



# Willmar Friends of the Library Newsletter

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## Friends of the Library Annual Meeting

Thursday, October 27th

5:30-6:30 p.m.

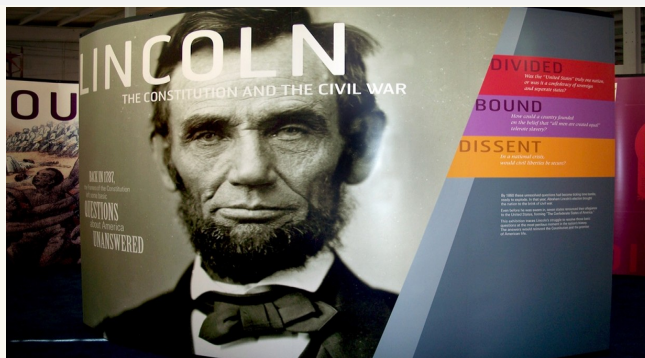
Willmar Public Library Community  
Room

Willmar Public Library

A Light Supper Will be Available

Please RSVP to: 235-4324

Before October 25th



## Lincoln: The Constitution and The Civil War Exhibit

The Willmar Public Library will be hosting the traveling exhibit "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War" December 28<sup>th</sup> through February 17<sup>th</sup>. Only four sites in Minnesota were selected to host the exhibit which is being sponsored by the National Constitution Center, the American Library Association and with generous support from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

As part of the exhibit, the Library is hosting three programs. There will be a discussion group on two books: *The Lincoln Conspirators* by Hartranft, Steers and Holzers, eds., and *What Does Justice Look Like?: The Struggle for Liberation in Dakota Homeland* by Angela Cavender Wilson. Copies of both books will be added to the collection and the group will have three weeks to read and prepare for the discussion of one book and then another three weeks for the second. The discussion groups will meet at the library. A second program will involve the viewing of three films: *Glory*, *The Conspirator*, and *Gore Vidal's Lincoln*. There will be a discussion after watching each film. The film series will be shown at the Library. The Library hopes to sponsor a trip to the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Hall in Litchfield. The GAR Hall is the home of the Meeker County Historical Society which includes a wonderful section on the Civil War.

The Kandiyohi County Historical Society is also involved with exhibit events. It is working on an exhibit of Kandiyohi Soldiers who served in the Civil War and in September hosted a Civil War Reenactment. The exhibit will be a "must see" event and offers an opportunity to learn how many of President Lincoln's decisions were affected by the Constitution.

## Friends By-Law Change

At the **Friends of the Library Annual Meeting**, the Board of Directors is suggesting that a vote be taken to make the following change in the by-laws. Article VIII, Section 3, currently reads, "The Board shall appoint an auditor, not an Officer, to audit the Treasurer's books annually." The change to the by-laws would read, "The Board shall have an independent review of the Treasurer's books annually." This change was suggested after an audit of the books by Anfinson Thompson and Company in 2010; a copy of the audit is available at the library.

Librarians Chis Beyerl, Ryan McCormick and Sam TerBeest will be on hand to speak about the updated library website, current plans in teen programming and other library programming.

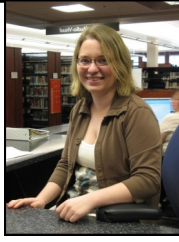
## Friends' Dues

If 9/11 or earlier is written and circled on your address label, it means that it is time to pay your Friends' dues. Please use the form on the back of the newsletter when paying your dues. Thank you.



## Adult Anecdotes

By



The line-up for Adult Programming for this Fall has taken shape. For starters, we are doing computer classes every Tuesday. These classes range from learning Windows 7 to working with digital cameras. The classes take advantage of Pioneerland's mobile laptop station which allows us to set up a computer lab almost anywhere.

Pioneerland is offering a service known as OverDrive. OverDrive allows you to check out eBooks and audiobooks onto almost any mobile device. If you have a Kindle, keep an eye out for our upcoming class on Kindles and OverDrive on October 10th.

On October 17th, James Mohs, author of *The Fed Man* will be visiting the library. Mohs is a new up-and-coming mystery author from Melrose, MN. *The Fed Man* is about Nube Lawson, a retired Special Agent and his hunt for a serial killer in small town Minnesota.

If you are interested in family history and other genealogy related topics, check out our Genealogy classes beginning on October 24th. These classes will take place every other month.

Are you, your children, or grandchildren writers? If so, you may want to participate in our Halloween Haunted Stories Writing Competition. Registration begins on September 26th, check at [www.willmarpubliclibrary.org/news.html](http://www.willmarpubliclibrary.org/news.html) for more information.

Finally, in conjunction with our Lincoln: the Constitution and the Civil War traveling exhibit, we will be hosting a variety of "library teasers" to get everyone in gear for the exhibit. For upcoming adult programs, check out our newly updated

## Upcoming Events

- Tuesday Computer Classes
- Wednesday Story Hours every Wednesday until November 2, except October 12th
- Thursdays Infant Lap Sit Programs, except October 20th
- October Halloween Haunted Stories Competition
- October 10th - OverDrive Class
- October 17th—James Mohs, Author visit
- October 24th—Genealogy Classes Begin
- October 26th—Police Officer Marilee Dorn speaking at story hour about Halloween safety
- October 27th - **Friends Annual Meeting**
- November 16th—**Give to the Max Day**
- Lincoln Exhibit December 28th—February 17th
- February 1st—Friends Winter Raffle begins
- For more information on the above classes and activities check the WPL website :  
**[www.willmarpubliclibrary.org](http://www.willmarpubliclibrary.org)** or visit

## Bits and Pieces

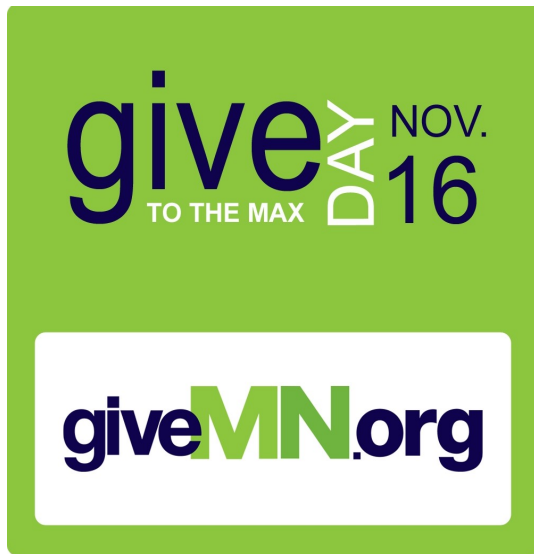
- Thank you to Mona Lackore and Karen Lang for chairing the Annual **Book Sale** in September. Thank you also to the Friends members who volunteered to work at the sale. The two day sale earned \$752.90.
- Stay tuned for more details on the **Annual Winter Raffle**. Local photographer Kelly Welch has generously donated eight framed photographs for our grand prize.
- The Friends of the Library contributed funds for the purchase of books which were awarded to the winners in the teen summer reading program. Funds were also contributed for the "End of Summer" party which was attended by children who had participated in the summer reading program.
- Don't forget **Give to the Max Day** on November 16th. This is a wonderful way to support the Library. A donation may be made by going to



## Friends Funds Awards Grants

The Friends of the Library Fund and the Ook Book Fund, which are funds within the Willmar Area Community Foundation, awarded grants to the Willmar Public Library in September. Grants from the two funds were used to purchase DVDs on travel, religion, history and exercise as well as printed materials. These sections of the library collection are heavily used, and it was felt that an update of the materials was needed. Also, large print fiction and nonfiction books were purchased with a portion of the Ook Book Funds.

Through contributions from members of the community the Friends Fund will continue to grow. Con-



### Fall Children's Programming

Story Hour for children 3-6 years old is held on Wednesday morning from 10:00 am to 10:45 am and Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 pm to 2:45 p.m. Children are encouraged to check out books before and after the program. No registration is necessary.

Infant Toddler Story time for parents and their 6 week to 2 1/2 year olds is on Thursdays from 10:00—10:30 a.m. Early Childhood and Family Education and the Willmar Public Library are working together to bring you and your 2 1/2—5 year old an evening of fun. Classes are held on October 18, November

## Teen Beat

By

Ryan McCormick



Greetings and salutations! It was a busy summer at the library and hopefully a good time was had by all. Twenty-one events for teens were offered between June and August. These events included everything from a tin art class to international film showings to chess club meetings.

Meanwhile, nearly 60 teens participated in the summer reading program and read over 250 books. Twenty-five teens completed the entire read of eight books and received a free book for their efforts. Their books have been ordered and will be available for pick-up soon.

We now look ahead to fall and are once again proud to offer homework assistance at our Study Center. Students in grades 4-12 can swing by the library between 6-8 pm Monday and Thursday evenings to:

- Receive homework help from tutors
- Complete assignments using the library's iPads
- Consult with research experts
- Focus on homework without all the distractions of home
- Use the hundreds of other resources available at the library

Our tutors are a talented, dedicated, and patient group who are always eager to help. Plus, as added encouragement to visit the Study Center or to use the on-line tutoring service at tutor.com, we will be offering incentives this year. For every ten in-person or on-line sessions a student attends, he or she will receive a \$5 gift card to a local business. Punch cards and more information are available for pick-up at the Reference Desk or by speaking with any librarian.



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