

# Membership Newsletter

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## Friends of the Berwyn Library Board

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## Pardon Our Dust

The Friends of the Berwyn Library welcomed four new Board members this past fall. The turnover of Board members has required a period of adjustment, and we appreciate your patience as we reorganized and settled into our new roles. We hope that this newsletter can shed some light on what we have accomplished since September 2017.

## Programming

In April 2018 the Friends of the Berwyn Library hosted Science Sundays. We offered a variety of STEM activities for children with topics ranging from space travel to the properties of light and an in depth study on birds. For our adult patrons we provided two enriching lectures. Laura Lanford brought us the fascinating tale of finding a cure for scurvy. Did you know that the cure for scurvy was found, lost, found, lost and found again!? Dr. Lara Pullen took us on her journey to find a treatment for Prader-Willi Syndrome. She discussed the path that she took to find the right diet, lifestyle choices and a drug (Pitolisant) to help treat this rare genetic disorder that her son was born with.

## Funding

The Friends of the Berwyn Library are happy to be able to fund many new projects and services. Notable among them include our contribution to the Youth Services reading initiative, "1000 Books Before Kindergarten," and the funding for the new kitchen set and imagination theater found in the Youth Services Department. This summer the Berwyn Library will unveil its new Book Bike, a project that the Friends have funded half of. We can't wait to help introduce it to the Berwyn Community! We were also happy to contribute once again to the 2018 Summer Reading Challenge and the 9th Annual Fairy Tale Ball.

## Branding and Literature

Vice President, Mike Erickson and Tom Javorcic worked together to streamline our FOBL informational brochure, which includes a sleek new logo and up to date information. We hope to educate the Berwyn community about why the Friends of the Library is an important cause to support, and bring in many new members with the help of our new brochure. We appreciate your patience as we replace our depleted supply of membership tote bags. Plans for new totes

are in the works, which will be hand screen printed by your very own Board member Katie Rose! We will inform members when the totes are ready for pick up; thank you for your patience. Board Member Katie Rose also launched the Friends of the Berwyn Library Facebook page. If you haven't already done so, find us on <https://www.facebook.com/FOBL4LIFE> and hit "Like." You will be able to get updates on fundraising events, programming and so much more. Last but not least, make sure to visit the Berwyn Public Library's website at [www.berwynlibrary.org/friends](http://www.berwynlibrary.org/friends) for access to quarterly newsletters and up to date organizational information from our Board Meetings.

### **Incorporation and Not-for-Profit Status**

The Friends of the Berwyn Library is now Incorporated with the State of Illinois! Board Member Millie Ayala took on the arduous task of filing for Incorporation and is hard at work on obtaining our not-for-profit status; becoming a 501(c)(3) organization will open up a whole new world of fundraising opportunities for the FOBL.

### **Fundraising**

Board Members Sue Stopka and Katie Rose continue to maintain the book sale in the library. Please stop by and purchase some books; the selection is updated weekly. As always we rely on our membership dues for funding; please encourage friends, family and neighbors to become members! The fundraising committee is hard at work planning events that we hope to start rolling out in the fall of 2018. Stay tuned for more information.

### **Membership Meeting**

In all of our planning and doing, we did not schedule a membership meeting this spring. We are sorry for this oversight. We will have our next Membership meeting on Saturday, October 20, 2018. We hope to see all of our members at this meeting, where we will be voting on two vacant Board positions.

### **Welcome Our Newest Members**

In recognition of members who are new to the organization as of this fiscal year:

M & B Applebaum, J & L Cole, M Erickson, C Giles, C Gutierrez, J Knoll, P Murtha, K & P Nudd, M & J Haijer O'Connor, B Pechous, S Radtke, J Ramirez, A Resendez, J & Z Reyes, K Rose, and C Sullivan.

*And to all of our members, I would like to thank you for your continued support of the Berwyn Library. Your contributions allow us to continue to bring important services and programs to the Berwyn community that may not be possible without your generosity.*

***Kendra Nudd, President  
Friends of the Berwyn Library***