



## NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

### Welcome!

Welcome to the inaugural issue of our online newsletter! Each issue will be filled with news about upcoming events, book recommendations, Friends-funded projects, and much more. Be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) to stay current on Friends news.

The phrase “necessity is the mother of invention” definitely applies to the Friends this year. When we had to cancel our Big Book Sale in April, we created our first ever Virtual Book Sale Weekend.

When the Friends Book Store had to close, we started selling books through the new [Friends Online Book Store](#). And while we were not able to display our beautiful raffle baskets this fall, we will be displaying 24 incredible items in our “[Beautifully Bookish](#)” online auction which opens for bidding this Friday, December 4.

This has been a year of reinvention for the Friends and we're busy preparing for more of the same in 2021. Thanks to everyone who has supported our efforts through online purchases, [memberships](#) and donations. The Library needs all of us!



*Thank you,*

*Karen Curtin*

Board President

Friends of Chapel Hill Public Library



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## Be A Friend

Membership in the Friends of Chapel Hill Public Library is a low-cost/high-impact way to support one of our community's treasures. An all-volunteer organization, the Friends uses all of the money we raise to support the library's programs, services, and collections.

Membership starts at just \$25/year (\$10 for students). While we can't hold in-person events and offer members benefits related to our Big Book Sales during the pandemic, we are pleased to offer members periodic discounts at our Online Book Store. Best of all, your membership gives you the benefit of knowing that you are supporting your community through the library. Please join or renew today!

## Friends Funds at Work

Chapel Hill Public Library is so excited to launch the University Place Lockers, a new service that is made possible with Friends funding.



The University Place Lockers will provide another option for Library users to easily pick up items, 24 hours/7 days a week.

The project was started in a pre-COVID world, as a way to relieve the parking issues at the Library and offer "grab and go" customers an alternative to circling the lot for a parking space. In COVID times, the lockers will provide another safe, contact-free option in addition to the library's popular Park & Pick Up service. The State Library of North Carolina awarded the Library nearly \$100,000 in competitive federal grant funds, with the Friends providing an additional \$28,000 in matching funds and Ram Realty providing the site for the lockers and some additional in-kind support.

Here's how it works:

1. Place holds through the online catalog and select the pick up at "University Place Lockers" option.
2. Wait until you receive an email that your hold is ready.
3. Go to the lockers — located outside at 201 S Estes Dr, next to Alfredo's Pizza.
4. Scan your library card or type in your library card number.
5. Grab your materials, close the door, and enjoy.



*With gratitude,*

*Susan Brown*  
Library Director

## Events

**Mark your calendars – there’s more fun coming from the Friends!**

If you love books and beauty, be sure to check out our “**Beautifully Bookish**” online auction. Previews of the items are open now and bidding starts this **Friday, December 4** and ends on December 11 at 6 p.m. With 24 unique items that will delight bookworms and art lovers, you are sure to find something you enjoy, or better yet, help fill your holiday gift list.

Featured items include book-themed artwork, a handmade quilt, literary-themed puzzles, a package including an overnight at The Graduate Hotel on Franklin Street, and bags of books curated by library director Susan Brown.



## A Great New Place to Shop!

Do you miss being able to browse the shelves of the Friends Book Store? Now you can shop 24/7 at the **Friends Online Book Store**.

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Launched in September, the Online Book Store offers good books at great prices! With more than 2,500 books available in a variety of categories, you're sure to find something you love. With the upcoming holidays, you may also want to purchase a book or online gift card for the special book lover in your life.

It pays to visit us often because we add lots of new books every week. Keep checking our "Special" category for new additions and special offerings. This month, we added a North Carolina category, featuring books about North Carolina and/or by North Carolina authors.

While prices are always great, Friends members also receive periodic discounts on store inventory.

**SHOP NOW**

## Reader Recommendations

*In each issue of this newsletter, we feature the reading recommendations of a Friends member. We would love to include you! **Email us** if you'd like to be featured.*



### **Erin Handly**

Friends Board Member

**Favorite Genre(s):** I enjoy reading in many genres. I gravitate to fantasy and love finding quirky books on offbeat subjects.

**Favorite Authors/Books:** Jane Austen will always make this list! Many of my favorites for this year have been audiobooks: *Tuesday Mooney Talks to Ghosts* by Kate Racculia, *The Ten Thousand Doors of January* by Alix E. Harrow, and *Secondhand: Travels in the New Global Garage Sale* by Adam Minter. A recent print favorite was *The Aosaawa Murders* by Riku Onda.

**Currently Reading:** *The Address Book: What Street Addresses Reveal About Identity, Race, Wealth, and Power* by Deirdre Mask; *Kopp Sisters on the March* (5th entry in a great series) by Amy Stewart; *The Devil in the Dark Water* by Stuart Turton

**Want to Read:** *Thrawn* by Timothy Zahn, *Solutions and Other Problems* by Allie Brosh (climbing up that holds list!), and *You Had Me at Hola* by Alexis Daria

**Book I'd Want on a Desert Island:** An edition of the complete works of Jane Austen

**Book Recommendation Resource:** Bas Bleu catalog

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