



Friends of  
*Walnut Street West Library*  
Winter 2014

Hello Friends!

As 2014 comes to a close, we bid farewell to Tiffany Nardella, our wonderful head librarian since February. Long-time librarians Dan Ryan and Susan Ben, as well as several front desk staff, are also transferring in the near future. 2015 will truly be a new year...

Walnut Street West is consistently among the top four busiest branches. Being fully staffed in addition to having little turnover remains a challenge. Significantly, the Friends provide a consistent face to the community, institutional memory on programs and resources, and a culture of partnership with current and incoming staff.

We can do this even better with your help. Below see volunteering ideas as well as 2014 feats and a 2015 goal.

In the meantime, we prepare for our annual holiday events at this 119 year old branch! Enjoy wreath making on Saturday, December 6th, and then find tons of truly terrific titles at our blowout book sale on Saturday, December 13th. We have more books than ever in excellent condition, especially children's/teen and science fiction books due to a closing bookstore and generous neighborly donations. Happy holidays indeed!

**Kathy Wheeler**, President

### Friends' Feats



- A TV monitor listing upcoming events in the main lobby!
- Steam cleaning the upholstered reading chairs!
- Replacing worn children's books on library shelves including several series such as Katie Kazoo books 1-35!
- Supporting more adult programming like Bedbugs and Canning workshops!
- Launching a Strategic Planning Committee to increase volunteers and the library's resources as a community hub. See opportunities for your input soon at [WSWLibraryFriends.org](http://WSWLibraryFriends.org)!
- Spanish classes for 24 children!
- Improving 42 children's chess game!
- Sponsoring summer youth programs to make button pins, duct tape wallets and holiday ornaments!



Better signage in 2015 by Andrew Wheeler

**We** know the library is located on the southeast corner of 40th and Walnut Streets, but many people walk right past it, unaware of the rich resources inside. We set a 2015 goal of \$1,500 to invest in more visible signage so everyone can find and benefit from the library.

Please join the effort. Give on-line at [wswlibraryfriends.org](http://wswlibraryfriends.org) or send a check to the Friends of WSW Library, 201 S. 40th St, 19104. Keep abreast of this project through monthly updates when you subscribe on the website! Thanks for helping make the library visible and thus more accessible to all.



Milagros and her Library Friends' conversation pal Peter meet weekly at the library to practice speaking English. From the Dominican Republic, Milagros says it's made a big difference in a short amount of time. Gracias, Library Friends!

**"It's Not Just About Money...!!!"** says Alice Wells

*Friends' library activities are limited by the number of volunteers we can muster!*

This summer, sidewalk book sales were saved by two teens who earned community service hours by helping staff weekly sales. And this winter, we'll need more helpers for Friends' generated chess and Spanish classes, special events like the lunar new year party and the egg hunt, and for programs for adults as well.

Volunteer your skills with the newsletter or website. Join the Friends' board or take surveys for the strategic planning committee. Share your green thumb in the gardens or a love of books by sorting donations for sales. Like to shop? Programs often need snacks and supplies. Email [wswlibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:wswlibraryfriends@gmail.com) to help. Thanks!

# HOLIDAY EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

Wreath and centerpiece workshop Saturday

December 6th, 1-3pm

Co-sponsored by University City Garden Club

Bring WIRED ribbon for a bow! \$10-\$20 suggested donation.

Email [diane.C.Adler@gmail.com](mailto:diane.C.Adler@gmail.com) to reserve a spot!





**Saturday  
December 13th  
11am-3pm**

Avalanches of books in  
excellent condition under \$3!



Children's holiday concert Monday

December 15 at 6 pm

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Thank you for supporting the library!