



January 2011 Newsletter

- The *Friends* held a very successful Used Book Sale in August at the Elephant Garlic Festival. Thanks to all our volunteers, and especially Pat Susbauer and Karen Conklin who co-chaired this major fundraiser. We raised over \$2,200! Also at the festival parade, the *Friends'* library float won a trophy for "Best in Originality" thanks to Mark Susbauer's leadership with design and construction?
- In September, we organized an art exhibit at the Library featuring works by local professional artists and inspired by Ivan Doig's book, *The Whistling Season*.
- During election season, the *Friends* campaigned for passage of the WCCLS Library Levy, providing financial support as well as volunteer efforts to put up signs, present to groups, hand out leaflets, and write letters. We were gratified to see the Levy pass, assuring funding for the next 5 years.
- Due to our successful fundraising, the *Friends* have been able to donate \$8,000 to the Library to purchase new materials this year. Each month, new books and DVDs appear on the "New Items" shelves displayed at the library's entry. For the first 60 days, our North Plains library patrons have priority over outside requests to check out these "hot items." Visit the library or our website <http://nplib.org> to find out what's new!
- The *Friends* have also contributed refrigerator magnets imprinted with the library hours, prizes for the summer reading program, and refreshments for the monthly movies called First Friday Flicks.
- In December the *Friends* decorated a Christmas tree, generously donated by Loch Lolly Christmas Forest for the Library. We also provided the building's exterior Christmas lights this year.
- In January the *Friends* received a generous donation of a video sign for the front window of the Library. The sign was built and installed by *Friends* volunteers, Mark and Carolyn Leavitt. The sign advertises current programs, events, and important library and community notices. It will be updated weekly.
- Our 4th Annual One Book One Community reading program will feature Ivan Doig's book, *The Whistling Season*. Enclosed you will find a listing of all February events, beginning with the kick-off party on **Saturday, February 5th at 6:30**, when we will distribute copies of the book. Other events include movies, an astronomy evening, a one-room school house experience with a spelling bee for fun, a book discussion, and a hoedown/square dance party. Help is still needed for setup, etc. Please contact Sheila Nelson at snelson4416@gmail.com. Check the website for details and mark your calendars!
- On **April 13th**, the *Friends* will host another "Hearing Voices" storyteller as part of this WCCLS annual program. This year we are lucky to be featuring Jeff Gere, a nationally known storyteller who hails from Hawaii. The event will be held at the Pumpkin Ridge Golf Course. All ages are welcome at this free event and refreshments will be served.
- We invite everyone to attend the next *Friends* meeting on **Monday, January 31, at 7 pm** in the Library.