

# FRIENDS OF THE ONALASKA LIBRARY



BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

January/February 2012

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**FRIENDS NEWS.....NEW OFFICERS FOR 2012---**Following is the new slate of officers for 2012 who were elected at our annual meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup>. President is Kathy O’Driscoll, secretary is Ramona Kiehne and treasurer is Terry Pohja.

**UPCOMING MONTHLY MEETING--** Our January meeting will be held on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Onalaska Library Meeting Room.

## FROM THE DESK OF OUR NEW PRESIDENT:

Dear Friends ---I would like to lead you in a big round of applause for our past presidents, Jackie Bartz (*on the right*), and Brenda Wackerbarth (*on the left*). When they agreed to be co-presidents, it was with much trepidation. The Friends had just agreed to fund their biggest project



commission and to date—the Mike Martino sculpture he named “Invitation to Imagination” that graces our south side. How was this

small group going to fundraise over \$22,000 in less than a year? What were the Friends thinking?!!!

The library expansion was just completed and the staff had many other unfunded needs. They were able to fund the sculpture and provide for the library needs. In addition to that, they actively promoted library programs that were held in the new meeting rooms. Not limiting themselves to authors; Civil War, waterfront and gardening programs were presented. Hopefully, some non-library goers attended and realized what a gem of a library Onalaska has. Both maintained the Friends' on-going book sale located just past the circulation desk. Jackie brings books back and forth for Eagle Crest. They basically lived at the library during the book sales we've hosted. They learned the behind the scenes ways to publicize events and updated our by-laws with the state. The list goes on and on.

There is a good chance you will find them at the library doing their thing. If you do, please take a moment to thank them for all their efforts. We don't do that enough these days. We don't thank those who through much work make such a difference in the lives of others.----Kathy O.



*---What kind of key cannot unlock a door? .... A monkey*

*What do you arrest pigs in? ... Ham cuffs*

*Where do cars go swimming? ... The car pool*

**Open House**--The Friends are planning to sponsor the annual open house at the library which will be held on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM. This is one way we try to promote both the library and the Friends of the Library. There will be a need for workers and bakers. If you can help us out, there will be a signup sheet at the circulation desk in late January. Be sure to stop down and sample the goodies.

**Silent Auction**--We would like to thank everyone that donated and also bid on items during the silent auction. By extending the auction an extra week we were able to pick up larger bids and also add items to the auction during the course of the event. Just over \$1300 was raised without having a "large ticket item". I think this was great!--April Gates (Auction Coordinator)

**Wine Tasting Event**—Held in late October, this was again a successful fundraising event for the Friends. The addition of a small band added a nice touch to the party. No date has been made yet for another one, but it is in the plans to hold another one this winter.



*“Do not follow where the path may lead... Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”*

*--Ralph Waldo Emerson*

**Movies**---Again this year Larry Pohja has volunteered to show movies in the meeting room. Thanks Larry.

Tuesdays are targeted to the young adults/adults and Saturdays are targeted to kids. A minimum of three people must be present for the show to go on.

Tues.-- Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>—“THE HELP” --- 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM --- PG13

Sat.—Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>--- “AFRICAN CATS”--- 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM --- Rated G

Tues.---Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> ---“MONEY BALL” —6:30 PM – 9:00 PM Rated-- PG13

Sat.---Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>---“DOLPHIN TALES” ---10:00 AM – 1:00 PM-- Rated PG

Sat. ---Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>--- “CARS 2”--- 10:00 AM –1:00 AM --- Rated PG

Tues. ---Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>--- “REAL STEEL”--- 6:30 PM –9:00 PM --- Rated PG13

Sat.---Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>-- “KING FU PANDA” -- 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM- Rated PG

Tues.--Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>-- “CAPTAIN AMERICA”- 6:30 PM –9:00 PM-Rated PG13

**Note:** Movies are subject to change and/or cancellation. All children under age 8 must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian.

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*Are you wondering what the Friends do with the funds raised thru their various fundraisers?*

*Recently we have been able to purchase necessary items, like tables for the meeting room, a book cart for transporting/shelving books, a new light-weight vacuum for the staff to use for those quick cleanups needed in a busy library. Let’s not forget the books and audio items along with magazine/newspaper subscriptions we have been able to provide for both the adult and kids sections.*

*We recently renewed the subscriptions for over twenty magazines for the library. A listing of those magazines is posted at library in the magazine area. Also our treasurer just recently renewed the yearly subscription to the New York Times. There are many people (both library patrons and the public) who appreciate having that paper available to read.*

*Last month the Friends paid for the repair of an older heavy-duty vacuum cleaner . Not a major expense but still something that we were able to have fixed and now in workable condition.*

*This is not a complete listing but just some recent “donations” we have done.*

**Festival Tapes**—The deadline for the Festival grocery receipts for the quarter ending December 31<sup>st</sup> is **January 11, 2012**. Please drop off the tapes in the box in the library lobby by the 11<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!



**Appreciation**--The Friends would like to recognize and express their appreciation to the Master Gardeners who have worked diligently on the library's reading garden to keep it looking lovely. Thanks from the Friends go out to Rita Champion, Wendy Ostlund and Ramona Kiehne. All three ladies belong to the local Bluff Country Master Gardeners.

**HEY---WHAT IS A DUCK'S FAVORITE SNACK?**

See page six for answer.



2012 FRIENDS OFFICERS

On the left is Kathy O'Driscoll, president, center is Terry Pohja, treasurer, and to the right is Ramona Kiehne, secretary.

Others positions: Festival tapes & Kwik Trip's Milk Moola---Dave Novitske  
Glass Display Case---Terry Pohja  
Booksales---Brenda Wackerbarth & Jackie Bartz  
Newsletter---Ramona Kiehne

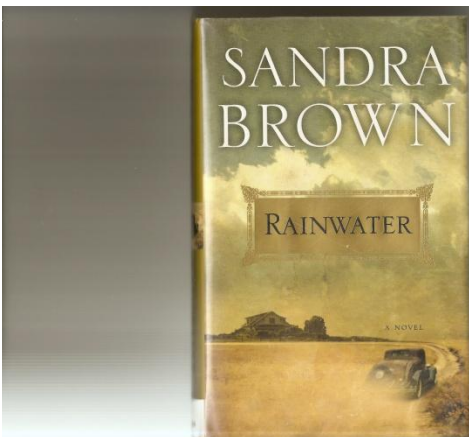
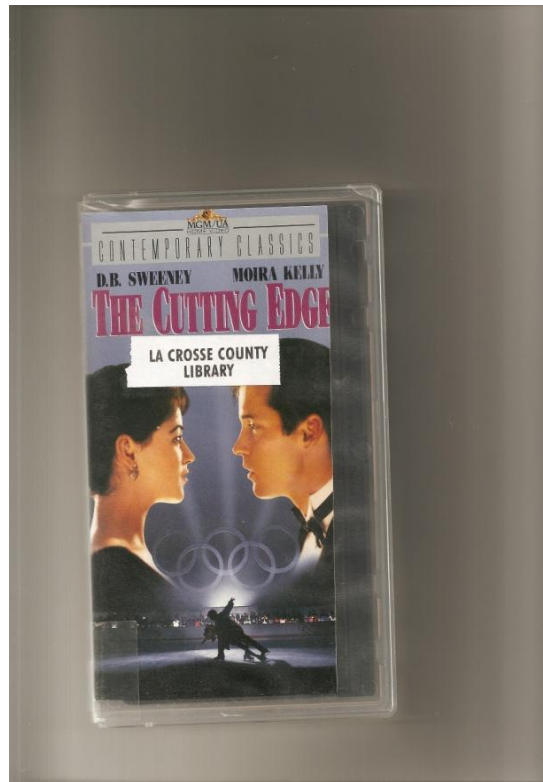
Check out the movie and book reviews on the following pages. Jaycee Dugard's book is difficult to read at times but it is a good read.---rk

*FROM THE BOOKSHELVES OF THE*

*ONALASKA LIBRARY:*

Cold and snowy evenings make the perfect time to check out a movie from the library. You can check out the movies for a week so you have plenty of time to watch them. There are adult movies and in the youth section there are numerous movies for the kids. Take a look and enjoy an evening at the movies.

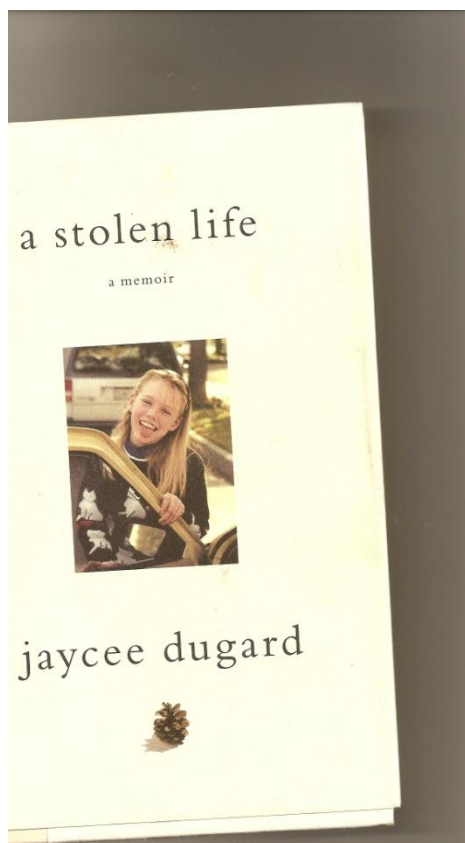
In “The Cutting Edge” ice-hockey player, D. B. Sweeney, reluctantly becomes the figure-skating partner of ice queen Moira Kelly. She’s a rich and refined pair’s figure skater whose prima donna attitude has her skating solo. He’s a brash and blue-collared hockey champion with a new injury and no future. With nothing in common but their dreams of reaching the Olympics they are each other’s last resort. Reluctantly they join forces and begin training for the Winter Games. Rated PG



***RAINWATER by Sandra Brown***

The year is 1934. With the country in the stranglehold of drought and economic depression, Ella Barron runs her Texas boardinghouse with efficiency that ensures her life will be kept in balance. She also cares for her ten-year old son, Solly. When David Rainwater arrives looking for lodging Ella senses that admitting Mr. Rainwater will bring unsettling changes but times are hard and she must keep the boardinghouse at 100% capacity.

Sandra Brown is the author of numerous New York Times bestselling thrillers. “***Rainwater***” is a powerfully moving novel of a great bygone generation. It tells a story that bears witness to a bittersweet truth: that love is worth whatever price one must pay for it.



**“A STOLEN LIFE” --a memoir-- by Jaycee Dugard**

In the summer of 1991 she was a normal kid. She was eleven years old and did normal things. She had friends, and a mother who loved her. In June of 1991 Jaycee was kidnapped and became a prisoner for eighteen years. She was not allowed to speak her own name. She became a mother at the age of fourteen and was forced to be a sister to her daughters.

This is her true story in her own words. At times this is a “painful” story to read but it is filled with courage and resilience. I especially liked her reflections on happenings in her stolen life and her “reunification”. Traditional therapy did not appeal to Jaycee but the reunification specialist used horses as part of the therapy which really appealed to Jaycee and her girls.

The pinecone on the jacket cover is a symbol that represents the seed of a new beginning for Jaycee. The first hard-cover edition of this book was July 2011.

Answer---

*Quacker Jacks*

WHAT KIND OF TEST IS THE MOST IRRITATING? *The cross examination.*

**Dates to remember--Thurs. Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> Monthly meeting 7:00 PM at library**

**Library Open House—Mon. Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Thurs. Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> Monthly meeting -time to be determined**

*Happy New Year!*