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A Holiday Book Sale for the Ages!



Volunteers from the Oostburg High School Wrestling Team moving books for the sale

Mark your calendars for December 9th! Thanks to a generous donation from the estate of Barb Ingelse, The Friends of the Oostburg Public Library are hosting their second book sale of the year!

Barb Ingelse taught English and Spanish for years at Oostburg High School, and her husband

Chuck taught at Cedar Grove. Both were equally beloved by both their students and their colleagues. Barb was a life long reader who used books as a ticket to far off places that it wasn't practical for her to get to in real life, and her collection included thousands of books on a variety of topics, all kept in fantastic condition. Barb's sister-in-law Pat, who is in charge of the estate, recalled a conversation that she'd had with Barb after reading *The Paris Bookseller* where she imagined what it would be like to run that kind of bookstore, connecting costumers with books they'd love. While she may not have had the chance while she was alive, we are honored to help fulfill this fantasy in some small way through this book sale.

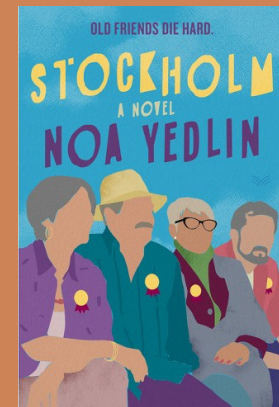
The sale will run from 8 am to 1 pm on December 9th, and will remain open during library hours for the following week. During the sale, the Friends will also be holding a holiday bake sale. So even if you don't find the perfect book, you may find the perfect treat! All sales will be by free will donation.

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New at the Library

Stockholm

Noa Yedlin



Avishay is the front-runner for the Nobel Prize in Economics, but he dies unexpectedly eight days before the ceremony.

Armed only with their wits and the knowledge that the committee won't award the Nobel Prize to a dead person, his four closest friends decide to conceal his death to the world until the winner of the prize is announced.

Tensions rise as the four friends attempt to keep Avishay's death a secret in this literary take on *Weekend at Bernie's*.

Library 101

The Friends of the Library



By now you've heard of the Friends of the Oostburg Public Library. They're mentioned several times in every newsletter after all, including this one. But what you may not know is who these "Friends" are and what it is they do. By now, you may be too embarrassed to ask after months of nodding along when the Friends are brought up in conversation, so allow me to spare you any humiliation with this quick primer on the important role that friends groups play in the library world.

As you likely know, public libraries are funded by the municipalities they serve. These funds cover staff wages, material acquisitions, and most other things

that are necessary to keep a library running. But no matter how well funded a library is, there are always going to be wants and needs that the normal budget doesn't cover. This is where the Friends step in.

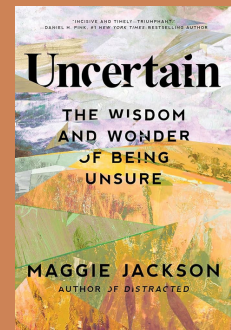
Friends groups are charitable organizations that exist to support public libraries. They work with library staff to organize fundraising opportunities, collect donations, and fund programs and new materials that would otherwise fall outside of the scope of the library budget. Just this year, the Friends of the Oostburg Public Library funded prizes and performers for our Summer Reading Program, the Shady Hollow Program with Juneau Black, our new collection of children's audio materials, and much more. They are a big part of the reason that Oostburg Public Library is able to operate as smoothly as it does.

If you're interested in joining the Friends of the Library, you can pick up a membership form in the library. A \$10.00 a year membership helps the library continue to expand our programming, update our shelving, and improve our overall ability to provide services.

If you enjoy the library's programming, consider joining the Friends, or talk to any librarian for more information.

New At
the Library
Uncertain

Maggie Jackson



Set against the backdrop of the modern age's increasingly terrifying unpredictability, Maggie Jackson's new book guides the reader through the revolutionary act of embracing uncertainty.

Here, the author argues that instead of being a character flaw, a level of uncertainty is instead a criminally underrated trait necessary for a person to explore and better understand their own views and beliefs.

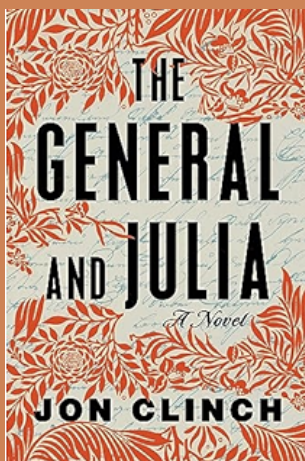
Still Uncertain? Check out this book and see what you think!

IF YOU OR YOUR BUSINESS IS INTERESTED IN SPONSORING AN EXPERIENCE PASS, CALL THE LIBRARY AT (920)564-2934 AND ASK FOR JESSE

New At the Library

The General and Julia

Jon Clinch



With his health deteriorating rapidly and his families financial future in question, Ulysses S. Grant reflects on his life while desperately trying to finish his memoirs in this stunning work of historical fiction.

Clinch dives deep into the life of Grant, taking special care to highlight the man behind the uniform. Instead of focusing solely on Grant the General and President, the book shines a tender light on Grant the husband and father, with special emphasis on his relationship with his wife, the titular Julia.

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There will be an exclusive preview sale for members of the Friends of the Library on Friday December 8th in the afternoon. If you've been on the fence about joining the friends, this is a good time to take the plunge so you can browse the sale before the general public gets to. Details of this sale will be sent out to current members of the Friends of the Library using the contact information they provided when they signed up.

Proceeds from the sale will go towards buying some new shelving and display areas for the library. We are looking to get rid of the spinning paperback racks in our main area and replace them with actual shelves that will better utilize our space. This will make for a better browsing experience, and give us even more space to expand our collection.

The end-caps of these new shelves will also give us some new, dedicated display areas so that we can run more displays at once, as well as have space for new collections that we may add in the future.

We'd like to give a huge thanks to Pat Ingelse for reaching out with this generous donation, to the Oostburg High School Wrestling team (pictured moving a few of the boxes of books) for helping transport the thousands of books to the library, and to Kris Rogers, Sally Prinsen, and Lori Walker for sorting all of the books by genre. We'd also like to thank the Friends of the Oostburg Public Library for agreeing to put on this sale with only a month's notice.

This is going to be a truly special sale, and we hope to see you there!

An Update on

hoopla®

Starting in December, there will be a slight change to Hoopla. Oostburg Public Library is limiting the amount of patron checkouts allowed in a month from seven down to five. This is the same amount most other libraries in the county allow. Hoopla is a wonderful service that we are happy to provide, but it charges the library per item checked out. Because of this, it can be very unpredictable to budget for. Limiting checkouts is the simplest way to keep this service available to the community. Also, a huge thanks to the Friends of the library for agreeing to cover part of the Hoopla costs for next year!

A Note from the Director

Can you believe it's already November? I can't. I'm actually in active denial that we're this far into 2023. My mind got left behind some time in May, and since then I haven't been able to tell Monday from Thursday. Time has lost all meaning, and honestly? It's kind of neat.

But November is always one of my favorite times of the year, so I've been putting a little more effort into re-anchoring myself in time so I don't miss it. I love the crisp autumn air, the crunchy fallen leaves, and the spirit of gratitude that wafts through the air mingled with the smell of pumpkin spice.

There are so many things to be thankful for this year. I'm thankful for the patrons and local businesses that sponsored our experience passes this year. I'm thankful to Steve's Painting for squeezing us into the schedule and bringing new life to the library building. I'm thankful to the Friends of the Library for all of the support they've given us, and the role they played in making our summer reading program one of the most successful we've ever had.

I'm thankful to the Library Board for their hard work and guidance. I'm thankful for our village clerk Amy for being so patient with me and easy to work with, and her new assistant Gail for her good attitude and willingness to learn as we get her up to speed. I'm thankful for the Village Board and their willingness to listen and responsiveness to my requests. I'm looking forward to many years of collaboration in the future.

I've said it before and I'll say it again, over and over until you get sick of me saying it both in person and in print, but I am so thankful for the library staff. Colleen, Emma, Laurie, Lori, Nancy, Tricia, and Vicki are an

absolute delight to work with, and all of them deserves all the praise in the world. And I'm also thankful for Trix's and Wendy's continued support, even after their respective retirements.

I could use this whole section (and I frequently have) thanking people for the support, grace, and guidance I have received. But unfortunately, I am almost out of space, so I've got to wrap it up with just two more things. I am thankful to all of you reading this and all of the other patrons who aren't. You all are the reason I get to look forward to going to work every day. And most of all, I am so thankful that this is the job I get to be doing. Have a happy Thanksgiving everyone!

New at the Library

Boys Don't Fry
Kimberly Lee



On the eve of the Lunar New Year, a young Malaysian boy named Jin desperately wants to help his Mamah cook up the New Year's Feast. He loves food and the traditions and history connected to it. However, his Aunties repeatedly shoo him away, claiming that a boy will just get bored or in the way.

With gorgeous illustrations that are sure to get your stomach growling and a heartfelt story with an emphasis on traditions both old and new, *Boys Don't Fry* is an excellent read aloud choice. The little chef in your life will love learning about the Lunar New Year while being reminded that boys can, in fact, cook.

Jesse Rogers
Library Director