

Friends of Brownell Library 2010 Newsletter

The Friends of Brownell Library Board of Directors would like to thank our members, volunteers and library staff for making this such a successful year. In 2010 the Friends provided funding to the Brownell Library for:

- *Programming:*
 - “Nights” at the Opera*
 - Welcome Baby Tea*
 - Songs and Stories with Matthew*
 - Maritime Museum Tour*
 - Children’s Summer Reading Program*
- *Custom shelving*
- *American Library Association (ALA) & New England Library Association memberships*
- *Adult Bestsellers*
- *Red Clover, Dorothy Canfield Fisher (DCF) and Green Mountain Book Award books for the youth collection*

The Friends of the Brownell Library was established in 1967 to provide enrichment to the Brownell Library. The Friends is a non-profit organization led by a volunteer board of directors. Funding to support the library comes from annual financial contributions and our book sales.

Friends of the Brownell Library Board of Directors

Janet Allard ~ Lisa Allen ~ Cindy Chadurjian ~ Bridget Meyer

Vanshika Mishra ~ Tina Pratt ~ Meg Provost

BOOK SALES

The Friends hold several book sales throughout the year. For upcoming sale dates, please check the Brownell Library Friends' page at <http://brownelllibrary.org/about/friends.html>

Book Donation Guidelines

Donations are a vital part of how the Friends raise funds to support the Brownell Library. We ask that all donations of books, DVDs and audio books be in good condition. We can not accept donations that are mildewed, dirty, torn or highlighted and no Reader's Digest Condensed, textbooks or Encyclopedias pre-2005. Donations are welcomed anytime during library hours, however due to space limitations; we are unable to accept donations two weeks prior to a book sale.

Your donations are greatly appreciated!



Brownell Library News

Brownell continues to work with a consortium of libraries to adopt Koha, an open-source Web-based software. Koha brings numerous benefits to patrons.

To highlight a few:

- Online renewal of checkouts

- Receive email notices

- Keep personalized lists of materials

- See reading lists posted by the library, like "Current NY Times Bestsellers", "DCF Books", etc

- Make purchase suggestions without leaving the catalog

What is on the horizon...

Other Homecard libraries being added to the consortium. Then you can see if other libraries own the item you are looking for.

To take full advantage of the new system we need to get your email address on file.

Please send your email address to: frontdesk@brownelllibrary.org



Brownell was granted an Early Literacy Initiative Grant from VT Dept. of Libraries.

Youth Librarians Mary Graf and Erna Deutsch were trained in sharing new research on pre-literacy skills with parents at Story Times. Parents are validated when they realize that sharing books, songs, and rhymes with their young children is important to their success later in school.

Mary and Erna also presented a 3 night series of Beginning with Mother Goose to parents of babies and toddlers. Our Community Partner was Shanna Moyer of Building Bright Futures of Chittenden Co., who contacted the mothers. Seven families attended, Brownell teens helped with childcare, and the Friends paid for pizza and juice. Parents learned how to share books with their children, and each parent received 6 books and a music CD, all from the ELI grant.

We All Need Friends!

Are you looking for a way to support the Brownell Library?

Please consider:

Making a financial contribution to the Friends

Joining the Friends Board of Directors

Volunteering



(Please use the attached form below)

Annual Membership Form

2011

Please complete and return with your donation.

I would like to support the Friends of the Brownell Library:

Name: _____

Address: _____

"Friend in Kind" - Financial Contribution

\$ 5 \$10 \$25

\$50 \$100 other

Please make check payable to:

Friends of the Brownell Library
6 Lincoln Street
Essex Junction, VT 05452

If your employer has a matching gift program, please consider magnifying your contribution.

"Friend in Deed" - Volunteer Support

_____ Volunteering with book sales

_____ Interested in learning more about the Friends Board of Directors

Telephone No.: _____

Email: _____