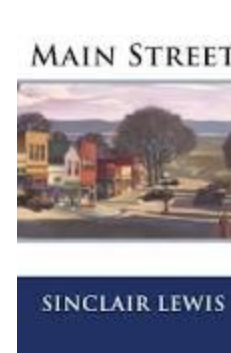
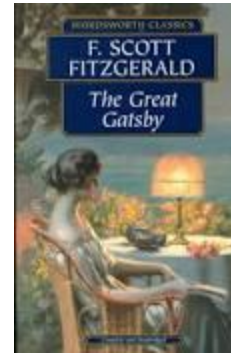
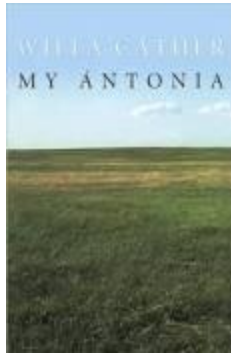


PFOL 60th Anniversary

60 Years of Friends History



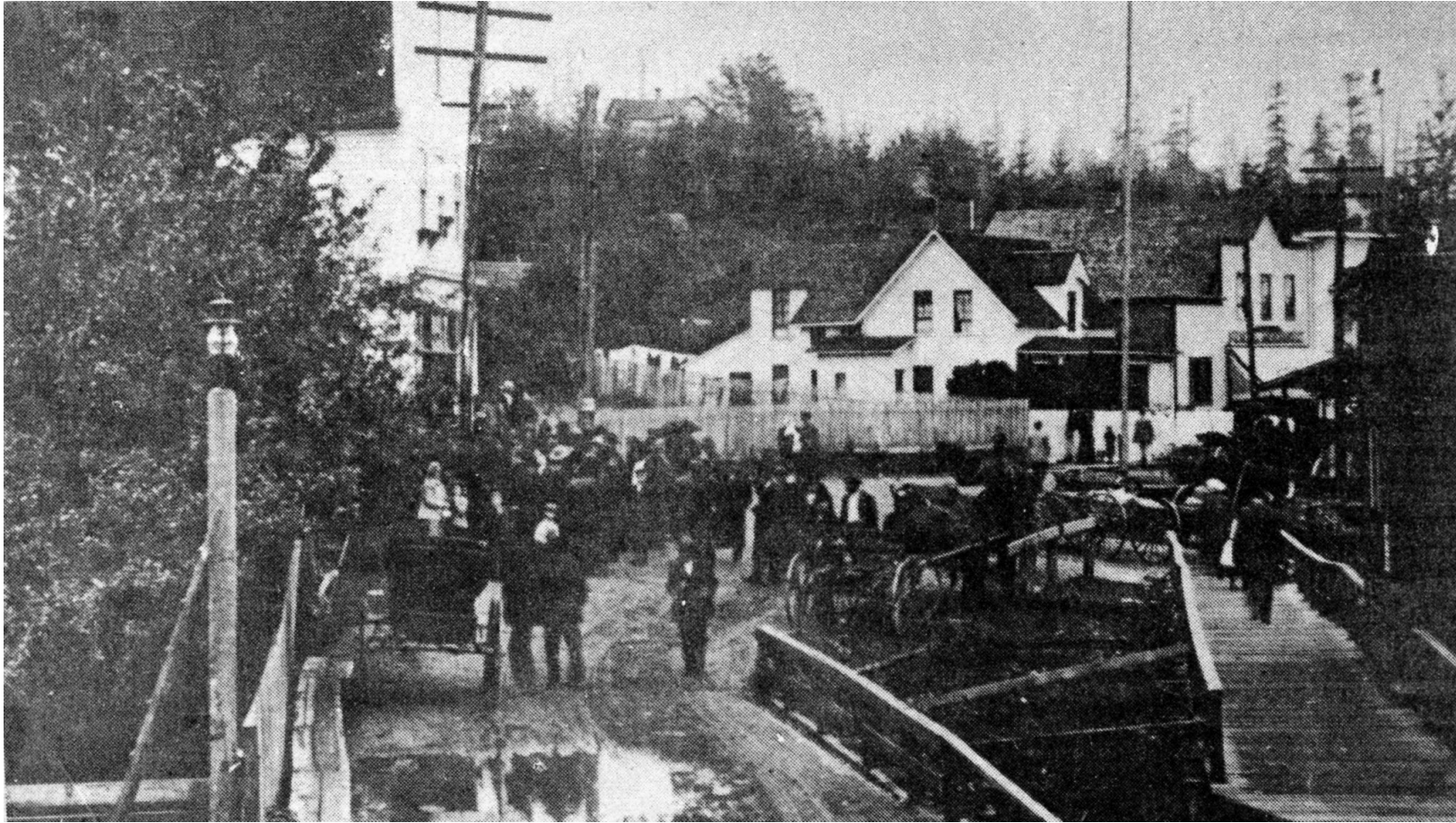
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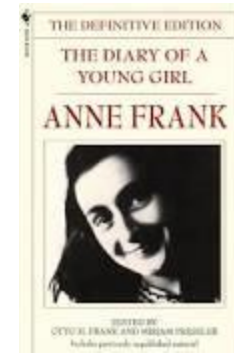
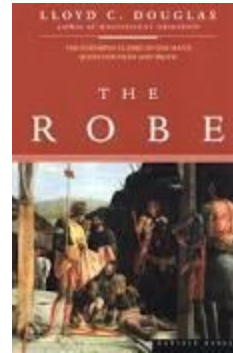
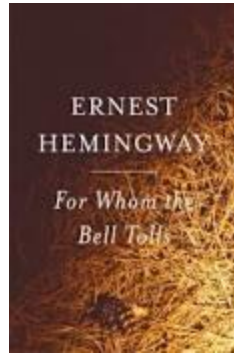
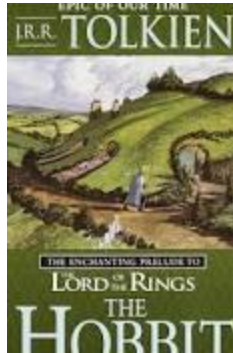
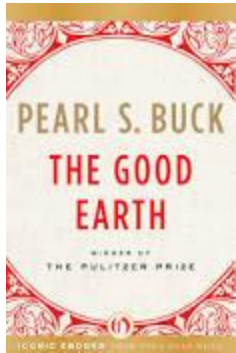
The seeds are planted

The Pre-History

- ▶ 1918 - 1926 - a few women—Elizabeth Slippert, Anna Borge, Berdie Borgen, and Mrs. Oscar Apeland—from the Civic Club set up and ran a small rental library out of a dry goods shop on Front St. for several years. The town council agreed to pay librarians Elizabeth Nelson and Hannah Borge about \$5 a month each...the rest was up to the women of the Civic Club.
- ▶ They donated books to start the library and **raised money** by presenting a series of lectures, readings, and music.
- ▶ Patrons were asked to pay 2 cents a book for a 2-week rental and a penny a day for over due books—**COMPLAINTS WERE HEARD!**

Approximate Location of 1st Poulsbo Library





The 1930s and 1940s

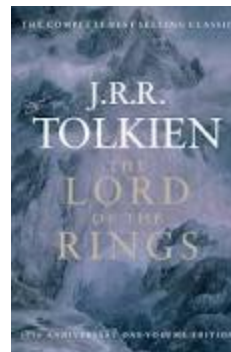
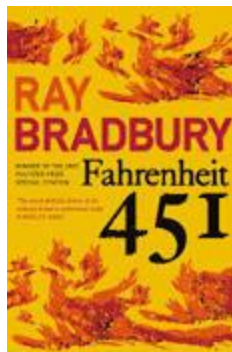
The town gets serious about creating a free public library

The 30s and 40s

1930s -A small lending library was established by a local store, offering new books and more variety, which drew patrons away and the rental library closed down—the books were divided between the high school and the grade school.

1940s - Librarian Peg Keblish brings together a group to establish a free public library in Poulsbo supported by a North Kitsap Free Public Library Association. Among those early library “friends” were **future FOL mainstays, Olga Antonson, Esther Ness, and Pauline Rindal**. They were few in number, but, in Esther’s words, they “*baked thousands of cakes, pies, and cookies and embroidered hundreds of pillow cases and dish towels to support the [free] library.*”

In 1946 a public meeting was held and it was voted to dissolve the North Kitsap Free Library Association and turn the entire operation and properties over to the town of Poulsbo in order to qualify for new State funding for public library services.



The 1950s

The early years - creating the Poulsbo Library Auxiliary and raising funds to furnish a real library building!

The Beginning

- ▶ As helpful as public funding was, it was not enough to meet all the library's needs.
- ▶ **March 2, 1955** - A formal "Friends of the Library" organization was established in order *"to foster the free public library as a necessary contribution to community work, education and recreation and to acquaint the community and its government with its needs."*
- ▶ There were no dues or fees required to become a Friend, but members were required to "be of good moral character" and to be drawn from local community groups, labor, business, and religious organizations, and service clubs.
- ▶ They met quarterly in their own homes and worked on projects to support the library.
- ▶ The library had no permanent "home" but moved to wherever space could be found: the basement of the junior high school and a room at Town Hall used also for night court.



Poulsbo Public Library in the 1950s

The Friends face their first challenge

- ▶ In 1955, with library users and the Friends making posters and campaigning for its passage, an annual 2 mill levy was instituted to formally support the local library. The levy worked well ... until **OOPS!!**
- ▶ In 1956, through an oversight, the levy was not “automatically” placed on the ballot—the library would not be funded in 1957!
- ▶ Founding FOL member **Esther Ness** remembered, the levy had “*eased our burden—except for the year Port Orchard forgot to put the levy on the ballot—so it was back to the kitchen for us.*”
- ▶ Our intrepid Friends spearheaded a community-wide effort that successfully raised the needed **\$1840** to keep the library operating for another year.
- ▶ By the end of the 50s, the movable library desperately needed a permanent space.
- ▶ Librarian Valborg Oyen agreed...and bravely asked the councilmen for a **whole new building just for the library.**

A New Start

In 1959, the Poulsbo town council approved a five mill levy for a new and “permanent” building. Plans for a small building on 2nd Avenue were drawn up.

In response the FOL dissolved, reorganized, and rededicated themselves to raising funds to make that library a reality.

Led by Annie Campbell, Betty Ryan, Alice Card, and Phyllis McDonald, they attracted 17 members and voted to call themselves the **Poulsbo Library Auxiliary**.

Friends of Library To Hold Public Meeting

A public meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Friday, March 6, for the purpose of forming a “Friends of the Library” group.

The meeting, to be held in the library at the Junior High School, merits the interest and support of all North Kitsap citizens.

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NK Library

Auxiliary Is Formed

Members of Friends of the Poulsbo Library have dissolved that group and formed instead a Poulsbo library auxiliary which will help raise funds for a permanent library building.

The library facilities are located in the North Kitsap junior high school building but will have to be moved this fall because the space is needed for classrooms.

Plans for a small building on 2nd ave. in Poulsbo have been drawn.

The auxiliary elected Mrs. Annie Campbell as president; Mrs. Betty Ryan, vice president; Mrs. Phyllis McDonald, treasurer, and Mrs. Alice Card, secretary.

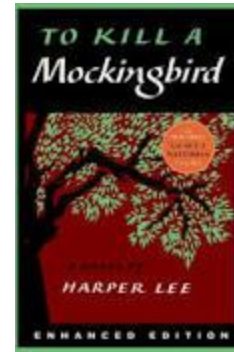
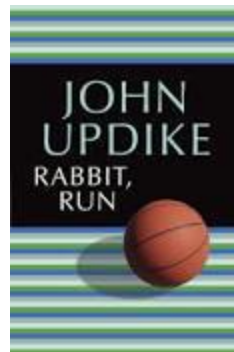
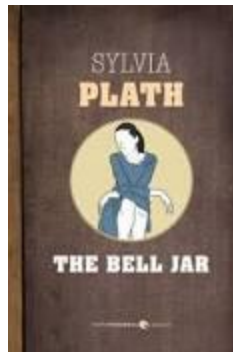
Meetings will be the first Friday of each month at 8 p.m. in the library.

The members will serve refreshments tomorrow night at North Kitsap senior high school during the NKHS P-TA meeting during which Mr. and Mrs. Ed Niemeier will show films of their recent boat trip.

First of what would be many fundraisers to benefit the proposed new library. The raffle brought in \$91, bringing the treasury to \$156!



CHRISTMAS PROJECT—Members of the Poulsbo Library Auxiliary have completed a wardrobe for this 18-inch doll as their pre-Christmas project. The doll, a steamer trunk and complete wardrobe are now on display in downtown Poulsbo. They will go to some fortunate person during the annual Library Auxiliary festivities. Tickets are available from Tracy's Insurance Agency, Wallace's Jewelry Store, the Poulsbo Library and members of the Auxiliary.



The 1960s

Working to build and furnish a new library building

2nd and Moe -



Built with volunteer labor and donated materials, the new library building soon becomes a reality!

And the 1960s were all about furnishing the new library.



RUMMAGE SALES are in the news again, and Mrs. Russell Miller, Mrs. James Ryen and Mrs. Leif Ness (left to right) are collecting items for the Poulsbo Library Auxiliary's sale tomorrow and Saturday. Doors open at 10 a.m. at Grieg Hall.

**Doors Open on Library Aux
Rummage Sale Tomorrow**

**KEEP
THE
POULSBO LIBRARY
OPEN!**

**Bring your magazines
and newspapers**

to

Rindal & Ness

**Washington Farmers
Co-op.**

NK Service Station

Stan's Service Station

**Your CASH donations
will also be greatly ap-
preciated**

Hard Work Pays Off

Through rummage sales, bake sales, and newspaper drives, the Poulsbo Library Auxiliary—6 to 10 dedicated women—led by President **Stella Alexander**—bought virtually all the furnishings for the new library:

- Tables
- Chairs
- Shelving
- Draperies
- Bookcases
- Typewriter
- Book drop

In 1965, the Town of Poulsbo recognized the hard work of the Poulsbo Library Auxiliary by issuing a Resolution of commendation.

WHEREAS, the Library Board is charged with the administration of the Town Library and the moneys available from tax funds are generally insufficient to provide all of the services desirable resulting in a limited ability to perform the library functions for the Town and

WHEREAS, in spite of these limitations our Town Library has functioned in commendable style due in large part to the outstanding efforts of the Poulsbo Ladies Library Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, the group does not receive the recognition and thanks of the Community commensurate with its accomplishments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Poulsbo that due recognition and commendation be given to the Poulsbo Ladies Library Auxiliary for their continuing service to the library of the Town of Poulsbo.

Commendation from Poulsbo Town
Council - December 1964

Paul Leab
Mayor

A Job Indeed Well Done!

Special recognition is due **Stella Alexander** who served as President throughout the decade, as well as members **Alice Card, Esther Ness, Pauline Rindal, Phyllis McDonald, Ruby Nyholm, and Margaret Gibson** and others who worked tirelessly to furnish the new library.

About 1967 a county-wide FOL was formed with **Muriel Williams** and **John Harlan** of the Poulsbo Library Board as founding members.

But the local Auxiliary members still continued their local work, raising funds for additional shelving and a dictionary stand.

Over this decade, several thousand dollars had been raised by this small group of “Friends” and supporters to sustain their library.

Their last recorded formal meeting of the Auxiliary was June 2, 1969, and plans were in motion for a 2-day book sale—the first mention of a fundraising book sale—to be held at the Olympic Food Store on June 20 & 21.



The 1970s

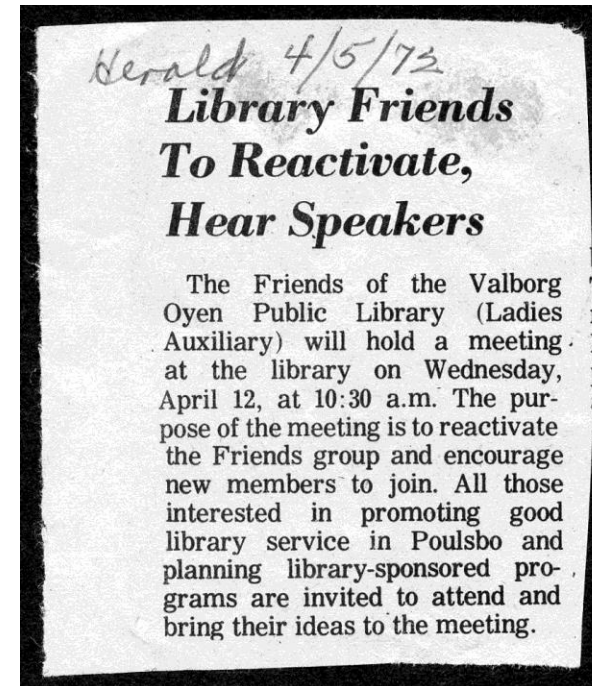
Reactivation and Creation of the North Kitsap Friends of the Library

The Birth of the North Kitsap Friends of the Library

By the 1970s, the “do-it-yourself” library at 2nd and Moe, now called the Valborg Oyen library in honor of its long-time librarian, was in need of updating.

A small remnant of the “Ladies Auxiliary” was still lending its support, seeking donations of books from the public for a book sale in the fall of 1971—but more help was needed.

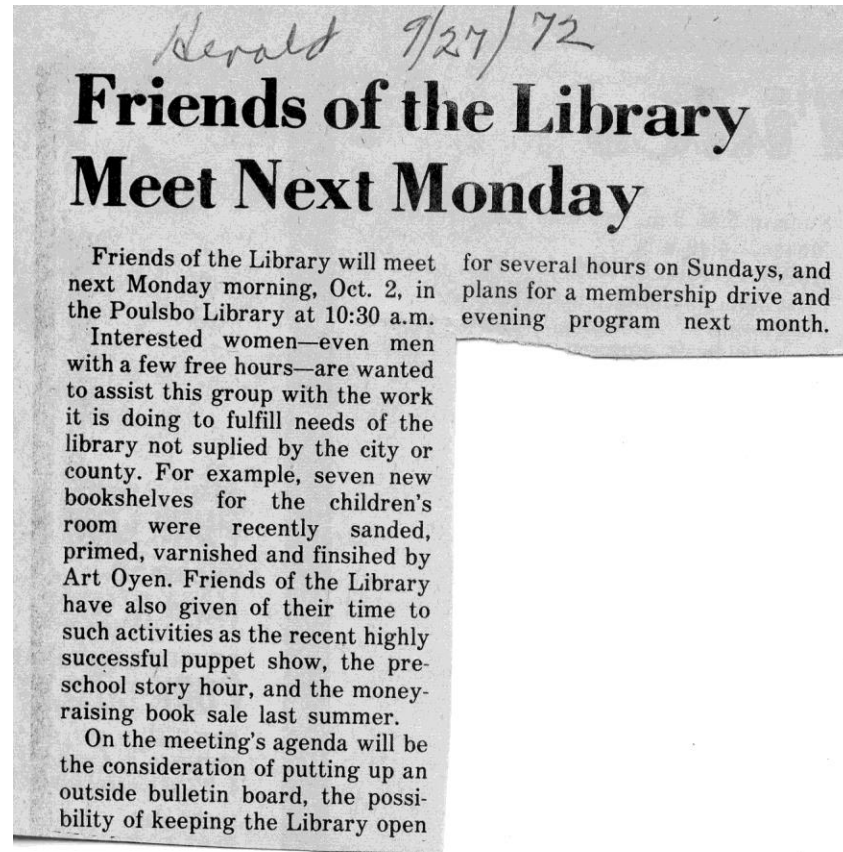
In 1972 a group chaired by Sylvia Campbell came together to re-energize the Friends of the Library. They chose the name “North Kitsap Friends of the Library” and immediately got to work!



Not for Women Only!!

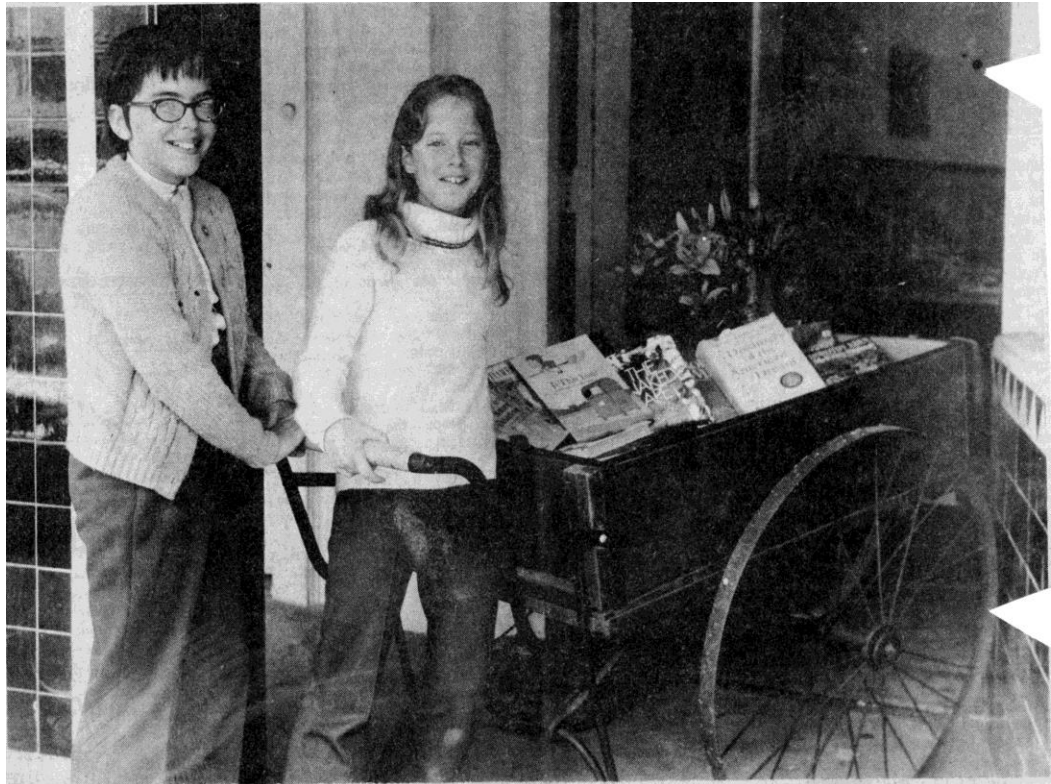
- ▶ Even though the Library Auxiliary historically had been thought of as “ladies” auxiliary (despite all the labor done on the 2nd & Moe building by FOL “husbands”)—the new NKFOL made it clear they were actively looking for “a few good men” as well!

“even men with
a few free
hours are
wanted”!



Reorganizing and Re-energizing

After drawing up a new set of bylaws and signing up 17 members, the Friends got to work again. The first of what would become an annual book sale netted more than \$200 which was used to purchase a copy machine for the library.



BOOK SALE—The book sale sponsored by North Kitsap Friends of the Library will be continued this Friday and Saturday, June 16 and 17, from 10 to 4 p.m. at the former Tracy Realty office next to Bauer's Bakery in downtown Poulsbo. There

will be books for all ages, many of them new additions to the selection from last weekend. Here Laura Ewald and Natalie Campbell show off a few of the volumes that will be available.

Throughout the 1970s, NKFOL focused on raising money to fund unmet needs at the library. They held regular, annual book sales from a mobile cart and at various community locations to provide supplies to finish the shelves in the children's room, purchase a new record cabinet, replace carpeting, recover seat cushions, build a unique collection of Scandinavian literature, and improve the landscaping around the building



The Friends also managed many of the window showcase displays at the library.

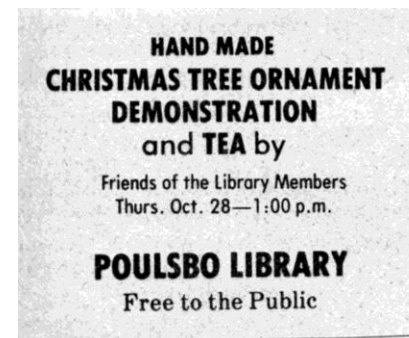
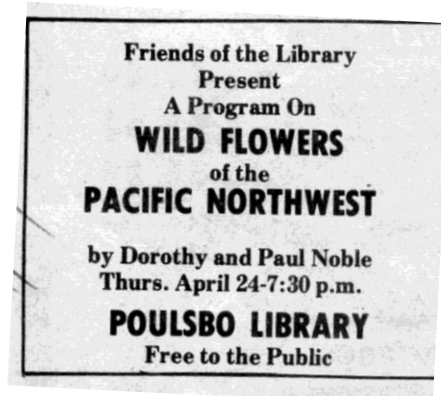
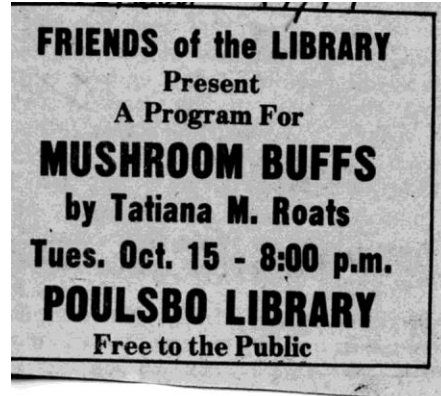
Here, long-time Friend, **Esther Ness**, exhibits her collection of arts and crafts gathered on many trips through Mexico.



Library Display

And they also began to sponsor and present educational programs to promote and extend the library's outreach to the community. Among their projects and programs were:

- A puppet workshop that taught how to recycle old socks, nylon stockings, buttons, wax paper and TV-dinner trays into queens, princesses, clowns, and hippies.
- A pre-school picture-book story hour that brought youngsters aged 3 to 5 to the library to experience the joy of books for the first time.
- An evening presentation on "Antique Collecting for Fun and Profit."
- A woodcarving demonstration presented by a master woodcarver.
- A book review "tea" featuring a Seattle author.
- A variety of talks on a wide range of subjects—all free to the public.

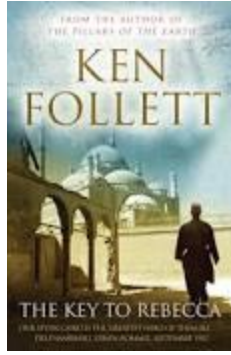
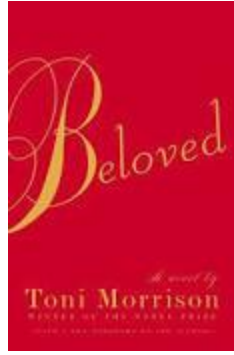
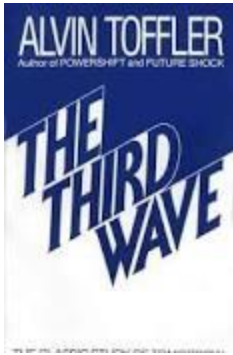


- Annual sponsorship of awards for the children's Summer Reading Club.

Sound familiar??



1971 Summer Reading Program Finishers

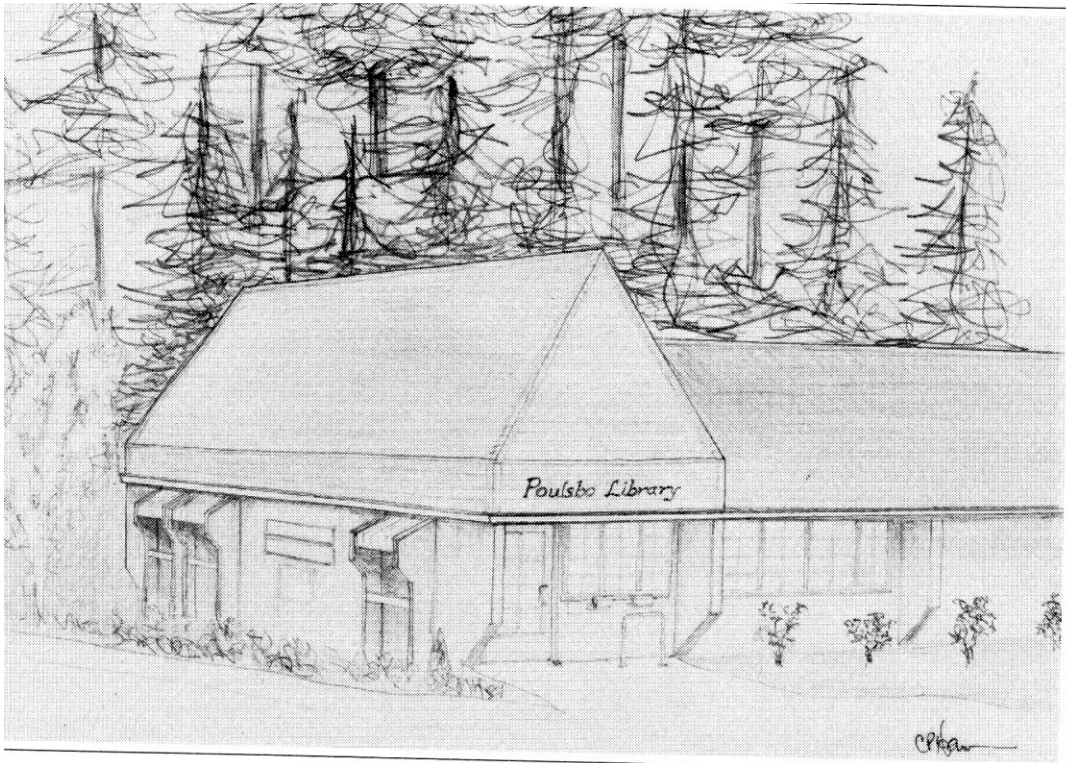


The 1980s

A New, Bigger Library is Dedicated!

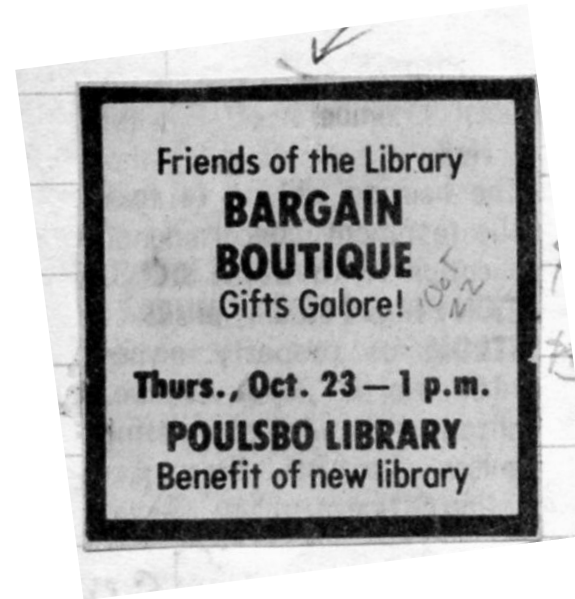
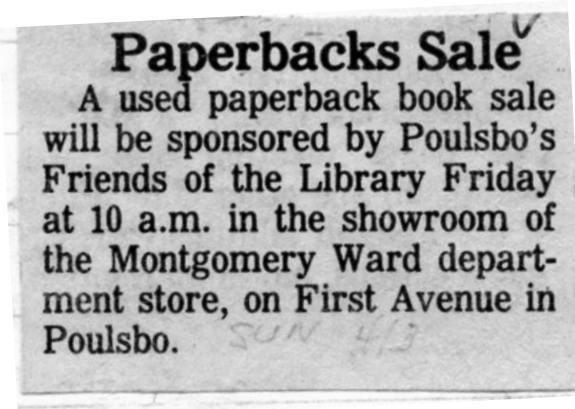
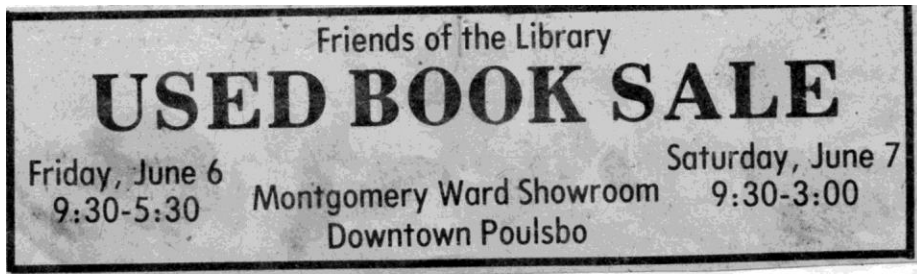
More Challenges and More Success

- The 1980s began with exciting plans for a new and larger building to be built on a town lot on Lincoln Ave. and funded from Trident Impact funds and a library bond issue that had been approved by the residents of Poulsbo.



The Friends Again Begin to Raise Money to Furnish and Equip a New Library

- In addition to the annual book sales, the Friends of the Library also sponsored a series of smaller sales to bring in needed funds to enhance landscaping, install new window blinds, recover chairs to match the color scheme of the new library, refurbish the library sign, and provide a sink-hotplate-refrigerator unit and cupboard for the staff workroom.



- Construction on the new building began in the fall of 1980 and was completed in May of 1981. A grand Open House, sponsored by the NKFOL was held to celebrate!

Library opening set for Sunday

There will be an Open House for the new Poulsbo library on Lincoln Street from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 31. A short dedication is to be held at 2 p.m.

The local Friends of the Library

group is sponsoring the event and refreshments will be served. The building itself is unique in color scheme and design and has more than doubled the space for books and seating room over the old one.

VALBORG OYEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

133 Lincoln Street
Poulsbo, Washington

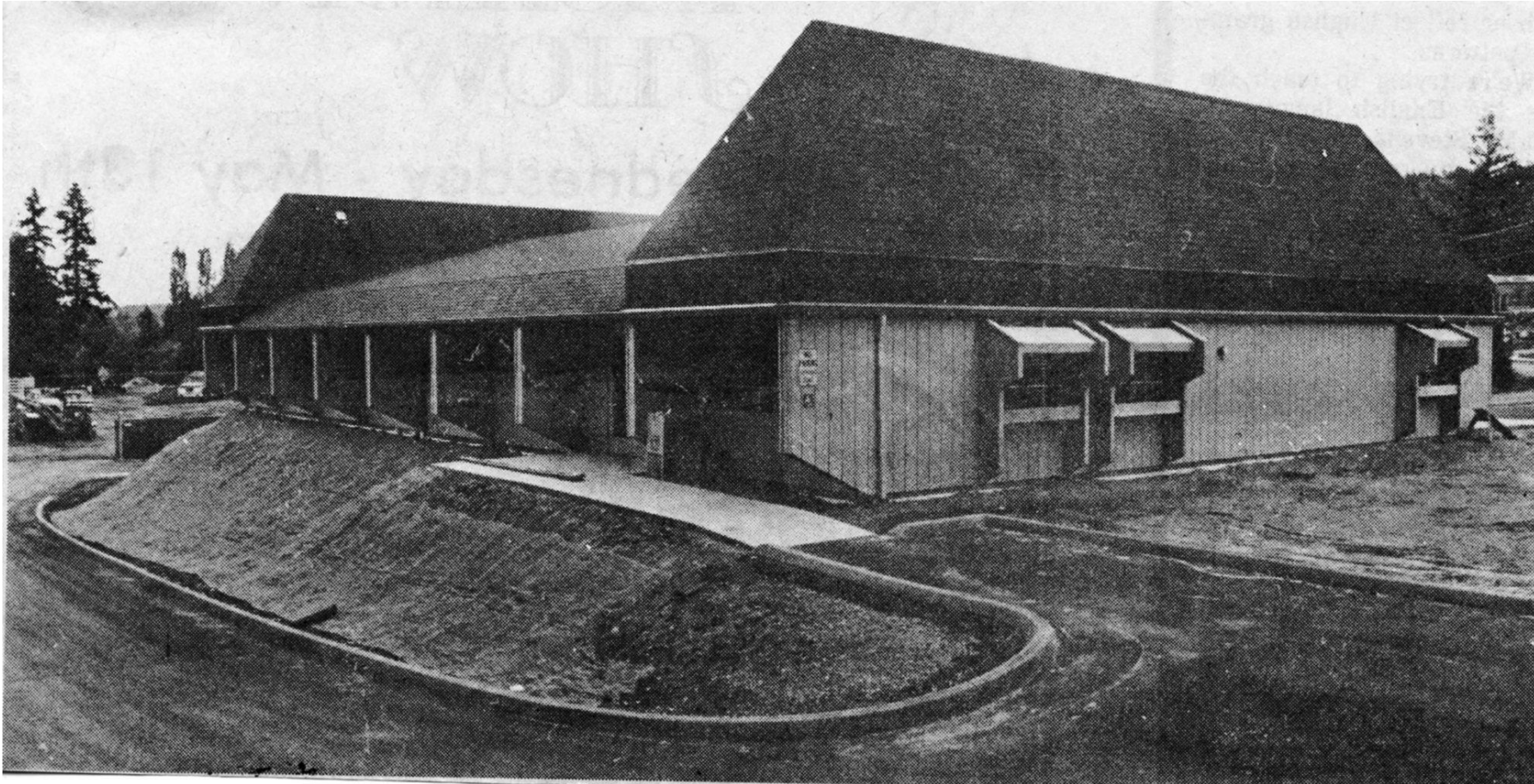
Sunday, May 31, 1981

OPEN HOUSE
1:00-4:00 p.m.

POULSBO BRANCH
Kitsap
Regional Library

1981

New Lincoln Road Library



But Of Course It's Never "One and Done"!

Throughout the 80s, the NKFOL devoted themselves to meeting the new library's needs:



Ruth McLaren and Jean Mason get ready for the book sale

Library friends slate sale

1982

Friends' gear up for big sale

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riends will hold the
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WAYNE MASON (left) and Leif Ness unload books for the Friends of the Library used-book sale.

1983 - not only did the FOL men help set up, they held their own sale downtown while the regular sale was going on at the library!

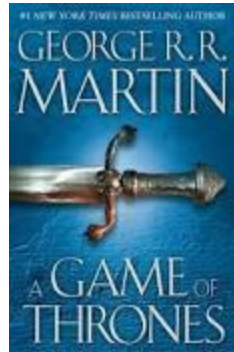
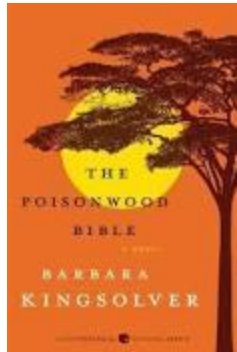


Book sale funds art display!

1984



1985



The 1990s

A Time to Celebrate and a Time to be Heard.

A Time to Celebrate!

1991 saw the 10th anniversary of the Poulsbo Branch library. The NKFOL hosted an open house, chaired by **Nancy Rogers**, inviting the public to tea and a guided tour.



NKFOL Members prepare for “tea” -
Louise Shields, Pauline Rindal, Ruth McLaren, Nadine Edwards

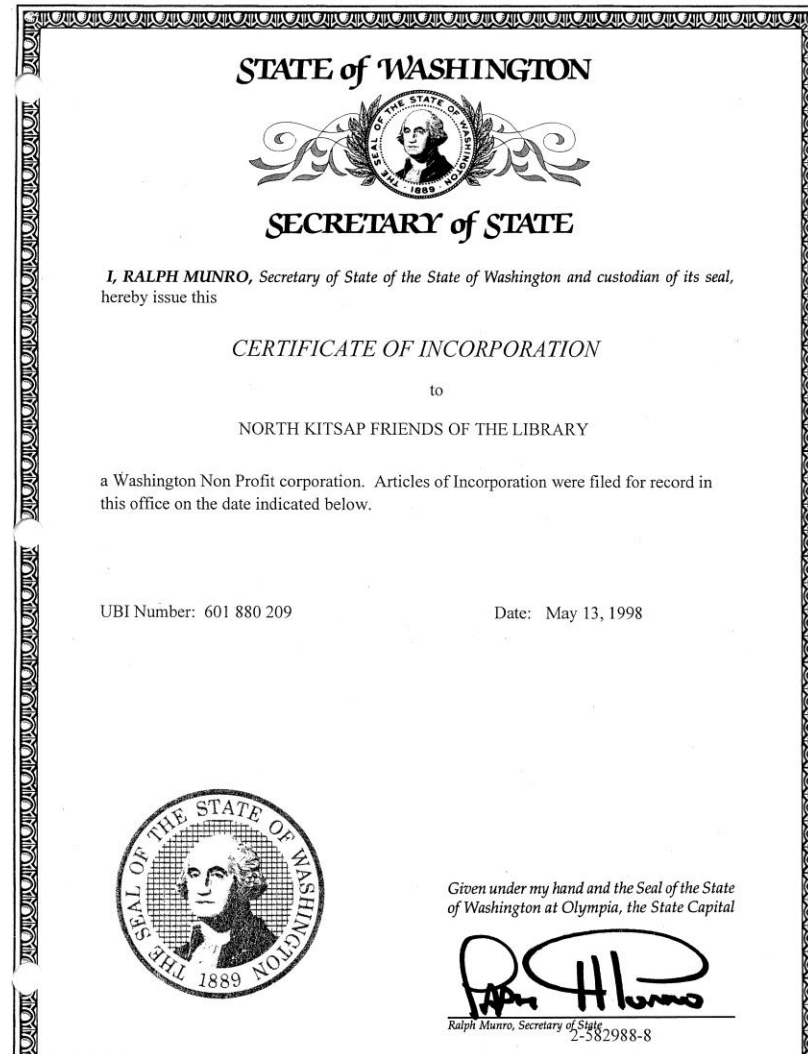


Muriel Williams & Olga Antonson



And, of course, the book sales continue to raise funds to support the library!

NKFOL Formally Incorporates and Gains 501(c)3 Non-Profit Status



A Time to be Heard

- ▶ In 1993, the Poulsbo City Council began exploring ways to expand the 10-year-old library.
- ▶ Space was needed for more books, an enlarged children's area, and a meeting room.
- ▶ Everyone could agree on that, but it was easier said than done, and the City and the Library Board struggled for much of the decade with legal issues around who should design the expansion and how it could be funded.
- ▶ Even after the legal hurdles were cleared, the expansion faced more obstacles.

NKFOL Takes the Lead in Getting Out the Vote and Supporting Library Expansion

As with the previous 2 buildings, it was support from the Friends that helped make the expansion a reality and a success.

The NKFOL worked to get out the vote to pass the needed bond issue.

When the bids for the expansion came in, it was clear that it was going to cost more than the \$1.6 million provided by the bond.

Library Board chair and NKFOL member, **Ed Hakanson**, assured the City Council that “volunteerism and donations could make up the difference.”

And NKFOL President **Barbara Monks** spoke up with what clearly has been the unspoken motto of the Friends in whatever form since the beginning:



Muriel helps get out the vote!



T-shirt worthy!!

“We’ll find a way.”

**BARBARA MONKS,
Friends of the Library**

Fundraising Starts Immediately to Purchase Art and to Complete Construction and the Community Room

NKFOL Donates \$10,000 to kick-start fundraising and aims at raising the remaining \$\$ needed for art to enhance the library

Wednesday, November 24, 1999 • North Kitsap Herald

Art fund drive starts at library

▼ *Group seeks to raise about \$60,000 for local works.*

By JOE IRWIN
Staff Writer

POULSBO — When it's completed next year, the Kitsap Regional Library in Poulsbo isn't simply going to be a place where books and information are kept — it will also be a showcase for area artists.

Keeping with the spirit of local volunteerism that helped put the renovation project on the map, the North Kitsap Friends of the Library are hoping to locate art that fits the region and the feel of the library on Lincoln Road.

The library's art acquisition committee made a call for artists in September and 24 Kitsap artists responded. The process of weeding through the artists wasn't easy, said Wendy Hampton, art coordinator for Friends of the Library. Hampton, and a seven-member art board labored over the task.

"It was pretty tough," she said. Hampton, along with Kenny Smith, local artist and teacher at the Seattle Art Institute; Barbara Monks, president of the Friends of the Library; Susan Lavin, Poulsbo librarian; Steve Myrvang, library architect; and local artists Jenny Anderson and Jan Hurd sifted through the applications and works.

"There is a lot of great art we chose," said Hampton. In an attempt to pay for the \$60,000 needed to purchase the art wanted, the Friends of the Library will begin fund-raising efforts in January.

"All this wonderful art will become a reality only if we find sponsors, private donors or groups that want to contribute for these pieces that will enhance our new library," she added. "We received a \$10,000 donation from the North Kitsap Friends of the Library — they put us well on our way."

When asked whether \$60,000 was a bit high for such a project, Hampton pointed out that for a public building, the cost was actually pretty low. "Artwork costs a lot — especially installation art that is an integral part of the structure," Hampton said. First priority for the library art committee will be to requisition carvings from David Franklin of Indianola that will grace posts in the library entry.

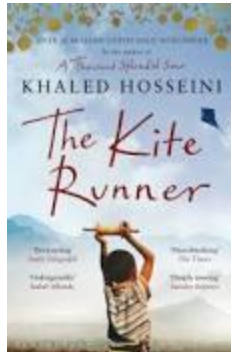
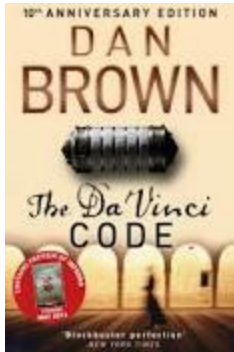
"It's amazing how many artists we have in the area that are so good."

WENDY HAMPTON
Art coordinator

"We have most of the funds for that already," she explained, noting that additional works would be done piecemeal as money was contributed. "We chose art that we felt fit the location and that would work with the other styles selected."

Some of the artists have reduced their costs and donated time to assist the library, said Hampton.

"It is going to be absolutely fantastic. I'm so excited," she said, a twinkle in her eye and a smile broadening across her face. "It's amazing how many artists we have in the area that are so good."



The 2000s

Expanding for the New Millennium and Beyond

Construction Moves Forward on an Expanded Library and NKFOL is on a Roll to bring in Critical Dollars to Finish the Job



WEST SOUND

NEWS ABOUT KITSAP, JEFFERSON AND MASON COUNTIES

POULSBO

Library friends raise funds

■ *Community members pull together to get the \$200,000 needed to complete the library.*

By Julie McCormick
Sun Staff

When the Poulsbo City Council got the bids for expansion and renovation of its library building last October, the news was a shocker.

The winning bid came in about \$200,000 short of the \$1.5 million needed to double the space and add amenities.

The shortfall wasn't anyone's fault, but was due mostly to three factors: the time lag between the initial estimates done for the bond issue, which was overwhelmingly approved by voters two years ago; the intervening delay of a related court case; and today's construction costs in the booming Puget Sound market.

The North Kitsap Friends of the Library quickly mustered support

What's still needed:

Donations are needed to pay for some of the extras not included in the winning bid for expansion and renovation of the North Kitsap Library building in Poulsbo: \$34,000 for glass covered trellises across the front at the children's outdoor area; \$15,530 for soundproof partitions for the downstairs community meeting rooms; \$30,000 for interior finishing for the meeting rooms; \$41,500 elevator between lower and upper levels.

from many quarters, including local contractors willing to supply labor and materials for some things that otherwise would have to be left off the list.

Now the group has decided it will be more efficient in the long run to raise the necessary money and let the contractor, Flag Construction of Kent, do the work.

With that in mind, the committee agreed last week to go ahead and

begin an all-out fund-raising drive.

The 31 members of the Community Coalition for Library Completion have put together a slick information packet and will start pitching the project to local businesses, organizations and, of course, their own friends this week.

The group decided against a mass mailing at this time, although that may happen later, said member Ed Hakanson.

"It all depends on how the money comes in," he said.

So far, the money is coming in well. Even before the fund-raising launch, one donor had written a check for \$5,000 and another for \$1,000.

Completion of the building at 700 NE Lincoln Ave. is scheduled for early fall. In the meantime, a smaller supply of books and other materials from Kitsap Regional Library, which operates the Poulsbo branch, are available in a small space next door.

Reach reporter Julie McCormick at (360) 779-3131 or at jmccormick@telebyte.com.

Book sale

The North Kitsap Library building is owned by the city of Poulsbo but operated by Kitsap Regional Library and serves all of North Kitsap except for Kingston and Little Boston/Hansville. There are 11,546 cardholders and library checkouts exceed 230,000 a year.

Donations to the North Kitsap Library Construction Fund may be sent to P.O. Box 484, Poulsbo, WA 98370.

Proceeds from a giant book sale on Saturday will benefit the construction fund, the separate art fund for the new facility and other support given by Friends of the Library.

The sale will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Poulsbo Fire Station adjacent to Highway 305. Hardcover are 50 cents, paperbacks 25 cents, higher prices for collectable and art books.

— Julie McCormick

Wendy Hampton & Pat Keim-Strayer head up the Millennium Art Fund to solicit dollars and acquire artwork. More than 200 individuals, businesses, and foundations respond.



The art committee calls on David Franklin to provide unique carvings for the library's entry.



NKFOL Leads the Way with its Book Sales and Calls on the Community to Join In

NKFOL fund-raising campaign to
complete the community Room
and other needed items called
“gutsy”



ALL BOOKED UP FOR VIKING FEST: Friends of the Library Jacquie Erney (seated) and Muriel Williams are all read up for this Saturday's annual Viking Fest Book Sale at the Poulsbo Fire Station. The sale, which will be held from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., will have a large selection of paperbacks and hardbacks for just 25 cents and 50 cents respectively.

The Herald NK Friends of Library seek remodel help in Poulsbo ^{3/15/00}

▼ *Group issues a community call in hopes to fund additional construction.*

By JOE IRWIN
Staff Writer

POULSBO — Hoping to make the Kitsap Regional Library in Poulsbo the best facility it can possibly be, North Kitsap Friends of the Library last week launched yet another gutsy campaign to raise money for the ongoing renovation project.

On Tuesday, a sub-committee of the Friends — the Community Coalition for Library Completion — went public, expressing the need for approximately \$135,000 in donations. The money will help fund the community meeting rooms on the lower level, three glass-covered trellises, accordion partitions, maple woodwork and an elevator system.

“This is the second thing we’re doing to try to raise money for the library. Our art acquisition is already going,” said Barbara Monks, Friends president. “It is part of our total funding package for this. We just had to go in two directions — unfortunately.”

Progress at the Lincoln Road site is evident and crews from Flag Construction have started frame

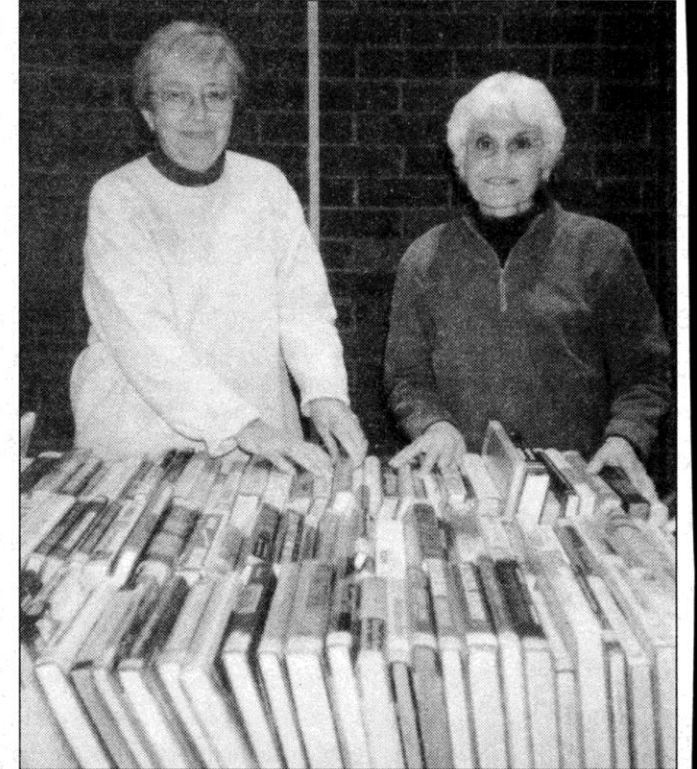
work on the new building section. The expansion, scheduled to wrap up this September, includes additional space on the ground floor as well as a new basement area.

“We’re hoping to get some big donations from the community so we can complete those other parts of the library,” Monks said, noting that the community meeting rooms would be key because they will allow various civic groups to gather at the library.

Informational packets promoting the Library Construction Fund are beginning to circulate which supporters expect will generate interest in the project. The folders include schematics of the community meeting rooms, elevation drawings of the library’s exterior, data on the unfunded portions, 501(c)(3) tax information, an overview of the library’s history and a letter from the coalition as well. Also in the packets is information concerning donations and recognition of those who give to the construction effort.

Everyone who donates to the building work will be listed by the Friends at the library when it is completed. Groups or individuals making higher end contributions have the opportunity to be permanently recognized at the Lincoln Road site as well as becoming an honorary lifetime member of the Friends of the Library.

Barbara Mitchusson, coalition chair, said progress on the fund-raising campaign has been very positive to date.



Courtesy Photo

North Kitsap Friends of the Library Darlene Oulton and Helen Heins will be on hand at the book sale this weekend at the Poulsbo Fire Station at 911 Liberty Road. The sale will hit the shelf from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and will benefit the Kitsap Regional Library in Poulsbo. The fund-raiser is one of three the Friends are currently working on.

“We have about \$6,800 so far and have just started getting our information out there,” she explained, noting that the coalition’s first meet-

ing last week was very enthusiastic. “Most of the participants are very excited about this — we feel we can make it.”

NKFOL is Recognized as a Community Leader

“We applaud the ongoing efforts of a group of people who are certainly among the best this area has to offer—the North Kitsap Friends of the Library. ... Their enthusiasm and die-hard attitude to give the region the best possible library is almost without parallel.”

IN OUR OPINION *The Herald* *Editorial* **Give these 'Friends' a hand**

A friend in need is a friend indeed. We applaud the ongoing efforts of a group of people who are certainly among the best this area has to offer — the North Kitsap Friends of the Library.

Anyone who has seen this group in action can surely agree. Their enthusiasm and die-hard attitude to give the region the best possible library is almost without parallel. The Friends (so aptly named) recently formed a sub-committee in the hopes of filling in the gaps financial shortfalls have left in the ongoing Kitsap Regional Library project in Poulsbo.

Last week, the “Coalition to Fund Library Completion” put their fund-raising wheels in motion as they announced plans to raise up to \$135,000 to finish certain portions of the library. It's a lofty goal, but one they feel can be met with strong community support.

These people know a library isn't just a building with books in it — it actually defines the community it's built in.

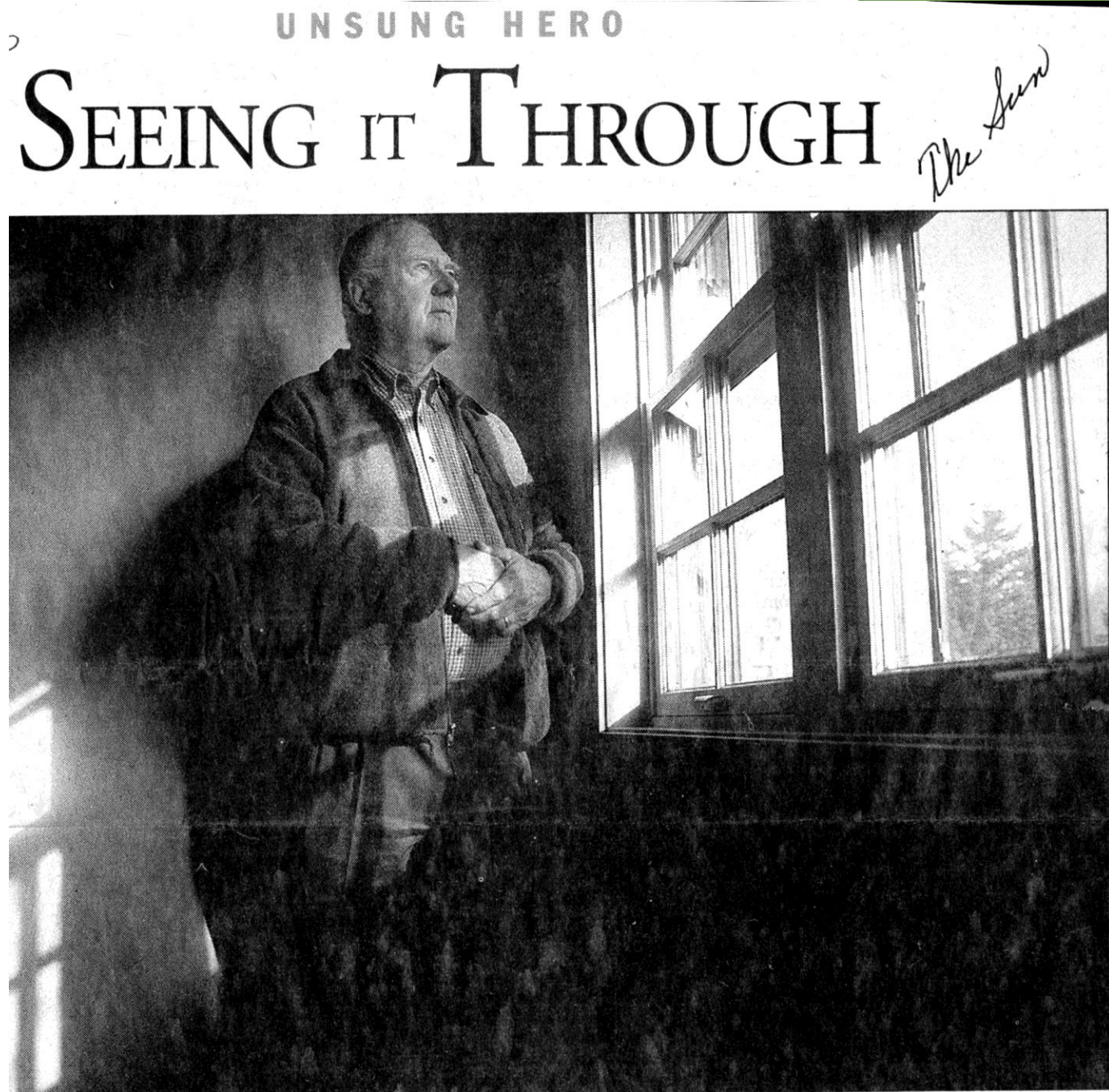
Inspiring works of art will already grace the renovated library, thanks again to our Friends.

Now, the group is also working hard to offer locals and visitors alike a library they can enjoy and fully utilize for years to come. While for some this means checking out a book now and then, for others (like area civic organizations) it means finally having a place to call home.

The coalition aims to create and preserve our sense of community so that future generations can marvel at the standards we've set.

There's work to be done though and lots of it, It's our turn now. Together, as neighbors, we must help the Friends build an improved library in Poulsbo, not just for residents of Poulsbo, but for everyone in the county and for everyone who will ever visit the renovated building. When we see it in its completed form, we will all know truly what a regional library should be and what being a community is all about.

While individual
NKFOL Members
like Bob Monks
are Recognized
as “Unsung
Heroes” for
Their Volunteer
Efforts



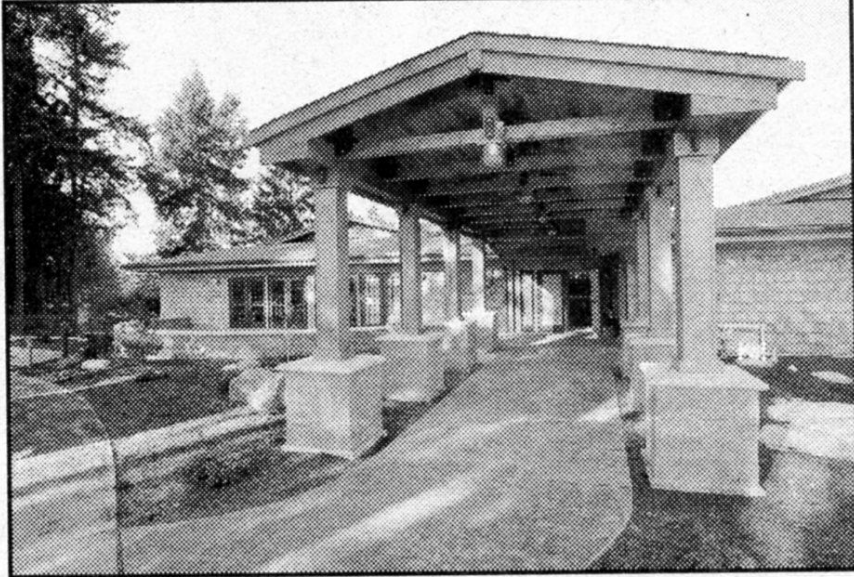
And the Community Responds to NKFOL's Positive Approach



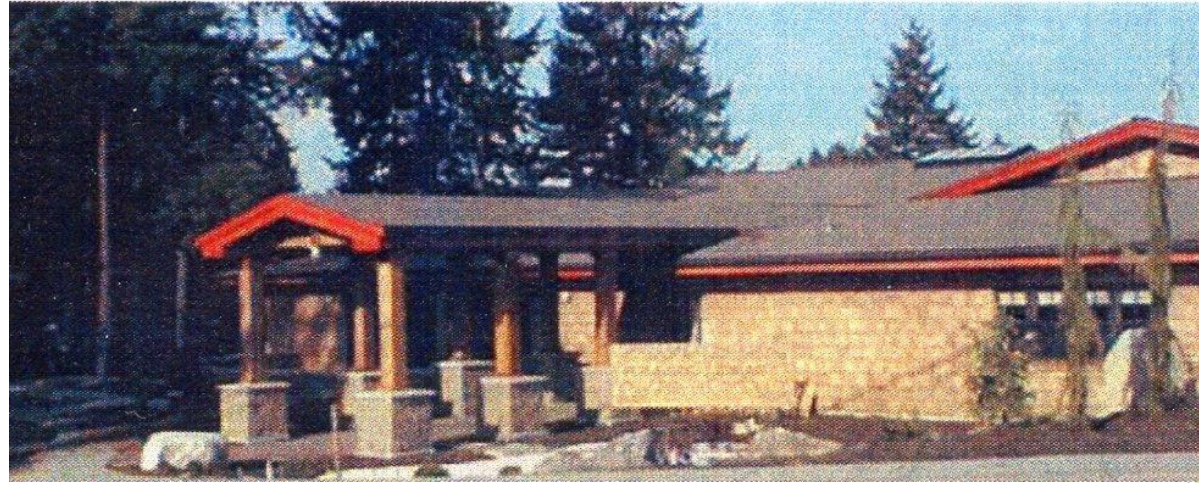
Joe Irwin/ Staff Photo

North Sound Bank's Rob Robertson presents Friends of the Library Barb Mitchusson, Ed Hakanson and Bill Austin with a \$5,000 check to support renovation efforts at the new Kitsap Regional Library in Poulso. The contribution from NSB brings the total private donations to the project to \$25,000.

Despite the Challenges, the Friends' Efforts Pay Off



The Friends of the Library fund drive raised \$60,000 for the community room in the library, and The Millennium Art Fund raised another \$60,000 for artwork.



Branch Manager
Susan Lavin and
Mayor Donna Jean
Bruce Officially
Open the
Expanded Library



NKFOL sponsors a Grand Reopening! With food and fun ...

Kitsap Regional Library,
North Kitsap Friends of the Library,
the City of Poulsbo
and the
Kitsap County Board of Commissioners
cordially invite you to celebrate the

Grand Reopening of the Poulsbo Library

Sunday, January 7, 2001
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Ribbon cutting at 1:00 p.m. with Open House to follow.
Information: 360-779-2915



And beautiful artwork to enjoy...



More Beautiful Artwork Inside and Out!



The Library Board Recognizes NKFOL Members for Their Work

Lots of familiar faces here!!



NKFOL Continues its Efforts to Fill Many Remaining Needs

Though the library expansion opened, more work was needed to complete everything.

Here's the group tasked with choosing chairs for the new Community Room



TAKE A SEAT: Ruth Ryan, Carol Jones, Helen Heins, interior designers Connie Wyland, Jacquie Ermey and Muriel Dodge are going to select chairs for the Valborg Oyen Public Library meeting room in Poulsbo. The Greater Poulsbo Kwianis Club donated \$2,000 to the North Kitsap Friends of the Library to purchase the chairs.

Ed Hakanson worked with city staff to secure a \$50,000 grant to provide the much needed, and unbudgeted, elevator—a great help to those like **George Morgan** who schlepped books.



NKFOL Millennium Art Fund Honored Nationally

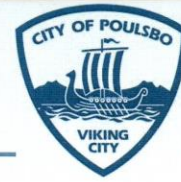


In 2001 the NKFOL received the Friends of the Library-USA “Baker & Taylor” Award for their successful fund raising to provide beautiful public art to complement the architecture of the building expansion.

In 2007 City of Poulsbo Recognizes Work of NKFOL

City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Kathryn Quade



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the North Kitsap Friends of the Library raise money that enables our library to move from good to great -- providing the resources for additional programming, much needed equipment, support for children's summer reading, and special events throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the work of the Friends highlights on an on-going basis the fact that our library is the cornerstone of the community providing opportunities for all to engage in the joy of life-long learning and connect with the thoughts and ideas of others from ages past to the present; and

WHEREAS, the Friends understand the critical importance of well funded libraries and advocate to ensure that our library gets the resources it needs to provide a wide variety of services to all ages including access to print and electronic materials, along with expert assistance in research, readers' advisory, and children's services; and

WHEREAS, the Friends' gift of their time and commitment to the library sets an example for all in how volunteerism leads to positive civic engagement and the betterment of our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathryn H. Quade, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington, do hereby proclaim the week of October 21-27, 2007 as:

National Friends of the Library Week

in Poulsbo, WA and I urge everyone to join the Friends of the Library and thank them for all they do to make our library and community so much better.

Dated this 14th day of October, 2007




KATHRYN H. QUADE, MAYOR

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In 2011, NKFOL became PFOL and Today
Continues its Work of Supporting and
Beautifying the Library



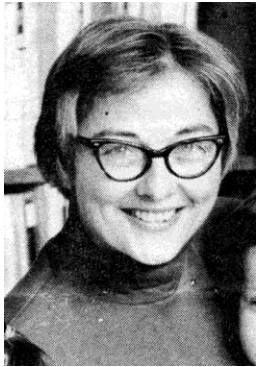
Today we celebrate the Heart and Many Faces of the Friends—Past, Present, and Future
Presidents 1955-2015

Annie Campbell 1955-1959

Donald Heym 1977 (no photo)



Stella Alexander-
1960 - 1971



Sylvia Campbell
1972-1973



Elwood Fryer -
1974



Olga Antonson-1975, 1976



Jean Mason- 1978,
1979, 1980, 1981



Elly Koeppler -
1982 (shared)



Ruth McLaren - 1982
(shared)



Muriel Williams -
1983 - 1998



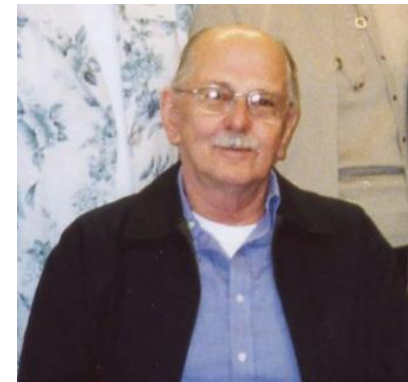
Barbara Monks- 1998,
1999, 2000, 2001



Yvonne Saddler -
2001, 2002, 2003



Barb Mitchusson -
2003, 2004, 2005,
2006, 2007, 2008



Ed Hakanson - 2008,
2009, 2010,
2015 (acting)



Sharon Streitt 2010-2015

FOL Faces Past & Present -- How Many Do You Recognize?



Esther Ness
Treasurer 1961-1985!



Pauline Rindal-
VP 1983-1998



Betty Rogstad
Secretary 1998-1999



Mildred Serwold



Hope Wade



Louise Shields

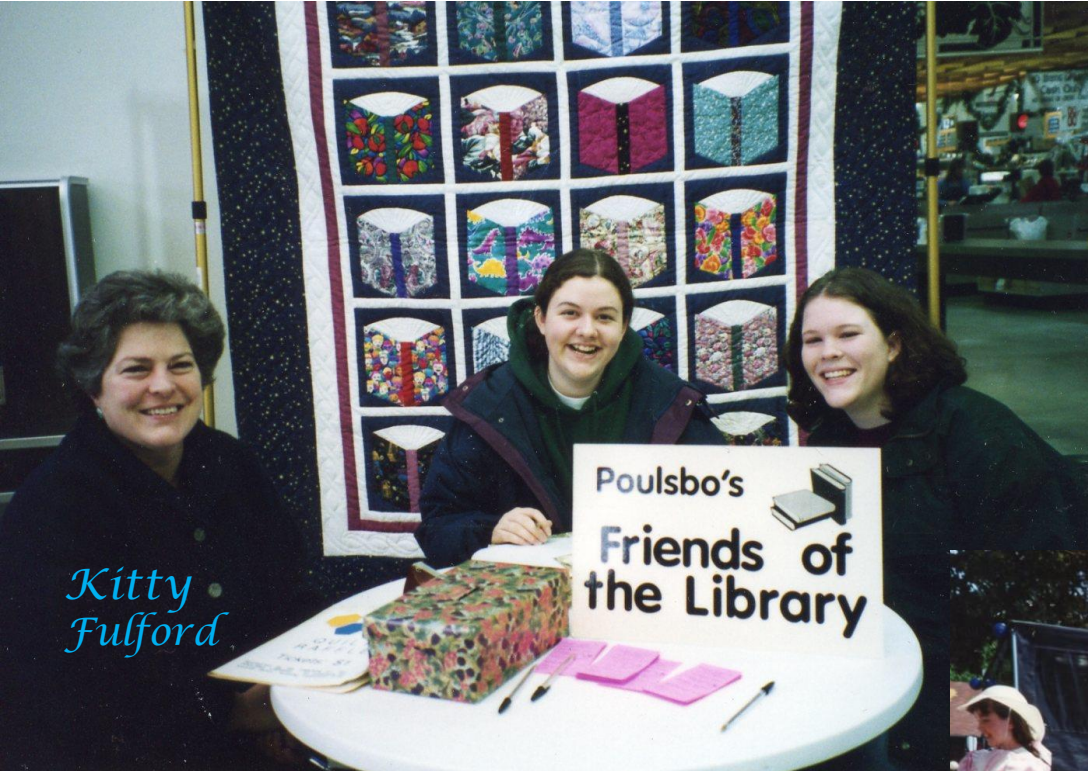
Pat Christensen
VP 1999-2000



Barb Mitchusson

Ethel Jensen

Fun FOL Activities



Kitty Fulford

It's a Quilt Raffle!



Viking Fest 1992





First book sale in new community room - 2001

Last book sale in Fire Station - 2000

Book Sales!





The book cage “Then” - 2001

What a difference!!
Book Sorters rejoice!



The book cage “Now”!

More Memories to Enjoy



2004 Officers & Board



Muriel

Jan
Daughter of
Esther Ness

Barbara



Bonnie

Pat

Jane



Carol Jones
Secretary 2001-
2003

Vincenta
Milenkovich
Secretary
2003-2006



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Lyn Gillette
Treasurer
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*Muriel Dodge
Treasurer
1994-1998, 2001-
2004*



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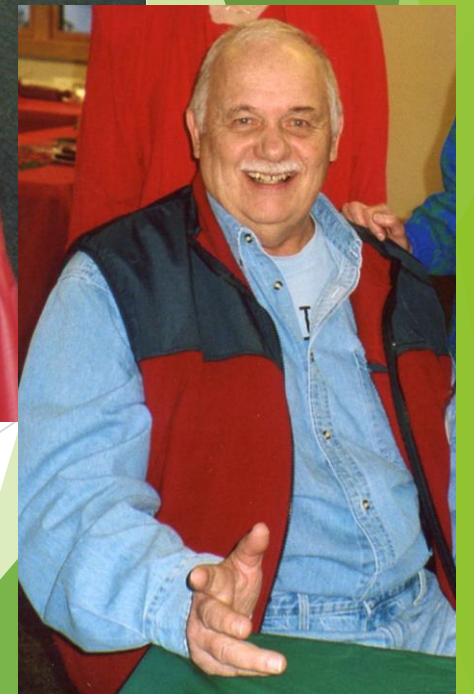




*Bonnie Boyde
Secretary 2011-2013*



*Dick Harrison
VP 2001 - 2015*



*Judy Kennedy
Secretary 2008-
2009, 2010*





*Karen
Beauchene
Secretary
2006-2008*



*Norma Lien
Treasurer
1998-1999*



*Dale Anderson
Treasurer 2005-2006*

Congratulations to you
all and happy 60th
Anniversary!!