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so much

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F.O.L. Vice President Danielle Rodman & Treasurer Kurt Radtke receiving Nicolet check.

**Meet Your 2023-2024
 F.O.L. Officers**



- Members-at-Large - April Schmeiser, Jill Dixon and Karen Block (not pictured)
- Secretary - Julie Radtke
- Vice President - Danielle Rodman
- Treasurer - Kurt Radtke
- President - Doreen Eldred



F.O.L.
**Annual Tree Decorating
 & Holiday Potluck**
 December 6 5:00 p.m.
 Get in the holiday spirit by decorating the Library Christmas trees before Santa's visit. Then enjoy good food and good company with other Friends of the Library.

Adult Craft DIY Programs
 FREE craft program for any level crafters. We'll supply materials and instruction. Adults only please.

- Dec. 2 10:00 a.m. Christmas Swag
- Jan. 6 10:00 a.m. Sock Snowman
- Feb. 3 10:00 a.m. Driftwood Wind Spinner



Fall Book Sale

It was another
successful
book sale!
We raised \$1,380.
THANK YOU
to everyone

for all of your
support. Our
Spring Book
Sale is set for
March 20-26,
2024



We NEED you.
Can you HELP?

The Friends of the Library are looking for a new Membership Chairperson and an Archivist for our F.O.L. Scrapbook. If you are interested in volunteering for either position, please contact a F.O.L. Board Member or email Julie Radtke at medfordwilibraryfol@gmail.com.

Adult/Teen Pumpkin Carving & Decorating



November Adult Craft Packers Wall Hanging



October Adult Craft Jack-O-Lantern Canvas Painting



Friends of the Library Membership

Friends, we appreciate you! Your continued membership helps support library programs and activities throughout the year. It also helps with materials and other items the library may need. Starting in January, F.O.L. Membership will be from January thru December 2024. We are asking all members, renewing or lifetime, to please fill out the enclosed form & return it to the library so that all of our info is current for 2024. Thanks & Happy Holidays!



KEEP
CALM
AND
RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP

Holidays the World Celebrates

(from Time.com website)

St. Nicholas Day (Dec. 5 or 6)

Also known as the Feast of Saint Nicholas, Christians honor the birthday of Saint Nicholas – the inspiration behind Santa Claus, given his proclivity towards gift-giving.

Bodhi Day (Dec. 8)

Also known as Rohatsu, this Buddhist tradition honors the day in which the Buddha—Siddhartha Gautama—is said to have achieved enlightenment. Many Buddhists celebrate it through meditation.

Hanukkah (Dec. 7-15, 2023)

The eight-day Jewish holiday of Hanukkah begins Dec. 7. A central part of the Jewish Festival of Lights entails the lighting of a nine-branched menorah each night. (The ninth candle is used to light the others.) The ritual symbolizes how one day's worth of oil miraculously lasted for eight days during a battle between a small group of Jewish people and the powerful Greek-Syrian army in 165 B.C. Per Jewish tradition, they are said to have emerged victorious and reclaimed the Holy Temple in Jerusalem.

Boxing Day (Dec. 26)

A British tradition that occurs the day after Christmas and dates back to the 1800s when Queen Victoria ruled the throne. At the time, it was a day to ensure that upper class Britons gave servants and workers a day off, in addition to giving them a present. The holiday has since evolved into a more commercial occasion for gift-giving.

Kwanzaa (Dec. 26-Jan. 1)

The week-long holiday of Kwanzaa honors African-American heritage; it's a cultural holiday as opposed to a religious one. There are seven key principles for Kwanzaa: unity; self-determination; collective responsibility; cooperative economics; purpose; creativity; and faith. Its name comes from the Swahili phrase "matunda ya kwanza," which translates to "first fruits." Kwanzaa celebrations draw from African musical and storytelling traditions.

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F.O.L Upcoming Events

**Nov. 27 6:30 P.M. - F.O.L Meeting in
Large Conference Room**

Dec. 2 10:00 A.M. - Christmas Swag Craft

**Dec. 6 5:00 P.M. - F.O.L. Tree Decorating
and Holiday Potluck**

Dec. 12 9:00 A.M. - Shelf Help Day

Jan. 6 10:00 A.M. - Sock Snowman Craft

Jan. 9 9:00 A.M. - Shelf Help Day

**Jan. 29 6:30 P.M. - F.O.L. Meeting in
Large Conference Room**

Feb. 3 10:00 A.M. - Driftwood Wind Spinner Craft

Feb. 13 9:00 A.M. - Shelf Help Day

**Feb. 26 6:30 P.M. - F.O.L. Meeting in
Large Conference Room**

Mar. 2 10:00 A.M. - Mandela Dot Painting Craft

Mar. 12 9:00 A.M. - Shelf Help Day

