MEET OUR 2020 BOOKMARK WINNERS!
Every year the Friends and Maria’s Bookshop co-sponsor a countywide bookmark contest. Students from elementary schools, middle schools, home schools and high schools submit original artwork and a book-related quote. Winners and runners-up from each category will have 2,500 bookmarks printed of their entries. Winners also receive a $100 certificate from Maria’s, and runners-up, $50.

Giant posters of the winning bookmarks will be displayed at the Library and Maria’s Bookshop throughout the year. These much sought-after and collectible bookmarks (with dates of the Friends book sales on the back) are available at the Library or Maria’s, beginning on November 15.

WINNERS

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
Eliana Schemanski
Park Elementary
5th grade

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**
Rachel Ager
Miller Middle School
8th grade

**HIGH SCHOOL**
Lauryn Hastings
Durango High School
9th Grade

RUNNERS-UP

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
Camilla Waddell
Park Elementary
1st grade

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**
Nola Burnite
Mountain Middle School
8th grade

**HIGH SCHOOL**
Santana Ed
Ignacio High School
12th Grade
Look What's New In Our Bookstore!

Please stop by our bookstore to see the new cabinets purchased with the remaining money from "Lela's Fund." The fund was established in memory of Lela Boyer, who was the store founder and a tireless Friends Board Member and volunteer. The bookstore was named "Lela's Place" after her passing.

These beautiful cabinets, custom-built by Ray Zwisler of Bayfield, give us a lot more space to highlight special finds and collectibles. Lela's husband Bob visited recently and said he was sure that Lela would be honored by this addition to the bookstore which meant so much to her.

We are very proud to have them, and you will be seeing them at the next book sale. We had casters put on them, so they go where we go!

The quality of our bookstore gets better and better. We have the best volunteers any group could ask for and we all love visiting with our shoppers. Please come see us if you haven't been in for a while!

I'm one of those generous folks who have donated one month’s rent for the Friends’ book storage. All those donated books have to “live” somewhere between sales while they’re waiting to earn money for library programs, special events and those beyond-budget but necessary expenses.

Wouldn’t you like to join Bill and Annette LeMaire, Dorothy Reed, Nancy Carlson, Byard Peake and "Mr Anonymous" and become a Rent Angel too? All it takes is your check for $360 (to the Friends of the Durango Public Library) and we'll all be sitting on Cloud Nine.

Thank you, Angels, in advance!!

Donation Honors Martha and Walt Dear

The Durango Public Library, via the Friends, recently received an anonymous $10,000 donation through The Community Foundation honoring Martha and Walt Dear. We are grateful both for the donation and that we were selected to receive this tribute to the Dears. From building the Library to simply asking “What do you need?” Walt and his late wife Martha have been supporters of the Durango Public Library for decades. We are excited to determine the best use for this amazing gift and to recognize the Dears for their commitment to the success of the Library and, in turn, our community. Thank you to the Community Foundation for facilitating this donation!
Friends of the Library

BOOK SALE

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9:30 to 5:00

Cash or check only please

Durango Public Library 1900 E. 3rd Ave.
Behind The Scenes At A Friends Book Sale

Sorting Donations

Waiting For Books

AMAZING BOOK HAULERS!

Into The Library . . .

Out Of The Truck . . .

. . . And Onto Sale Tables

Waiting For The Opening Bell

Join While You Wait!
Thank you
to the 100+
volunteers who
make it happen!

Smiling Faces - Tired But Happy
ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SALE!
Peake and Kane Honored As Library Community Champions

On September 30, Nancy Peake and Maile Kane, recent past presidents of the Friends of the Library (FOL), were honored as 2019 Library Community Champions (LCC). This distinction is an award program launched in 2017 by the Library Advisory Board (LAB). The award celebrates individuals who have contributed in a singular way to the library, and underscores the importance of volunteerism to the library.

LAB Chair Bill LeMaire, said at the presentation ceremony that both women were instrumental in forging a stronger FOL as well as improving communication and cooperation with the LAB and other community organizations. LeMaire added that both ladies were remarkable in their commitment to the library and their leadership.

Recognizing the contributions of the many Friends of the Library volunteers, Nancy and Maile stated that “This award really belongs to you!”

The honorees each received a handsome glass trophy and their names will be engraved on a plaque near the registration desk commemorating LCC awardees. They will be honored in a special proclamation to be read at the October 15 City Council meeting.

Their names have also been inscribed on “bookcase stones” on the special Library Champions “shelf” in the Durango Botanical Society’s Demonstration Garden behind the library. Next time you’re touring the Garden look for them among all our Library Champions.

Two Easy Ways to Shop And Help Your Library At The Same Time!

If you have a City Market value card, the Community Rewards Program will donate to the Friends every time you buy groceries! Visit citymarketcommunityrewards.com and click on the ENROLL button. Then sign in or create an account. Finally, select Friends of the Durango Public Library as the organization you wish to support.

(A reminder: you need to re-enroll your card each year.)

Use the Smile.Amazon.com portal for all your Amazon shopping and they will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to the Friends!

Sign up at our unique link:

https://smile.amazon.com/ch/84-0875531

Sandy Says

The Durango City Council included the Library in their 2019-20 goals, stating they want to “improve underfunded amenities, including the Durango Public Library.” At the time of this writing, the Council is considering increasing the Library’s funding to expand our weekday hours and to open on Sundays. If this is important to you, please email the Durango City Council, before November 3rd, at CityCouncil@durangogov.org. Thank you!

- Library Director Sandy Irwin

We love your donations! And so do our sale shoppers and Book Store browsers.
Please review our Guidelines for Donations:
- We ask that you limit your donations to 5 boxes at a time. This makes our “donation hallway” more navigable.
- If possible, please bring your donations on Tuesdays and Fridays when our volunteer book sorters are hard at work.
- We cannot accept magazines, outdated medical books, encyclopedias, textbooks, VHS or cassette tapes.
- We will not take books in poor condition, i.e. water-stained, dirty, moldy, torn or falling apart.

If you wouldn’t buy it, we can’t sell it!