

Annual Report June 2016



Richard Russo at One Book, Everybody Reads Funded by Friends of the Wilmette Public Library, May 2016



Richard Russo, Pulitzer Prize-winning author, visited Wilmette and discussed two of his novels: 1993's *Nobody's Fool*, and 2016's *Everybody's Fool*, the sequel to his enjoyable book and the movie. For the 11th year, Friends has supported this popular community-wide reading event and additional programming.

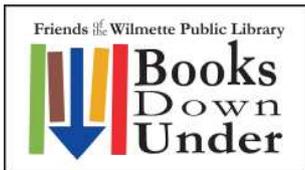
Friends in 2015-2016

This past year, during the extensive Wilmette library renovation, the infrastructure along with aesthetic changes was updated. While the project was important for meeting the community's growing needs, library programming was reduced and Friends support was curtailed. Annual Friends-sponsored events such as the Juried Art Show, Children's Art Show and volunteers luncheon were on hold during construction. Additionally, a moratorium on book donations reduced Books Down Under (BDU) bookstore inventory and sales. Yet, dedicated BDU booksellers and volunteers persevered and continued to offer bookstore customers a haven at the only bookstore in Wilmette! With construction completed, BDU now offers well-stocked shelves on a wide selection of topics.

Friends Mission: Provide meaningful opportunities for our community to be engaged in and to support the Wilmette Public Library.

Thank You to All Our Friends:

Board, Volunteers, Booksellers, Members, WPL Staff & Trustees, BDU Customers, and Maintenance Staff. A special thanks to Mid-Central Printing & Mailing in Wilmette.



A community bookstore located in the lower-level of the library, selling gently-used books and staffed by dedicated volunteers. Book sales fund programs for all ages!

Friends-Funded Programs:

Adult Reading Club
After the Fast Lane
Babytime
Books for Babies
Children's Art Show
Children's Bookmark Contest
Children's Winter/Summer Reading Club
Fall/Spring Story Walk
Focus on Genealogy

Greener Choices
Hands on Science
Lakeside Flutes
One Book, Everybody Reads series
Shakespeare Project of Chicago
Sunday Music Series
Tween Programming
Wilmette Recreation Center Bookmobile



** Youth Services Art Installation: Who Are We? An interactive photo montage of children and places in Wilmette and Kenilworth. A two minute video was produced when the new art piece was presented to the community.

** Friends of the Wilmette Library participated in the Library's Open House in April, celebrating the completion of construction.

** BDU is grateful to the hard work of Marion Anderson, long-time BDU volunteer. To recognize her dedication, a tribute video was created and honorary plaque commissioned.

** A huge thank you to Margo Chambers who took on the task of filling Marion's shoes.

** In lieu of the thank you luncheon, BDU volunteers were invited to an informal breakfast. In December, volunteers received a Dunkin Donuts gift card.

** BDU volunteers sold books at Wilmette Summerfest and Go Green Wilmette.

** BDU shelves and sections received an update with clear, concise labeling.

** Friends of the Wilmette Library is now on Facebook. Like us! 

Friends By the Numbers:

Bookstore sales: \$27,500 total in 2015, Donations and Memberships: \$9,900;
Members: 105; Volunteers: 60; Bookstores in Wilmette: 1

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