2015 ANNUAL REPORT
COVER PHOTO: Following several rounds of nominations and voting, our youth area boat feature was officially christened the S.S. Barbara, in honor of Barbara Suhm, the first children’s librarian at the St. Francis Public Library.
The mission of the St. Francis Public Library is to build community by bringing people, information, and ideas together in a welcoming environment.

Library Board

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Kyle Wooldridge, Shelver / Library Assistant

Most circulated adult fiction titles of 2015

- The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins
- All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
- Private Vegas by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro
- The Nightingale by Kristen Hannah
- Big Little Lies by Liane Moriarty
- The Liar by Nora Roberts
- Memory Man by David Baldacci
- The Husband’s Secret by Liane Moriarty
- 14th Deadly Sin by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro
- A Spool of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler
Library Volunteers

- Kari Berna
- Nora Berna
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- Mary Broitzman
- Mauricio Chairez
- Suzanne Doyle
- Jenny Fritsch
- Judi Giebel
- Larry Jensen
- Justin Joerres
- Peggy Kallay
- Josephine Konieczka
- Amy Matecki
- Ciara Nelson
- Megan Ryan
- Madison Staszak

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Library Donors & Sponsors

- B.D.’s Mongolian Grill
- Babe’s Ice Cream
- Bay View Thread Works
- Betty Brinn
- Big Backyard
- Burger King
- City Lounge
- Classic Slice Pizza
- CMP Tactical Lazer Tag
- Cousins
- Culver’s
- Discovery World
- Domino’s Pizza
- Festival City Symphony
- First Stage
- Hardees
- Herb Kohl Educational Foundation
- I-Hop
- In Focus Photography
- Jimmy John’s
- Lakeside Pub & Grill
- Learning Shop
- Lovely Salon
- McDonald’s
- The Milwaukee Admirals
- Milwaukee Art Museum
- Milwaukee Ballet
- Milwaukee Brewers
- Milwaukee Bucks
- Milwaukee Public Museum
- Milwaukee County Pools & Cool Waters
- Milwaukee County Zoo
- Milwaukee Repertory Theater
- Nite Owl Drive-In
- Outpost Natural Foods
- P.F. Chang’s
- Papa Murphy’s
- Petit Ice Center
- Pick N Save
- Pizza Hut
- Snap Fitness
- St. Francis Brewery
- Starbucks
- State Fair
- Sweet Frog
- Taco Bell
- Ava Voltner
- Walmart
- Mr. & Mrs. Rick Wier from PDQ Tooling
- Wixon, Inc.
- Yo Fresh

Presenters / Program Leaders

Who Donated Time & Talent

- ABLE: Audio & Braille Literary Enhancement
- Board Game Barrister
- Alma Chairez
- Sam Cushinery
- Melinda Dejewski
- Nertila Fejzolli
- Bob Giese
- Ardan James
- Kinsella Academy & Melanie Roepke
- Kohl’s Wild Theater
- The Learning Shop & Tommy Merryfield
- Mary McAndrews
- Mr. Graven’s Robotics
- Officer Holly McManus & Bane
- Palestinian Dabka Dancers
- Anna Passante
- St. Francis Poms & Beth Obst
- St. Francis Rec. Dance / Pom Program
- Diane Robinson
- Salam School - Nails and others
- Camille Shaw
- UWM - Genealogy
- Willow Glen Art Teachers & Students
- Virginia Zerpa, Alzheimer’s Association
Mission

Funds generated through membership and other fund raising activities allow the Friends organization to support services and programs that are not available through the regular library budget.

2015 Friends Membership

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2015 Friends Contributions

Funding for the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program (totes, t-shirts, prizes)
Book Page Magazine
Funding for Holiday Party (Refreshments, Crafts & Entertainment)
Maintenance of Fish Tank
Movie License
Prizes & Performers for the Summer Reading Programs
## Most circulated children’s graphic novel titles of 2015

**Big Nate:**
- The Crowd Goes Wild
  By Lincoln Peirce
- I Can’t Take It
  By Lincoln Peirce
- I, The Crowd Goes Wild
  By Lincoln Peirce
- Mr. Popularity
  By Lincoln Peirce
- Game On!
  By Lincoln Peirce
- Here Goes Nothing
  By Lincoln Peirce
- The Crowd Goes Wild
  By Lincoln Peirce
- I Can’t Take It
  By Lincoln Peirce
- Mr. Popularity
  By Lincoln Peirce

**Babymouse:**
- Bad Babysitter
  By Jennifer L. Holm

**Smile:**
By Raina Telgemeier

**The Croc Ate My Homework:**
By Stephan Pastis

**Goodnight Darth Vader:**
By Jeffrey Brown

### A Sampling of Programs in 2015

**JAN.** - Introduction to Milwaukee Area Genealogy Research

**FEB.** - The year’s computer class series kicks off with Computer Basics

**MAR.** - Friday Movie Matinees for Adults launches with “The Way”

- Family Game Night
- Juggler Steve Girman
- Superhero Training Academy
- Family Craft Night

**JUL.** - Family Movie Night
- Zumba Class
- Musician Duke Otherwise
- Guide Dog from A.B.L.E.

**AUG.** - End of Summer Reading Party

**SEP.** - My Little Pony Party
- Art of Fermentation
- Staying Safe Online
- Easy Yoga & Tai Chi
- A History of the Milwaukee Rd.
- Make a Fall Door Hanger Class

**11/28/15** - Lego Club

**10/30/15** - Boo Bash

**10/7/15** - Color Me Calm

**10/17/15** - 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Graduation

**2/14/15** - Valentine Party

**1/24/15** - Frozen Party

**3/28/15** - Easter at the Library

**4/11/15** - Celebrate the World Party

**7/9/15** - David Stokes

**7/18/15** - American Girls Day
- BYOD: Bring Your Own Device classes are launched
- Simple Smoothies
- From Nojoshing to St. Francis, From Settlement to City
- Make a Zentangle Pin
APR  - Make a "Stained Glass" Votive Holder

Most circulated children’s non-fiction books of 2015

Minecraft
Construction Handbook
By Matthew Needler

Minecraft
Essential Handbook
By Stephanie Milton

Minecraft:
Redstone Handbook
By Nick Farwell

Minecraft
Combat Handbook
By Stephanie Milton

I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up For Education and Changed the World
By Malala Yousafzai

The Ultimate Players Guide to Minecraft
By Stephen O’Brien

Everything
Dinosaurs
By Blake Hoena

The Marx Brothers
History of Chocolate

Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer’s Disease: The Basics

Civil War Homefront, 1865

End Your Digital Camera
Living With All That Zucchini

BYOD: Bring Your Own Device classes are launched
- Simple Smoothies
- From Nojoshing to St. Francis, From Settlement to City
- Make a Zentangle Pin

3/7/15 - Student Art Reception
12/2/15 - Tween Scene
12/5/15 - Holiday Party
12/9/15 - Edible Holiday Houses

6/11/15 - Books & Young Cooks
6/25/15 - Kidsplay Theater
7/14/15 - Storytime
7/23/15 - Miss Kim’s Amazing Animals
10/17/15 - Captain Underpants Day
11/25/15 - Edible Holiday Houses
10/17/15 - 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Graduation Party
12/9/15 - Edible Holiday Houses
3/7/15 - Student Art Reception
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Kaboom! Boredom and inactivity were smashed this summer with the 2015 summer reading programs: “Every Hero Has a Story!” and “Unmask!” During the summer our aim was to motivate summer reading, thereby eliminating the summer slump that relentlessly slides in. The components of our program were rewarding reading with incentives; a pro-reading atmosphere and encouragement; programs that stimulate interest in reading; and active participation in contests, games, and crafts. This summer, superhero themes brought everyone together, spanning the ages and bridging the genders. Our nets were spread wide with all the interesting topics that fit our theme. A brief roundup of weekly topics were as follows: Be a Hero (Your Talents); Superheroes From the Page and Screen; Patriotic Heroes; Super Animals; Community Superheroes; and Villains, Mythology, and Superheroes in Real Life. All of these threads were exciting yet covertly educational.

**Events**

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**TOTAL: 91**

**Attendance Numbers**

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**Statistics**

Participants registered: 439
Participants who finished: 229
Turned in Complete 8 or Genre Bingo: 53
Number of Volunteers: 18
Number of Volunteer Hours: 188.5

**Adult Summer Reading**

The ever popular summer reading program was once again a success! Our generous sponsors helped St. Francis Library patrons get in the mood to read by donating wonderful prizes. Each book a patron read counted as an entry into a random drawing. After the six weeks of reading fun, names were drawn and prizes were awarded. There were 121 participants with 967 entries. That’s a lot of reading!
Study Rooms:
When the Historical Society moved into their beautiful new space in the Civic Center, it opened up some small rooms in the library that we were able to turn into quiet study rooms. The three rooms are available on a first come, first serve basis.

Laptop Bar and CountyCat Tablets:
By replacing two desktop computers with wall-mounted tablets for access to CountyCat (our online catalog), we were able to inexpensively repurpose the counter-height table and create a laptop bar. There are outlets and USB ports to keep laptops and mobile devices charged while in use.

Square:
In response to patron requests, we implemented the Square credit card payment system. Patrons are now able to pay for printing, fines, faxes, etc. with a credit card.

Knitting Needles and Crochet Hooks:
Thanks to generous donations, we established a collection of knitting needles and crochet hooks that patrons can check out with their library card! Now patrons can try new crafts and knitting projects without a lot of added expense. Borrow a book with patterns, check out a pair of needles, and all you need to supply is the yarn – and the patience.

Your Next Great Read:
Our former intern, Tara, created a form-based reader’s advisory service that patrons can access online. Click on the link on our website, answer a few questions about what you like (and don’t like) to read, and a staff member will email you 3-5 book suggestions based on your preferences.

50/50 Raffle:
The library tried a new kind of fundraiser this year – a 50/50 raffle. In a 50/50 raffle, the organization and the (1) winner split all the money that was raised. The more tickets we sold, the more money the winner (and the library) would get. In 2015, the Friends of the Library and the raffle winner split a jackpot of over $800! The proceeds were used to purchase materials for youth STEM programming.

Digital Literacy Initiative:
In 2015, the library made a special effort to provide classes and other opportunities for patrons to become more comfortable with technology and to learn how to access the library’s digital resources. We offered Book-A-Librarian appointments, BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) workshops, and additional computer classes.

New Tables in Ladish Room:
Staff and volunteers liked the new rolling flip-top tables in the Hoppe Room so much that we purchased new tables for the Ladish Room, too. Now set up for programs and events is a breeze and the smaller tables make it easier to create whatever arrangement is needed.

Updated Teen Area:
Trillium Ltd painters were back and worked with our custodian, Steve, to give the Teen space a bright new look. The vertical waves complement the aquatic theme in the children’s area while the bright colors and signage distinguish it as the teen’s space.

Most circulated children’s DVD titles of 2015:

- Big Hero 6
- Despicable Me
- The Lego Movie
- The Boxtrolls
- Rio 2
- Barbie and the Secret Door
- Penguins of Madagascar
- Maleficent
- Despicable Me
- Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day
- The Lego Movie
Most circulated young adult titles of 2015

- **We Were Liars**
  By E. Lockhart

- **The Death Cure**
  By James Dashner

- **I Am Number 4: The Lost Files: Hidden Enemy**
  By Pittacus Lore

- **Fairy Tale.1**
  By Hiro Mashima

- **This One Summer**
  By Mariko Tamaki

- **Matched**
  By Ally Condie

- **Divergent**
  By Veronica Roth

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**St. Francis Public Library**

**2015 ADULT COLLECTION**

40,252 Items

- Non-Fiction, 13,923
- Adult Fiction, 8,777
- Paperbacks, 4,770
- Large Print, 2,731
- Graphic Novels, 223
- Magazines, 892
- Audio Books, 866
- Compact Discs, 3,932
- DVDs, 4,138

**St. Francis Public Library**

**2015 YOUTH COLLECTION**

23,055 Items

- Non-Fiction, 6,116
- Fiction, 11,308
- Kids Graphic Novels, 431
- Magazines, 222
- Audio Books, 143
- Compact Discs, 299
- DVDs, 1,804
- Videos, 47
- Software, 181
- Young Adult, 1,937
- YA Graphic Novels, 567

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Most circulated music CDs of 2015

- **Now That's What I Call Music! 52**
- **In the Lonely Hour**
  By Sam Smith
- **Hampton Coliseum: Live in 1981**
  By Rolling Stones
- **Nick Jonas**
  By Nick Jonas
- **X**
  By Ed Sheeran
- **Pain Killer**
  By Little Big Town
- **Houses of the Holy**
  By Led Zeppelin
- **Soul Hits of the 80's**
- **American Beauty / American Psycho**
  By Fall Out Boy
- **Now That's What I Call Music! 53**

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ANNUAL CIRCULATION

2005: 99928
2006: 99928
2007: 96993
2008: 117838
2009: 122458
2010: 131786
2011: 134835
2012: 132620
2013: 143353
2014: 141499
2015: 145125