Friends of NIU Libraries to celebrate quarter-century of support, development

NPR's Peter Sagal to make Sept. 30 appearance on campus

Friends of NIU Libraries will mark its 25th anniversary with a celebration featuring an appearance by Peter Sagal, host of National Public Radio's popular program, “Wait Wait ... Don't Tell Me!”

The event will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, at the Barsema Alumni and Visitors Center, 231 N. Annie Glidden Road. A reception with a cash bar and hors d’oeuvres will be held prior to Sagal’s 7:45 p.m. talk, which will be followed by a book signing.

Tickets to the event cost $25 and can be purchased by calling Angie Schroeder at (815) 753-8091.

Sagal has been the host of “Wait Wait ... Don’t Tell Me!” since May 1998. The program attracts 2.5 million listeners each week, as Sagal, NPR veteran newscaster Carl Kasell and well-known guest panelists discuss and review current events of the week in the form of a quiz. Sagal also travels the country with his quiz show playing at sold-out theaters.

Additionally, Sagal is the author of “The Book of Vice (Naughty Things and How to Do Them),” a series of comic essays about people who misbehave and why. Copies of the book will be available for purchase during Sagal’s NIU appearance courtesy of Arcadia Discount Books, 203 E. Locust St., which also will have displays of the book at its store in anticipation of the event.

A native of Berkeley Heights, N.J., Sagal attended Harvard University and has worked as an actor, literary manager, stage director, travel writer, essayist and ghostwriter. He also has penned numerous plays that have been performed in large and small venues across the country and abroad. He now lives in Chicago with his family.

The Friends of NIU Libraries was founded in 1983 as an association of library supporters interested in developing and supporting the resources of University Libraries. Through membership, gifts and bequests, the group provides funds for the purchase of materials that the library is unable to acquire. Throughout the year, the Friends also hosts speakers, programs and book appraisal fairs open to the public.

For more information on the event, call (815) 753-8091 or e-mail aschroeder@niu.edu.

Tom Parisi
NIU Public Affairs
NIU Library Welcomes New Dean

Dean Dawson

It is with great pleasure that I am able to write to you in this capacity. Let me introduce myself as the new Dean of Libraries for Northern Illinois University. It has been a transition moving to NIU from California, but I am excited to be here and work to make the NIU Libraries the best they can be. I am fortunate in that the NIU Libraries have already achieved great things through the dedicated efforts of the excellent people working here daily to ensure that the Libraries continue to be an asset to the University and the community. These are the true heroes of this organization.

A foundation for great things has already been established here that includes excellent collections and services. Some examples are the growth of Rare Books and Special Collections, the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection, a robust and successful bibliographic instruction program and nationally recognized digitization projects. These represent a commitment to excellence that I want to nurture and expand. My commitment is to do what I can to allow the NIU Libraries and the people working in the Libraries to excel.

This, however, cannot be achieved without the dedication, time and fiscal assistance of an active group of library supporters. NIU is fortunate to have an established active group of Friends whose efforts have allowed the Libraries to purchase books, manuscripts and other resources which otherwise could not be acquired. The Friends, besides providing funds and gifts, also sponsor programs that are free to the public, which supports the outreach of the NIU Libraries into the community. I very much appreciate the time and effort of the Friends on behalf of the NIU Libraries and look forward to a long relationship.

Patrick Dawson

Friends of NIU Libraries 2nd Annual Appraisal Fair Nets Literary Treasure.

Ms. Nancy Babb of Rochelle holds a first edition *Moby Dick* appraised at around $5000.00 in value during the Friends 2nd Annual Book Appraisal Fair. Also pictured is Rare Books and Special Collections Curator and Friends Liaison Lynne M. Thomas.

A Note from NIU library’s Circulation department:
NIU Annuitants/retirees can contact Cliff Golden or Madelyn Nelson at the Circulation desk to have your accounts updated to provide full library privileges for life. You must have I.D. and your Onecard. For more information contact Cliff Golden at 815-753-0343 or Madelyn Nelson at 815-753-9846.
FINANCIAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2007 - JUNE 30, 2008

Endowment Account:

The FY 2008 expendable allocation for the Endowment Account was $10,257.82. Of that, $722.00 was spent on catering ($500) and on books for the permanent collection ($222). The expendable allocation for FY 2009 is $21,920.59. The Endowment principal is $378,744.42 as of the May 12, 2008 Endowment Financial Summary Report.

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Total fund Balance May 12, 2008 $13,879.50

Items purchased for the Library by the Friends of NIU Libraries, 2007-2008


A cuneiform tablet] [clay tablet], c. 2000 B.C.E. $2250. Book Arts Collection. One of the first methods of recording the written word.


An additional $5000 was designated by the Board for the Southeast Asia Collection. Those monies are currently being used for purchases in Southeast Asia by the collection’s curator, Hao Phan.
The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m. by Jerry Zar, co-president.

1. Zar introduced the new Dean of the University Libraries, Patrick Dawson. He also thanked Byron Anderson for his two years of service as Interim Dean.

2. Upcoming programming. President Drew VandeCreek detailed the events that are already planned or mostly planned for the fall semester for the 25th year of the Friends:

   a. The wine tasting at Rouge in Creston last year was a success despite the weather. However, to accommodate more participants it has been moved to campus (the Thurgood Marshall Gallery in the Law School). The wine will still come from Rouge. A date early in September is being considered; further details will be announced after arrangements have been completed.
   
   b. An evening with Peter Sagal: September 30 in the Barsema Alumni and Visitors Center. The event will feature a presentation from Sagal, a cash bar, and catered hors d’oeuvres. Sagal will be signing copies of his new book, The Book of Vice, afterwards. Tickets will be $25 for the Friends’ 25th anniversary.
   
   c. The Muggle Ball, after two consecutive blizzard years, has been moved back to Halloween. This year’s ball will be in Altgeld Hall at a time to be determined on October 31.
   
   d. Lisa Snyder will make a presentation on the World’s Columbian Exposition of 1893 featuring her virtual tour of the site some time early in November, probably within a week or 10 days of the Muggle Ball. Details will be announced as soon as arrangements have been finalized.

2. Treasurer’s Report. Kathy Wright was out of town and unable to attend the annual meeting, so the Treasurer’s Report was presented by Lynne Thomas. The expendable allocation from the endowment for FY2008 was $10,257.82. Of that amount, $500 has been spent on catering and $222 on books for the permanent collection. Expendable funds were also allocated to buy materials for the Southeast Asia Center’s collection ($5,000) and toward purchases from the library’s Expensive Purchases list ($4,619), but those allocations are still being processed and should post soon. Thomas reported that the new director of the SEA Center was currently traveling in Southeast Asia spending his money, and also provided a list of items that the Friends had purchased for the library in 2007-2008, including a clay cuneiform tablet dated to approximately 2000 B.C.E.

The expendable allocation from the endowment for FY2009 is $21,920.59. A question from the floor asked why the allocation had doubled from FY2008, but Thomas was not familiar with the details and indicated she would ask Wright for that information at a future date. [NB: It was determined that the Friends had not spent the entire allocation for FY 2008, thus allowing a rollover to FY 2009--LMT] The principal in the Friends endowment
The fund is $378,744.42 as of May 12, 2008.

3. **Elections.** Zar presented the slate of candidates listed in the agenda:

   a. Vice-President/Program Chair: Ron Klein
   b. Secretary: Michael Spires
   c. Treasurer: Kathy Wright
   d. At-Large Board Members (2008-2011)
      (i) Darrell Wiley
      (ii) Nancy Castle
      (iii) Gary Gresholdt
      (iv) Anne Kaplan

   No nominations were received from the floor, and the slate of candidates presented by Zar for election was elected unanimously by voice vote of the members present.

4. **Questions/announcements from the floor.** Zar expressed his appreciation for the service of the board members over the past year.

   Joan Metzger announced that she needs books for the Friends book sale cart on the first floor. All books are welcome, but she discouraged submission of runs of “really old textbooks” as these items never sell.

5. **Next meeting.** The next meeting of the board will be announced by e-mail to the board members after a suitable date has been determined.

   The business portion of the annual meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

   Respectfully submitted,
   Michael Spires
   Secretary

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**Announcements:**

Arcadia Books located at Locust and Second in DeKalb is offering a 15% discount to Friends members.

The Friends book sale is in need of books! Please donate your old books to the NIU Library.

Don’t forget to visit the Founders Cafe on the lower level of Founders Library!

**Save These Dates:**

September 11, 2008 - Faculty Wine Tasting featuring wines by Rouge Cellars, Creston, IL. 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Marshall Gallery, Swen Parson Hall.

September 30, 2008 - An evening with Peter Sagal to celebrate 25 years of the Friends of NIU Libraries. 7:00 p.m. at the Barsema Visitor and Alumni Center. Tickets: $25.00. Contact Angie at 815-753-8091.

October 31, 2008 - The Muggle Ball-Halloween Costume Ball. 7-11 p.m. at Altgeld Hall. Tickets: adults $10, children $5. Call 815-753-1456 for tickets and information.
The Library would like to purchase....

**Water Encyclopedia.**
http://www.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/productCd-0471441643.html*"The Water Encyclopedia offers a comprehensive depository of all information relating to the scientific and technological aspects of the world’s most important natural resource -- water.*"
Requested by: Dr. Carpenter, Dept. of Geology & EG and Nestor Osorio, subject specialist for Geology.

http://www.aspbs.com/nanobiomaterials.html
"cover all aspects of the nanostructured biomaterials including all types of nanoscale biomaterials, biocompatible surfaces, functional bioengineered materials, polypeptides, bioceramics, biopolymers, organic-inorganic hybrid biomaterials, nanocomposites, biological macromolecules such as proteins, peptides, nucleic acids, DNA-based self-assemblies, biomolecules, cells, and glycans, biochips, biocompatibility aspects of materials, interactions between biomaterials, cells, tissue and organs, cellular matrix interaction, drug delivery, biomaterials for orthopedic and cardiovascular applications, applications in drug and protein delivery, BioMEMS, dentistry, bone, bioanalysis, biosensors, biomedical implantation, biomechanics, bioinstrumentation, nanoscale physiology and pathology, nanoscale proteomics, instrumentation techniques for nanobiocience, nanoscale cellular and tissue engineering, etc."
Requested by: Dr. Otieno, Technology Dept. and Nestor Osorio, subject specialist for Technology.

"covers current knowledge on all aspects of polyester synthesis, structure, properties (chemical, physical and application relevant) and recycling. The most important technical polyesters are presented in detailed chapters, homogeneous polymers as well as copolymers, blends and high-performance reinforced polyester materials are discussed."
Requested by: Dr. Otieno, Technology Dept. and Nestor Osorio, subject specialist for Technology.

Requested by Library Reference Staff.

**Novels and Selected Plays of Thomas Holcroft.** The Pickering Masters. Pickering & Chatto, 2007. 5 volume set. 9781851968015. $795.00
Requested by William Baker, subject specialist for English.

**The Works of Charlotte Smith.** Vols. 6-10, 11-14. Pickering & Chatto, 2006-2007. 9781851967902; 9781851967957. Vol. 6-10, $750.00; Vol. 11-14, $640.00
Requested by William Baker, subject specialist for English.

Requested by Lynne Thomas, Rare Books and Special Collections.

*Items on this list have been requested by teaching faculty and subject specialist librarians, but are too expensive to purchase out of the Library’s regular budget.*

*The Friends have committed to paying half of the cost on any book purchased by individual donors from this list. Friends who purchase books from this list will have a bookplate placed in the book, as well as a leaf placed on our “Ensuring the Future” endowment tree, celebrating their gift to the library.*
2008-2009 Friends of NIU Libraries
Board Members and Officers

Drew VandeCreek (president)  Nancy D. Castle
Ron Klein (vice president, program chair)  Gary Gresholdt
Kathy Wright (treasurer)  Anne Kaplan
Michael Spires (secretary)  Mary Lincoln
Patrick Dawson (ex officio)  Barry Schrader
Lynne M. Thomas (Faculty & Program liaison)  Linda Schwarz
Byron Anderson  Darrell Wiley
Jerry Zar

Thank you to our Life Members (donating $1000.00 or more)

Adra Baker-Gallagher  Scott & Kathy Miller
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Glen & Dawn Ericksen  Carla W. Montgomery
Deborah Erickson  Charles & Mary Munroe
Glen & Jamie Gildemeister  Todd & Joanne Nebel
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Barbara & David Johnson-Wint  Sally Stevens
Harriet Kallich  Peggy Sullivan
Ron Klein  Rebekah Wilson
Mike Korcek  Arthur & Pat Young
Judith M. Looney  Jerrold & Carol Zar

Member Benefits:
• Receive a 10% discount on merchandise at the following stores:
  - Ed Ripp Fine Art Books, Chicago
• Receive a 15% discount on merchandise at the following stores:
  - Arcadia, Dekalb (Second & Locust)
Yes! I/We wish to join the Friends of NIU Libraries at the following level:

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- Library Book Fund

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Thank you for your support!