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## Storage problem is solved

by Anna Campos

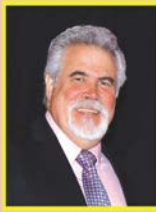
For many years, the Friends have wrestled with the problem of storing books between book sales. Our quarters in the EBR Library are very spacious, but even they will not hold all the boxes we fill. The containers were suggested by library properties manager Roy Burst when the cost of renting storage space for our excess books became prohibitive. Roy also helped with finding and selecting the containers. They were bought in February 2015, and are just across the parking lot from the Sorting Center. The first books were moved on June 2. By June 29, one container was filled, and both have been full for some time now. In the past, it was a major undertaking to coordinate the vehicles and people to move books from Sorting to the storage center, but now boxes can be shifted a few at a time as soon as the Sorting center becomes too crowded.



Above, the first load of books is placed in one of the containers by Ted Blohm. Below, Ted and Chris deVillasana stand in front of the first full container.



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## Award Winners

by Peg Phelps



*The 2015 Friends award winners pose for a picture at the Volunteer luncheon at the Chateau Country Club. From left are Judy Zawislak, Diane Davey, Ted Blohm, Milly Spear, and Peg Phelps. (Peg Phelps was presented with the Ream Award for her work as treasurer and Judy Zawislak received the Box Award for organizing and running the book sale.)*

Three outstanding Friends were honored at the Volunteers' Luncheon on Friday, June 5, at Chateau Country Club in Kenner.

Milly Spear was recognized as the 2014-15 Friend of Distinction. She was cited for her willingness to help the Friends by working in the store on a regular basis, by working at the semiannual book sales, and by pitching in to handle the book signing events when Arlene Manguno was not available.

Diane Davey and Ted Blohm were honored as the 2014-15 Volunteers of the Year. Together, they empty all the books out of the outside book drop boxes several times a week. They also work as a team at the book sales, straightening all the tables each evening. Diane was also praised for sorting books, packing children's books, and packing up on the last day of the book sales. Ted was recognized for preparing hardcover books for recycling, and

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## Friends' Favorites

(An ongoing column featuring *Friends* and the books that have influenced their lives)

by Annette Centanni

Meade Phelps' Book Review: *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J.K. Rowling

The Harry Potter phenomenon began in 1997 when *Harry Potter and The Sorcerer's Stone*, British author Rowling's first book, was released. According to Meade Phelps, he picked it up to find out what all of the talk was about, and became instantly addicted. "It is a children's book," stated Meade, "but I couldn't put it down! I was up until twelve or one o'clock until I had finished it. Its theme is the triumph of good over evil, but I didn't read it for theme, religious significance, or mysticism; I read it, and later, its six sequels, because they were so imaginative, ingenious, and entertaining. There are creatures that avoid detection by becoming ordinary objects, and magical cloaks that render their wearers invisible. Harry Potter himself is a wizard who doesn't know he's a wizard until his eleventh birthday, when he is notified that he has been accepted into Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry."

The adventure only begins here, for both Potter and for Rowling. Potter has gained worldwide fame, enticing millions of children and adults to read, view movies, and buy the merchandise. Today, Rowling, who at one time lived on a welfare role in England, is the fourth richest woman on the planet.

Some reviewers and church groups consider the series to be demonic. Meade advises anyone with doubts to at least read the first book to come his own conclusions. He read the series for its entertainment value, then loaned his own copies, without compunction, to his granddaughter, who devoured them. It is Meade's opinion that the Harry Potter series will stand the test of time and will soon be considered "classic," not without its controversy,

but nevertheless, a classic.

Marylyn Haddican's Book Review: *The White Rose: Munich* by Inge Scholl

Marylyn Haddican, Director of the Jefferson Parish Library System, reports that one of her favorite books is *The White Rose: Munich*. This is a work of non-fiction, says Marylyn, by the younger sister of Sophie Scholl and her brother, Hans, who helped initiate an active resistance campaign against Dictator Adolph Hitler's regime. The title was the name of their non-violent intellectual group in Nazi Germany, and was named such to represent purity and innocence in the face of what the group considered blatant evil. "The book had a profound effect on me," stated Marylyn. "Sophie and Hans were real heroes; in 1943 they were arrested [by the Gestapo], tried for treason, and beheaded in Munich. Today there is a school named after them.

"There are at least three different books about the Scholls," Marylyn further stated, "by three different authors." The one she read at least 15 years ago, *The White Rose: Munich*, she chanced upon one day while shelving books at the Lobby Library. "It was an unassuming little brown hardback with nothing about it to make me give it a second glance, but a prior fascination with the Anne Frank story made me decide to read it." The courage displayed by Sophie and Hans made Marylyn remember the book. Their group of students from the University of Munich and their professor, Kurt Huber, became known for their anonymous leaflet and graffiti campaigns, which lasted from June, 1942 until February, 1943. The book by Scholl features letters, diary excerpts, photographs of Hans and Sophie, transcriptions of the leaflets they wrote, and accounts of their trial and execution.

According to Amazon listings, the other two books about the Scholl siblings are *Sophie Scholl and the White Rose* by Jud Newborn, and *Sophie*

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## The Shadow Knows (and TELLS) All

Greetings, Faithful Readers!

Fall is just about here, and another Big Book Sale is in the immediate offing. It will be good to see so many of you again, volunteering there and attending the always entertaining and deliciously calorific Thank You Coffee!

The summer has been long and hot, but I, **The Shadow**, have been nonetheless collecting gossip to share with you, just in case you missed something.

On May 18, a very large donation was called in, requiring "he-men with trucks." **Meade Phelps, Robert Campos, Randy Pittman, Rodney Tujague, Greg Breerwood, Rick Demers** and **Chris de Villasana** answered the S.O.S. Inside the donor's residence, which was not air-conditioned due to a local power failure, **Judy Zawislak, Peg Phelps, Marie Breerwood, Diane Pittman** and **Mary Ellis Hasseltine** packed upward of 250 boxes. Picture that!

Later that week, the Amazon ladies had a banner day of their own: 33 books to ship! It took three hours for **Diane Schleifstein, Wendy Luna** and **Supervisor** to pack. Little did they know that the months of August and September would also be crazy-busy, with peak sales of \$6,603.95, 291 books in a 30 day period, and a weekly record of 87 books sold and packed. Treasurer **Peg P.** was overheard asking, "Have you seen the receipts Amazon has been depositing in our account?" The day after Labor Day was a labor-of-love day for **Paulette Mauterer**, who packed a huge backlog of weekend sales all by herself!

Sorting began feeling the vacation pinch shortly after **Judy Z.** left for her annual Maine retreat. With Judy no longer packing Christmas merchandise, it began piling up, along with every other category. One day there were only two packers: **Mary Anna Lightner** and **Aileen Janney**. **Aileen's** motto remained firm, however: "No matter how few packers there are, my limit is still ONE box of religion per day." That same day, Amazon shut down on **Anna C.** and me, and we were forced to relearn to sort. Oh, the fussing that ensued that bleak day!

To add to the misery, **Will Hunn**, sorter, and **Judy Welcker**, Amazon checker, have been out all summer, **Will** with a broken leg and **Judy** with a broken wrist. If you remember, Faithful Readers, a couple of columns ago, The Shadow warned all about falls, especially about dog-related falls, to people "our" age. The warning still stands. Thankfully, both will soon be back to normal routines.

Two new sorters have joined the ranks: **Collette Ricaud** and **Chris Coder**. We hope they like us and will have long and productive careers with The Friends.

There were goings and comings this summer, as well. **Harris Jensen** left the area to



*Harris Jensen shows off his farewell gift from the Friends--a New Orleans afghan.*

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## The Friends contribute to success of Summer Reading Program

by Peg Phelps

One of the projects the Friends support is the summer reading program at the Jefferson Parish Library. While the library staff organizes and runs the program, we purchase all the items given as awards. In addition, after an extensive letter writing campaign, Sandra Blount was able to obtain vouchers and coupons from local businesses.

This summer, registration for the children's summer reading program was 5,027, with 2,757 completing the program by reading at least ten books. The teen program had 395 registrations and 167 completions.

The prizes purchased by the Friends included wallets and bumper stickers, which were distributed to children when they completed ten books. In addition, they were able to obtain a raffle ticket for every ten books that were read. The grand prize drawing for one of four \$50 gift cards, also purchased by the Friends, occurred on Thursday, August 13th, and the prizes were sent to the appropriate branches to be picked up by the winners. The teen prizes, which included earbuds, bumper stickers, and raffle tickets for the grand prize drawing, were distributed in the same way.

According to Erin Korosi, Youth Services Coordinator, there were many positive comments about the wallets, earbuds, bumper stickers, and gift cards from the children, teens, staff, and parents. A lot of positive feedback was also received regarding the different vouchers and coupons that Sandra Blount obtained from local businesses. Most importantly, many books were read by many children and teens.

All in all, it was a very successful summer reading program which was enhanced by the prizes provided by the Friends.



*Above, some of the summer reading prizes purchased by the Friends. Below, a happy family enjoys the Summer Reading Program.*



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## The Shadow

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be near his son in Texas; he has been sorely missed. The Friends presented him with a New Orleans afghan on his last day. The Shadow was told that he was touched, and that his goodbye was very sad. Though he wasn't able to attend the Volunteer Luncheon to hear it, **Judy Howat** prepared a moving tribute to recognize him for the true Friend he has been over the years.

Drop-ins were welcome: **Nicholas** and **Madeleine**, **Maria** and **Rodney T.'s** grandchildren, and **Lucille Lee**, who now resides in South Carolina. **Lu** stayed awhile. Always helpful, she thoughtfully put some of what she didn't know were "private" bundles of price stickers just lying around, neatly in the common pool. She was pleased with herself until she heard **Peg** ask, "What happened to my stash of stickers?" Oops!



*From left, Madeleine and Nicholas Winningkoff pose with Lucille Lee on a summer day in Sorting..*

There has been a shake-up in the book cart system, also, this summer. **Debbie Reed**, who had been servicing four West Bank libraries, moved to the North Shore, leaving said carts to **Sue Hellwig**, a Gretna resident, who already had a full load of carts. No sooner had **Will**

**Hunn** stepped up to help **Sue**, when you-know-what happened to halt his enterprise. Since then, **Sue** has been handling all West Bank book carts. **Rodney Tujague** has taken over North Kenner from **Mary Anna Lightner**, who has retired from cart service. **Debbie**, we know your book carts miss you, but we hope you are enjoying your new home, and time with your latest grandchild, **Robert Joel Reed**.

"Goings" this summer also included some nice trips: **Marie** and **Greg Breerwood** attended the destination wedding of their son on an island off the coast of Maine. **Marie** says it was an adventure just to get to the wedding site, as they had to carry all of their wedding duds in suitcases and ride a ferry, in the rain, to get to the island. Since they were in Maine, they spent a few days with **Judy** and **Lou Zawislak**, who enjoyed entertaining folks from down home.

**Janice Paine** and daughter jetted to Europe. **The Shadow** understands that there are some stories she is telling about this trip, but she just hasn't seen **Janice** since her return, to pass them on to you.

**Joan** and **Rick Demers** are currently taking an Alaskan/Hawaiian extended cruise. "We see a pattern here," remarked **Aileen J.**, when she heard they will miss the sale—again.

**Diane Davey** and **Ted Blohm** have just returned from their annual visit up north; **Robert** and **Anna C.** are glad they are home, since when **Ted** and **Diane** leave, they have to empty the drop-off bins on weekends.

There are quite a few other little tidbits that I thought you Faithful Readers would be interested in. I'm just going to enumerate them for you.

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1. When **Sue H.** wraps a piece of **Peg's** famous banana cake to take home to **Franz**, he's lucky to get half of it.

2. When **Maria T.** suggested the Newsletter feature a recipe column, she got to furnish the first recipe. Look for it in this issue.

3. Certain Amazon folks, namely **Anna C.** and **Sue H.**, talk to themselves while they're working.

4. Whenever **Sue** uses the expression "Toad!" it's never good.

5. If ever the **Redhead** is away, the "mice" eat at 11:45.

6. **Maureen Howat** is now working for the **Redhead**, processing children's books for the store, and LOVES her job.

7. **Chris de Villasana**, tech support expert extraordinaire, has installed up-to-date telephones for use at the center.

8. **Chris de V.** had another successful summer of horseback riding lessons without a fall.

9. **Collette Ricaud**, who usually comes in to pack packets with **Prez Sandra Blount's** Raise a Reader group, showed up for sorting recently. I think she's gotten the hang of it.

10. **Sandra** ONLY snagged 2,500 pocket folders on sale for Raise a Reader this summer; she's still on the lookout for more, and for \$1.00 board books.

11. **Robert Campos** found something interesting in a box of CDs: **Aileen J.'s** lunch,

lost two weeks previously.

12. **The Shadow** occasionally slips up! Recently, I wandered into the store and met **Dolores Kelly**, who has been a substitute for two years, and I had never before seen her.

13. **Judy Welcker** has accepted the job of chairperson for Center Thank You Coffees.

14. **Ouida Prieur** likes any job she can do sitting down.

15. **Sue H.** now has carpal tunnel syndrome. Not to be outdone, **Maria T.** announced she has it, too, from "squeezing buns." (The lunch table had apoplexy over that one!) However, **Maria** explained, hers is from squeezing the dinner buns at Holy Cross, where she was many years a baker. As part of her job, she squeezed the dinner buns down after they rose. Ohhhh.

16. The Friends Holiday Party will be held this year at West Bank Regional Library. EBR employees will be able to enjoy snacks and goodies, however, in their break room. To be sure, they will not be left out, as they are all so good to The Friends.

That's enough about sorting, Dear Readers, and on to the store, which, according to **Patricia Cox**, had a "great summer." "We haven't had any store closures for vacations, and we have had several \$300.00 days," she reported. **Lyn Barbier** took over the vacant Wednesday afternoon slot; **Tom Langley** works on the third and fourth Saturdays and substitutes whenever asked; **Dan Daroza** subs often, and is anxious to work a permanent position. **Ann Jagot** is trained and ready to go; she is now substituting on weekends.

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## Letters from admirers

Below are transcriptions of two letters, one from Arlene Manguno, a long time volunteer in the Friends store and a cashier at the book sale, and the other from her young friend, Cole H.

Arlene's letter:

April 23, 2015

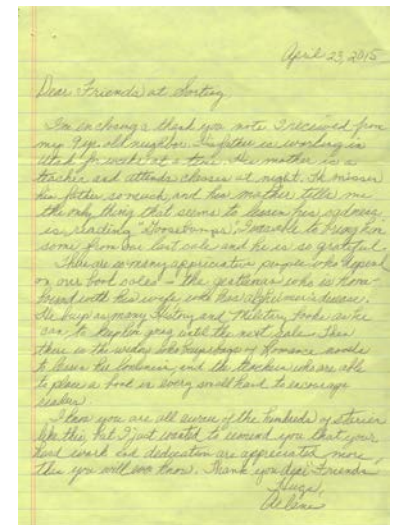
Dear Friends at Sorting,

I'm enclosing a thank you note I received from my 9 yr. old neighbor. His father is working in Utah for weeks at a time. His mother is a teacher and attends classes at night. He misses his father so much, and his mother tells me the only thing that seems to lessen his sadness is reading "Goosebumps." I was able to bring him some from the last sale and he is so grateful.

There are so many appreciative people who depend on our book sales—the gentleman who is homebound with his wife, who has Alzheimer's disease. He buys as many History and Military books as he can, to keep him going until the next sale. Then there is the widow who buys bags of Romance novels to lessen her loneliness, and the teachers who are able to place a book in every small hand to encourage readers.

I know you are all aware of the hundreds of stories like this, but I just wanted to remind you that your hard work and dedication are appreciated more than you will ever know. Thank you, dear "Friends."

Hugs,  
Arlene



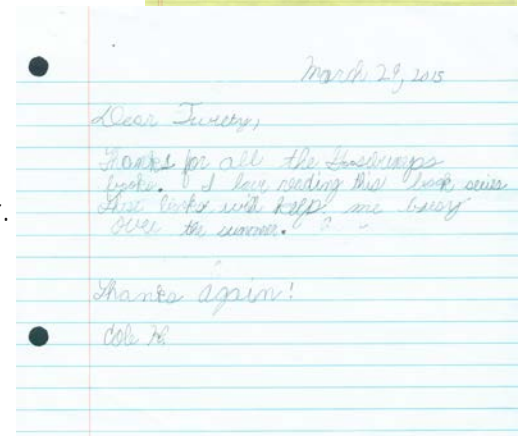
Cole's letter:

March 29, 2015

Dear Tweety,

Thanks for all the Goosebumps books. I love reading this book series. These books will keep me busy over the summer.

Thanks again!  
Cole H.





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**Rose Bradford** and **Milly Spear** handled the author signing on Saturday, August 8. **Chris Smith**, of the Library, had hosted a literary event where several “Katrina” authors spoke. They autographed their books outside the store, and the patrons in attendance came into the store to buy books and lots of other goodies they found there. **Rose** and **Milly** sold \$300.00 in merchandise and \$575.00 worth of the presenting authors’ books. What a day they had!

That’s all I have for now, Faithful Readers. See you at the Book Sale!

Until next time,

Your friendly Shadow

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taking out the trash and recyclable items, as well as for moving boxes both at the sorting center and at the book sales.

We are indeed lucky to have such loyal and hard-working volunteers.

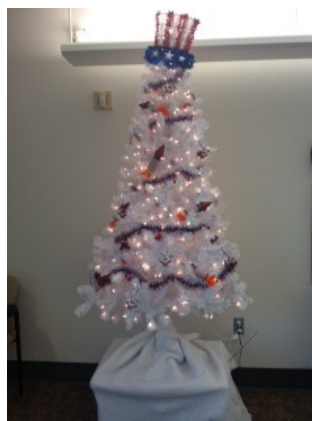
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**EBR Sightings**

*photos by Robert and Anna Campos*



*The Library's Marketing and Development Department features a seasonal tree decorated by Tammy Arceneaux. The Fourth of July version is above, with a detailed view of one of the decorations at right.*



*The Friends Board meets often and works hard, as can be seen in the above photo.*

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## Reviews

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*Scholl-The Final Days* by Julia Jentsch.

The Scholls and at least six others were executed in 1943 at Stadelheim Prison. Most members of the White Rose organization who were put to death were in their early 20s, and are honored in Germany amongst its greatest heroes. According to Marylyn, the Inge Scholl version summarized her own personal philosophy, which leans toward tolerance, justice, courage, and morality. She claims she has thought of its lessons many times when faced with sleep-defying decisions.

Rick Demers' Book Review: *The Monuments Men* by Robert M. Edsel

Rick avers that he likes to read history, particularly military history. One of his recent favorite books is *The Monuments Men* by Robert M. Edsel, with Bret Witter. "It was made into a well-done movie that sticks closely to the book," states Rick, "but the book is even better than the movie. It's easy reading, and kept me interested." (As an aside, Joan, who was listening while I was interviewing her husband, piped up, "It starred George Clooney!")

"The movie doesn't go into as much detail as the book does," says Rick. "That's why I liked the book better. It's about a small, select group of university professors and art experts, recruited to go on a treasure hunt to track down paintings, statues and a cache of gold bullion Hitler had stolen during World War II."

Risking their lives to recover the treasures of the Western world, the men penetrated Italy, France, and Germany, (some areas not as yet liberated), tracking down clues to locate and protect priceless artwork. Another part of their job was to identify, recover, and return the artwork to their proper owners, many of them Jewish families or bankers. Some of the men were killed while German soldiers tried to destroy the treasures

before they could be recovered.

Rick continues, "*The Monuments Men* is a work of non-fiction that reads like fiction."

"I also recommend another work of non-fiction by G. Edward Griffin which currently rates 4 ½ stars on Amazon: *The Creature from Jekyll Island: A Second Look at the Federal Reserve System*. It's not as easy a read, but it is a very interesting look at politics, the banking system and powerful banking people."



### In Memoriam Ruth Daigle

June 28, 1942-September 17, 2015

Ruth was a Friends volunteer in Online Sales at both the Riverside Drive Sorting Center and our present location. She will be sorely

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# What's cooking at the Friends?

*Everyone knows the Friends volunteers just come to the Sorting Center for the food. In this and future issues, we hope to share our favorites with you. Maria Tujague provided this one:*

## Honey Bun Coffee Cake

1 box yellow cake mix  
8 oz. sour cream  
4 eggs  
3/4 cup vegetable oil  
1 cup brown sugar  
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon  
2 cups powdered sugar  
4 tablespoons milk  
1 tablespoon vanilla

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Prepare 9x13 inch pan.

In large bowl, combine cake mix, eggs, oil and sour cream. Stir by hand until large lumps are gone. There will be some lumps but that's OK.

Pour half the batter into the pan. Now in a medium bowl, combine brown sugar and cinnamon. Mix well.

Sprinkle the brown sugar mixture all over the batter in the pan. Be sure to cover edges with mixture.

Now carefully spread the other half of the batter on top. It will look messy but that is OK.

Take a butter knife and twirl it all through the batter, so it gets all swirly and stuff.

Bake for 40 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean.

Just when it's about done baking, mix together your powdered sugar, vanilla and milk.

Once the cake comes out of the oven, waste no time at all. Pour this powdered sugar mixture over the warm cake. Now sit back and wait for the wonderful crackle to appear.





## Recent and ongoing improvements to branch libraries

by Annette Centanni, with Marylyn Haddican

The recently refurbished North Kenner Library was the first in a series of nine branches in the Jefferson Parish Library System to receive budgeted upgrades. According to Marylyn Haddican, Library Director, it is brighter and much more patron-friendly than before. The improvements were undertaken by Sherlock's Construction, the same company that rebuilt the beautiful, airy Lakeshore Library.

"The patrons were very gracious about the building having to be closed from January through May," assured Marylyn. "After it was completed, all agreed that it was well worth the wait." There is a new roof, LED ceiling lights, new carpeting, a glass study, and meeting room with new furniture. Children's computer furniture is new, also; even stalls in the public restrooms have been refurbished. Outside, there is new landscaping, and the parking lot has been resurfaced.

In Belle Terre, the Library shared expenses with the Jefferson Parish Recreation Department to provide 62 additional parking spaces for common use. There is a playground adjacent to this library.

At Live Oak in Waggamann, Wolfe Construction Company will undertake the refurbishment. Bids have been completed and work will commence before the end of 2015. Live Oak will be getting a new roof, lower LED lighting, more windows for a more open, brighter look, paint, carpeting and easier accessible shelving.

Westwego's internal refurbishment has been completed with new carpet tiles and painting.

Marylyn says she is looking forward to the new carpeting that will be installed at East Bank Regional. The shelves will be air lifted, she reports, so that books will remain intact during the installation. EBR will NOT be closed during the



*An interior view of the remodeled North Kenner Library shows the angled shelving which allows line of sight from the circulation desk. Library facilities manager Roy Burst suggested this arrangement, and it has worked very well for librarians on duty at the circulation desk. Librarian Max Perez de la Mesa said it was a challenge to figure out how to separate the fiction books from the nonfiction. Then the staff decided to make the break in the middle of the shelving, with fiction going in one direction and nonfiction in the other.*

process, because the library will be carpeted in sections. All external lighting will be changed to LED.

Rosedale will also receive a major internal renovation, including restrooms and carpeting.

The new River Ridge branch, which will have the same architect as Lakeshore and North Kenner, will boast 10,000 square feet, as well as parking for 65 patrons.

Gretna will have 20 additional parking spaces, and the Metairie Road Branch will get a handicap accessible parking lot.

All improvements will be accomplished using funds already in the budget. The Friends of the Library are participating in the projects by underwriting a number of architectural fees, and providing security cameras and stainless steel, waterproof book drops.