shirts to the volunteers, and an end-of-the summer "thank you" party.

The youth department will offer free programs for all age groups in June and July, including twice weekly storytimes, and a weekly program for K-2nd grade, 3rd-6th grade, and teens. The related theme for the older youth will be "Metamorphosis @ Your Library," an activities club program that has traditionally been held on Wednesday afternoons.

The youth department is always interested in hearing from people who would like to be involved with the summer reading program by sharing expertise or leading an activity with kids. We also appreciate when families donate used books in good condition and other items that would work well for summer prizes. Donations from businesses, organizations, and individuals make up many of the prizes we are able to offer as an incentive to continue reading and practicing other literacy-related skills over the summer months.

For teens, the library will offer a Breakfast Club, with a light "breakfast" at 11:30 on Tuesdays, followed by a variety of different programs around noon. Last summer was the first year that we tried a weekly summer program for teens and we were very happy with the participation.

## Book Sale!



The Friends of the Library will hold their annual book sale at the Coliseum beginning April 11, 2008. The book sale is open to Friends members only on **April 11th from 5-8 p.m.** The general public is invited to shop on **April 12th & 13th.**

All proceeds are used to buy new library materials. Call Sandy Gowdy @ 754-5738 to volunteer moving or selling books this year.

## New Building Progress

Despite cold and snow, the new library building is on schedule, says Construction Supervisor Jamie Rochleau. Steel studs that will form the exterior walls are being installed the week of Jan. 14th, as the Friends' newsletter goes to the printer. Roof elements will follow the erection of walls. The building is scheduled to be enclosed by the end of January, at which time work will continue on the inside of the building, with the help of supplemental heat. Building completion (and a BIG PARTY) is expected in October 2008. In the meantime, stay up-to-date by reading the **New Building News blog** on the library's website!

*Can You Picture It?*

