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Sanctuaries of light, beauty, quiet

by Annette Centanni, with Marylyn Haddican

Library Director with a vision, Marylyn Haddican, predicts that the new River Ridge library, and the Terrytown, Belle Terre, West Bank Regional and Metairie branches which will soon undergo renovations, will function as bright, beautiful, quiet havens in their respective communities. As busy as the libraries are at present, patrons will be even more likely to frequent them once the improvements are complete. They can come to read or to study in a more inviting, peaceful atmosphere; the available resources and the quiet will enable them to further or to complete their educations.

One such haven, the long-awaited River Ridge branch, will soon be finished. Larger than neighboring libraries, it boasts state-of-the-art furnishings, computers, shelving and radio fre-

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The soon to be completed River Ridge Library is located at 8825 Jefferson Highway. Photo by Anna Campos.

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10:00 A. M.
Wednesday, March 14, 2018
East Bank Regional Library
4747 W. Napoleon Ave., Metairie
Guest Speaker: Tammany Baumgarten
Landscape Horticulturist
"The Cottage Garden
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quency item detection (RFID) tags. This security system permits patrons who utilize the self-check machine to check out DVDs and books with automatic security release. River Ridge, with a staff of six, is a double-shifted branch, with the patron friendly hours of operation 9 AM to 9 PM Monday through Thursday, and 9 AM to 5 PM Friday and Saturday.

The smaller, more compact Harahan branch, less than two miles from River Ridge, will remain open. Firmly entrenched in its own neighborhood next to Hazel Park School, it will continue to serve the many patrons in the surrounding area.

The Terrytown renovations will be out for bid before the end of 2018. Two bright, new study rooms, a meeting room and patron restroom will be added. The Belle Terre expansion will include two new study rooms, lounge, lunch room and restroom for the staff, and a much-needed meeting room.

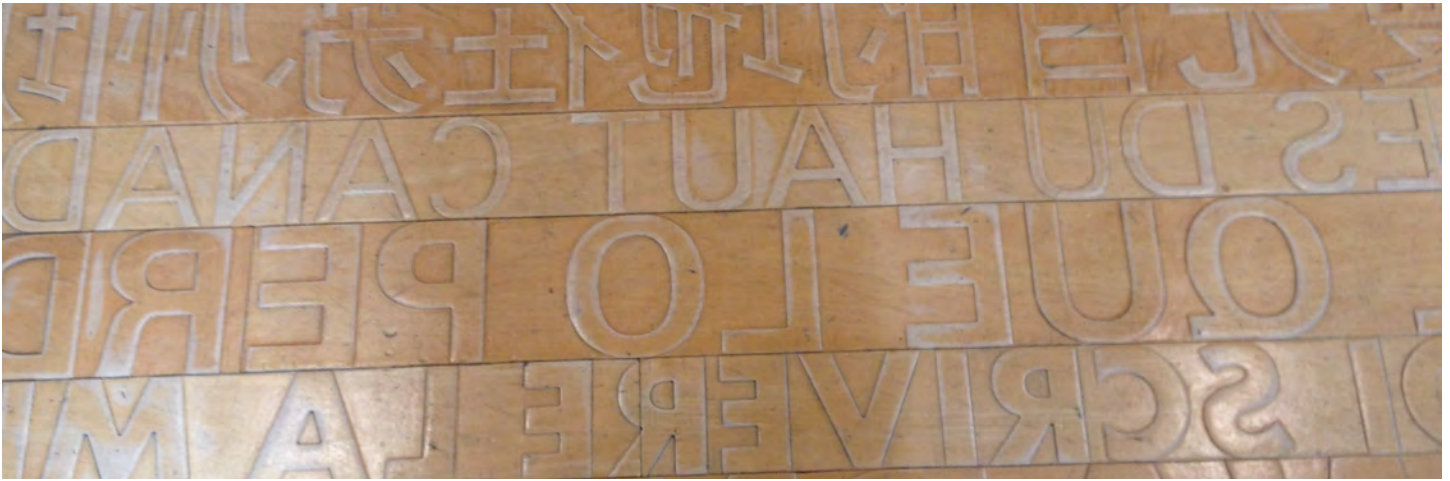
West Bank Regional, which was built in 1987, will receive a major renovation in the near future. According to Marylyn Haddican, the plans are spectacular! There will be two new meeting rooms and training rooms for computer classes. The children's area and activity room will be updated. Glass will be installed to create an open, airy atmosphere, and to visually foster security. There will be a technology room with 3-D printer and a virtual reality room. The expansion will include more restrooms and the renovation of existing ones. 50 parking spaces will be added at the rear of the building. Necessarily, WBR will be closed for a period of three to four months, but plans have been formulated to expand the hours of neighboring libraries to accommodate patrons' needs.

The Metairie branch will also receive a major renovation. The interior will be reconfigured to produce a more efficient use of space, with glass walls added to create a more open concept. There will be new carpeting and shelving. The Director anticipates the library being closed for two to three months during the process.

East Bank Regional will be adding a new maintenance building to house a full generating system. With this system in place, even when the power is out, the library will be fully functional. When this work begins, EBR will be closed for only two to three days. ♣

Seattle's Central Library is quite a wonder

story and pictures by Anna Campos



A close-up view of the wooden planks that make up the main floor of the Central Library.

Visitors to the Central Library of the Seattle Public Library System will know it is different from the moment they walk in the door. A look at the floor reveals the first amazing thing. It is composed of maple planks designed to look like the wooden type from which books were printed. The letters are backwards, just like the type would be, but they don't actually spell anything.

The automated shelving system is amazing also. A kiosk with an umbrella above it to the right of the entrance allows the visitor to watch a video explaining how the system works.

The nonfiction area is arranged in a spiral according to the Dewey Decimal System.



The reference area is part of the nonfiction spiral.



The Friends Store is very spacious.

The library opened in 2004 and comprises 363,000 square feet and 11 levels. It can hold more than 1.4 million books and provides 350 public computers with wireless Internet access. AND it includes a **large** Friends store!



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What We are Reading

by Annette Centanni

Diane Schleifstein recently read an interesting book she wanted to share. It is *The Book That Matters Most* by Ann Hood. It intrigued her because it presented a different way of organizing a book club. In it, the protagonist joins a club that limits its membership to 10. In the club, one month is set aside for theme choosing and voting, and another month is set aside for a summer break, thus all 12 months of the year are covered.

The members begin by choosing a theme for the year. Some of the themes mentioned were "Bestsellers," "Great Books Everyone Should Read," or as in the year the protagonist joined, "The Book That Matters Most." Each member then picks a month and chooses the book he wishes to present for discussion.

After the explanation of her premise, Hood divides the book into chapters by month. As the chapters unfold, each member of the club is featured with a personal vignette revealing why he or she chose the book and why it mattered in his life.

Diane further said that this book is available in our own library and is well worth the reading. ♣

We're on FACEBOOK!!!

Check out the "Friends of the Jefferson Public Library" Facebook page!

"Like" us on Facebook to get our reminders and updates on the latest happenings and Friends events!



In Memoriam

Ed Fuselier

October 19, 1931-November 12, 2017

Ed and his wife Marilyn were faithful volunteers at many Book Sales over the years. They moved to Texas in 2013, and Marilyn died there in the same year.

Lois Anzel

December 30, 1927-December 30, 2017

"She was a wonderful Friend and helped with the book sales for years. She used to help set up the A/V tables. I started sorting with her over 25 years ago."

—Judy Zawislak

We read to know we are not alone.

--C. S. Lewis

A Message from the Friends Store Manager

Our little store really needs some extra volunteers to help us keep going. If you or anyone you know would like to help out by working a shift, please contact 504-455-2665 to sign up.

—Patricia Cox

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The Shadow Knows (and TELLS All)

Greetings, Faithful Readers!

I hope you fared none too badly during the recent, frigid cold snap. It produced problems for most everyone I know. Personally, I lost the avocado plant I had been nurturing, and all of my crotons, even though I had covered them. **Peg and Meade Phelps** have adopted a wait-and-see outlook, but fear they have lost all of their fruit trees. **Joan Demers** managed to pick all of her grapefruit in anticipation of the freeze, and shared them with the Wednesday Amazon crew; recently she reported that only *half* of her tree appeared to be dead.

The good news is that Spring always comes in March, and this March **President Anna Campos** has arranged for a Master Gardener to speak at our General Meeting on Wednesday, the 14th. We will be able to ask questions to help us start anew in our gardens. It should prove to be an interesting meeting.

Between the library closures for Christmas, New Year's, the freeze and Mardi Gras, Wednesday Amazon packers have had difficulty getting their book orders out on time. On several occasions, **Diane Schleifstein** and I did our best with mountains of books to pack, but had to leave an overflow for **Anna C.** and helper, **A.S.**, to finish on Thursdays. **Cheryl Ledet** and **Paulette Mauterer** stepped up to the plate on Sundays and Mondays when the library was open. Actually, all was accomplished without too much stress, with our 99% customer satisfaction rating remaining intact.

Working backwards with my now-old "news," **Judy Welcker**, Hospitality Chairperson, did a great job with the Holiday Party at West Bank Regional Library in December. A big Thank You goes to all of you who donated food and/or attended the event. Next year's party will be back in our own East Bank Regional.

Ouida Prier's Open House was a big success, as well. Her Winter Village display was impressive,



Collette Ricaud shops at the Friends' October table top sale. Photo by Anna Campos.

and her hostessing, impeccable. We also thank Ouida for the "table top sale" idea she instituted and will repeat between the book sale and the TY coffee. It is a novel way of getting rid of all of the "stuff" around our houses, and of picking up nearly \$200 for our bottom line.

Judy Welcker also did a fantastic job with the Book Sale Thank You Coffee, catered for the first time by Café Latte Da. The consensus was that she should use the Café again for the next coffee, but alter the menu to include fewer scrambled eggs and more pastries. Mark your calendars for Friday, April 27th for a nice brunch.

Since the October, 2017 Big Book Sale is so far back in the past, I won't mention that **Leslie Fall** put 1,000 stamps and labels on post card sale reminders, and **Maria and Rodney Tujague** did the same for 2,200. Perhaps they have forgotten what a job it was, and will be up for it again. I also won't mention that all the fresh, eager set-up volunteers

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went home wilted, I, the **Shadow**, included. A big Thank You goes to all of you who persevered and endured. The big question is, **are you willing to help out again?** The next sale is **April 5-8**, with **set-up on Wednesday, April 4th**. **Judy Zawislak**, Sale Chairperson, is counting on all of us to be there. Your participation is vital, as the Sale, along with the Store and the Amazon enterprise, enable the Friends to endow the Jefferson Library with at least \$110,000 each year.

Also, I will not mention that **Maria T.**, awaiting an MRI, and **Sue Hellwig**, recuperating from back surgery, were not able to participate in the last sale. **Everyone** should take note: **DO NOT** plan any emergencies until **after** the next sale! I **will** mention that notable hard hitters **Shirley and John Sweeney** were there, and that **Mary Ellis and George Hasseltine** and **Monie Mouton** **planned** to be back from their trips in time to participate, and did.

We like it when customers from neighboring shows at the Pontchartrain Center wander on to our premises. Such was the case at our last book sale when many shopped with us for a while. One gentleman bought a copy of *Cooking with Friends* from **Mary Lou Spanja**. When she told him she had a recipe in the book, he asked her to autograph her recipe! "He made me feel like a star!" **Mary Lou** quipped. "I've never been asked for my autograph!"

Other items of interest took place in the months since I have last written: **Ted Blohm** found a **very** sizable amount of cash in an unlikely place. After a decent interval of the money not being claimed, **Treasurer Peg** ran it over to the bank for deposit. Soon afterwards, **Aileen Janney** found \$20 in a book. I found \$3. Not to be outdone, **Maria T.** came up with her own discovery; she shouted, "I found cash!!" It turned out to be a penny she found stuck in a cookbook.

Sue H.'s computer mouse reappeared after a two month hiatus of being lost. The poor little thing was covered with dust and in bedraggled condition, but very happy to have been rediscovered.

Ann Buchel, everyone noted, is a lot tougher than she looks. She was back to work pricing books only one week after gallbladder surgery.

Who knew that Amazon packer **Kathy Brady** could bake a mean pumpkin spice cake with cream cheese frosting? She made one for a Wednesday, in-house birthday surprise. Then she got ill and had to leave us for a while. The crew plans to celebrate with something special for her when she returns to work from her present illness. Hurry back, **Kathy**.

At the Store, reports manager **Patricia Cox**, Winter weather also took its toll. The store had *never* been closed as much as it was during January, 2018: *seven days!* According to **Patricia**, "January is always slow, coming off the Christmas shopping, but that, combined with the weather, made for low revenue. [However]," she continued, "Spring is here and we have some cute Easter items and garden flags. Encourage your friends and family to put books and trinkets in those Easter baskets!"

And on that note, I will end, Dear Readers.

Until next time,
Your Friendly Shadow



Go to smile.amazon.com and choose the Friends of the Jefferson Public Library, Metairie, LA as your charity. Amazon will donate .5% of all your sales to the Friends!

Worth a thousand words

Roving Smartphones have captured some special moments at the Sorting Center and beyond.



Left: EBR staff members Mimi Levine, left, and Cathy Leguaite had some fun dressing up in costume on October 31.

Right: WBR Children's Department Associate Tollenta Ovide, left, presents Hospitality Chair Judy Welcker with a note thanking the Friends for hosting the holiday party at West Bank Regional Library.



Anna Campos

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Peg Phelps

Anna Campos, left, and Ted Blohm have entirely different ideas of what it means to dress for the weather!



Robert Campos

Carol Lynch, Garb Director for the Louisiana Renaissance Festival, was the featured speaker at the Fall 2017 General Meeting.

What's cooking at the Friends?

Everyone loves this treat from Peg Phelps

GOOEY BUTTER CAKE

Bottom Layer:

2 Eggs
1 Pkg. Duncan Hines Butter Recipe Golden
Cake Mix (Please don't substitute)
1 Stick Butter, melted

Top Layer:

8 oz. Cream Cheese, softened
3 Cups Confectioner's Sugar
2 Eggs
1 Teaspoon Vanilla Extract



Grease and flour 9" X 13" sheet pan.

Bottom Layer:

Beat 2 eggs on medium until well mixed. Pour in Duncan Hines Butter Recipe Golden Cake Mix (please don't substitute—it won't come out right!). Melt one stick margarine or butter. Pour over cake mix. Mix 2-3 minutes until lumps are removed. Spread into pan. Batter will be stiff.

Top Layer:

Beat 2 eggs on medium until well mixed. Beat with softened cream cheese and vanilla extract. If confectioner's sugar is lumpy, sift first. Gradually add confectioner's sugar. Mix well. Pour over bottom layer. This layer will be runny.

Bake at 375 degrees for 35-40 minutes until toothpick inserted in center comes out dry. Sprinkle warm cake with a little confectioner's sugar using sifter. Store in refrigerator after cooling. Enjoy!

Please don't substitute low fat or no fat cream cheese, as you will be disappointed. (It is common knowledge that homemade cakes contain no calories!)

Have a recipe to share? Send it to camposanna@hotmail.com and we will publish it in a future issue.

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NOTICE: The Online Sales department is again in need of (small-bubble) bubble wrap, book-sized boxes, packing peanuts, and egg cartons (especially the plastic one-dozen size).

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Volunteer of the Year Nomination Form

Please use this form to give your reasons for nominating one of our members as volunteer of the year. Please describe, in detail, your reasons for nominating this person. The committee will consider the work done in the past year, the number of hours expended, any office or committee chair the nominee holds, and his or her overall participation in Friends' activities. A list of previous recipients is printed on the reverse side of this page. Use more than one sheet of paper if necessary. Please return this form in person to the sorting center, e-mail Sandra Blount at sandrablount@cox.net, or surface mail to P. O. Box 9391, Metairie, LA 70055, no later than May 1.

Name of nominee:

Why does this person deserve to be named Volunteer of the Year?

Your Name (optional):

(See back of form for a list of prior award winners.)

Volunteers of the Year Awards

1999: Ethel Tarleton
2000: Fay Bilby
2001: Judy Zawislak
2002: Peg Phelps
2003: Kathy Norton
2004: Brenda Huchingson
2005: Jack Weldon
2006: David Valentine & Carolyn Lindsay
2007: Blamid Sunseri
2008: Arlene Manguno & Joan Demers
2009: Ailleen Janney & Sue Hellwig
2010: Patricia Cox
2011: Anna Campos & Annette Centanni
2012: Chris deVillasana
2013: Jan DeVidts and Sandra Blount
2014: Mary Lou Spanja and Mary Anna Lightner
2015: Ted Blohm and Diane Davey
2016: Millie Spear and Paulette Mauterer
2017 Maria & Rodney Tujague

Friends of Distinction Awards

2005: Lisa Conescu
2006: Patricia Cox
2007: Judy Zawislak & Peg Phelps
2008: Sally & John Hoffschwelle; Sandra Blount
2009: Mary Lou Spanja
2010: Marie Breerwood
2011: Kuniko Izumi & Kathy Pennington
2012: Maria Tujague & Rick Demers
2013: None
2014: Robert Campos and Ann Buchel
2015: Milly Spear
2016: Leslie Fall
2017 Judy Welcker