

May 27, 2009
Friends of the Library Luncheon/Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Glenda Carbaugh, Kathy Dobda, Jane Dugan, Barb Florjancic, Richard Fox, Diane Kolosionek, Fran Mentch, Christine (Tina) Sell, Rick Steiner, Barbara Strauss, Glenda Thornton, Barbara Walker, Michael Wells, Friends President

Noon –lunch; 12:30 meeting convened

Agenda was reviewed:

1. Scholars & Artists Reception or Friends of the Library Undergrad Research Award?
2. Ideas for book discussions to be led by Richard Fox
3. Possible invitees for the annual local author program
4. Other

Scholars & Artists Reception or Friends of the Library Research Award?

Attendance for the Scholars & Artists reception has been very low the past few years even though faculty members still submit a good number of their scholarly works for the bibliography. Do we continue holding a reception or do something else instead such as Friends of the Library Undergrad Research Award similar to the one conducted at UMASS Amherst Libraries (suggested by G.Thornton) or a Librarian Fair? If we continue with the Scholars & Artists Reception, we will need a dynamic speaker. K. Dobda suggested that we invite the new CSU President, Ronald Berkman, who begins his tenure in June. All agreed to invite the new president as he will draw many faculty and staff. B. Florjancic will make the contact.

It was also decided that a Friends of the Library Research Award be done in 2010, perhaps in conjunction with the fall Convocation or the Holiday party and would replace the Scholars & Artists Reception. This award will encourage use of Library resources. Suggested prize: 2 @ \$250 and 1 @ \$500. G. Thornton, J. Dugan, and T. Sell will form a committee to work on this program. B. Walker and K. Dobda are also available if needed. J. Dugan suggested that students be allowed to include the use the CPL special collections as well. This would give the students a broader base of material to work with and would also emphasize CPL/CSU partnership. Richard suggested contacting CPL Friends too. He will discuss this with them.

R. Fox suggested that the CSU Friends partner with the CPL for one of their Writers & Readers series events which includes authors such as Neil Gaiman (October 4) and Anne Patchett (October 18). Perhaps the event could be held at CSU as it has the bigger venues needed for these well-attended events.

Ideas for book discussions to be led by Richard Fox

The group decided on the following books/dates for book discussions to be led by CPL's Richard Fox:

- September 30, 2009 *Copenhagen* by Michael Frayn. *Copenhagen* is also the CSU's Common Reading selection.
- November 18, 2009 *Beyond the River: The Untold Story of the Heroes of the Underground Railroad* by Anne Hagedorn
- January 27, 2010 *Lies Will Take You Somewhere* by Sheila Schwartz (this title was decided upon in the last few minutes of the meeting. Sheila Schwartz, who passed away in fall 2008, was CSU's Associate Professor of Creative Writing in the English Department. This event would be in tribute to her. There will also be a small display along with her book in the Scholars & Artists Reception).
- February 24, 2010 *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks
- March 31, 2010 *Dreamers of the Day* by Mary Doria Russell

All discussions will be held at 3:00 in the Library, RT 503.

Possible invitees for the annual local author program

Suggested authors: Les Roberts and Mary Doria Russell. The group decided to invite Mary Doria Russell to come during National Library Week in April 2010 (G. Carbaugh volunteered to contact Ms. Russell). *Note: G. Carbaugh confirmed that Ms. Russell agreed to be our guest speaker. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14, 2010 in RT room 503.*

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.