

Librarian's Shelf by Jill Owens

### Honoring Givers at Your Library

The last column I wrote celebrated all the people who gave of their service and talents in the form of volunteering at the library. Another aspect of giving, in addition to time and talent, is financial support.

Financial gifts are gratefully accepted by the Columbus Library Foundation, The Friends of the Columbus Public Library, and by the Columbus Public Library itself.

Some gifts come in the form of memorials, or are designated for a specific program, such as the Summer Reading Program.

As many of you know, we have a 'Foundation Alcove' upstairs in which a book, as well as plates on wall boards, display names of Foundation donors and memorials. Coming soon will be a display to recognize gifts made to the Library as well. This display case was purchased with memorials for former employee Mathis J. Asche.

Book sale donations are also appreciatively accepted. The Columbus Days and Super Bowl book sales are the primary fundraiser for the Friends of the Library. They can use books, CDs, DVDs, records, cassettes, and VHS; however, they are unable to accept magazines, encyclopedias, and Readers Digest condensed books as those do not sell. The Friends organization sponsors quite a lot of programming and members also help when extra hands are needed during library events.

Walk around the library and in any room your eyes will fall on something that was made possible by the funds and/or efforts of our community-minded benefactors.

We library staff are so grateful to work in a community where giving is a way of life.

Additional memorials given to the Columbus Library Foundation and Columbus Public Library in memory of Tom Kumpf were received from Marilyn Zehring, Connie Clausen, Mary T. Norton, Lorraine L. Engel, Kristine Kluck, Sandy Nauenburg, Irma M. Willman, Ruth V. Bakenhus, William and Susan Klug, Mike and Carol Oglevie, Jon and Jill Nelson, John and Lucille Koopman, Larry and Ruth Larson, Jim and Sandy Ernst, and Larry and Joanne Beiermann.

In addition to those listed last month, the following memorials were received for Margaret Petsch: Susan and David Erickson, Thomas Petsch, Mimi Ernst, James and Gloria Ball, Phil and Vee Hockenberger, Barbara J. Jacobson, Ronald and Dianne Brown, and Mary Lynn and Richard Reiser.

Memorials given in memory of George "Nick" Rambour III were received from Bob and Judy Trautwein, Dorothy McChristie DeMarco, Bud and Rita Fleischer, and David and Janelle Groteluschen.

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Morgan, Mimi Ernst, Mike and Jan Moser, Mike and Danika Rowe, Joie Taylor, Dwain and Jill Owens, Pat Anderson, Marvin Sidel, Carroll Novicki, Dean and Colleen Soulliere, and John McPhail.

Columbus Public Library memorials given recently: Dick and Patty Luebbe donated in memory of Jerry Joseph, Mary Agostine gave in memory of Don Person, and Phyllis Wragge for Greg O'Connell.

Other gifts earmarked for the Summer Reading Program were received from The Friends of the Library, First Nebraska Bank, Taco John's, Subway, Pizza Hut, the Cornhusker Goodwill Fund, Columbus Bank and Trust, and Pinnacle Bank.