



# FRIENDS of Decorah Public Library

Spring 2018 Issue

## Friends Announce Annual Meeting & Faldets' Presentation By Jane Kemp



The Friends of the Decorah Public Library have announced their April 23 annual meeting will feature local authors David and Rachel Faldet.

The public is invited to come to the second floor of the library for conversation and light refreshments at 7:00 pm, followed by a brief business meeting and the Faldets' presentation.

Rachel and David Faldet will talk about writing for a Decorah audience.

Rachel is known locally for her "Royal Watcher" pieces, written for Decorah Newspapers.

David has written pieces for Decorah Newspapers as well, focusing on Northeast Iowa in the nineteenth century.

Their talk will focus on three elements in good writing: collaboration, a grounded local angle, and detail. Using examples from Rachel's "Royal Watcher" columns and David's environmental writing, they will talk about how they get work to the page and what makes writing worth reading.

Rachel's essays have been published in *Seventeen*, the *Christian Science Monitor*, *Carolina Quarterly*, *Wapsipinicon Almanac*, and *Ruminate*. She is the co-editor of *Our Stories of Miscarriage*, which led to two appearances on NBC's Today. She helped develop and edit *From My Perspective: Essays About Disability*, a book authored by people affiliated with The Spectrum Network, a Decorah-based organization that helps people with disabilities with work and training, daily living tasks, and day activities.

David is author of *Oneota Flow: The Upper Iowa River and Its People*, various academic articles, and occasional poetry.

David and Rachel are both professors in the English department at Luther College and have led student study abroad programs in the United Kingdom and France.

Call Decorah Public Library at 382-3717 to learn more about the program or about becoming a Friends of the Decorah Public Library member.



Online donations to Friends of Decorah Public Library can now be made with your credit card or PayPal account! Just click the button on the Friends' page of the DPL website!





# FRIENDS of Decorah Public Library

Spring 2018—Page 2

## Meet Your Decorah Public Library Staff: Nick Chill



Hi there, I'm Nick Chill. A Pennsylvania native, I moved to Decorah in 2014. Between Pennsylvania and the Midwest, I spent 9 years on the West Coast, from San Diego to Washington. It was the U.S. Navy that carried me to San Diego. Then, after earning degrees in Information Technology and Aviation Management, I abruptly fell into a self-taught career practicing and teaching fine-art photography. I have since added to my skills with a bachelor's degree in photography.

I now live with my lovely wife Rachel and three step-children, and I've been re-establishing my photography workshops locally. Together, we also have the privilege of photographing beautiful Midwest weddings and families. It was in January of this year that I decided to make use of some of my spare time by joining the wonderful team at the Decorah Public Library. It's been a great experience thus far, and I've enjoyed meeting so many from our community.

---

## Rock The Summer! In 2018 By Cynthia Peterson

The theme of the Summer Reading program for 2018 is "Libraries Rock." New this year will be online registration for the reading program. Kids who meet their reading goals will be eligible for a weekly raffle prize. A large prize, to be announced, will be given at the end of the program.

Adult volunteers will again be needed to be reading mentors for kids. A reading mentor commits to a one-time-per-week forty-five minute reading session with a child. There will be four weeks in the program. If you can volunteer to be a mentor, please contact Joan, our wonderful Children's Librarian, at the library. This is an opportunity to help a child learn to love reading. Past mentors really enjoyed this experience.

"Libraries Rock" includes five Family Performances for you and your kids or grandkids. On May 31st at 1:00 P.M., the Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre will present "The Amazing Adventures of Willy the Woolly." This show has live music and a good story set in the Ice Age.

On June 11th at 1:00 P.M., the Iowa State University Insect Zoo will present "The Songs of Bugs." In addition to the performance, there will be a Bugstastic Insect Zoo Display with many hands-on opportunities.

Mark your calendar for June 27th at 11:00 A.M., when the Grout Museum District will present "Sound Science." On July 10th at 11:00 A.M., the International Owl Center will share their "Build an Owl" program. There are rumors that a real owl will show up. On July 18th at 1:00 P.M., the Blank Park Zoo will present "Animal Sounds and Stories." A zoo educator and live animals from the zoo will present a fun and interactive program.

These Family Performances are supported by Friends funding. Know that your memberships and donations to Friends result in tangible opportunities for kids and families in our community.

It sure sounds like a good summer at the Decorah Public Library!



# FRIENDS of Decorah Public Library

Spring 2018—Page 3

## Reference Librarian Carol Tebbenhoff to Retire By Mark Ruen



While there's no doubt that the Library will always be a reliable source for answers to all kinds of reference questions, there will be a slightly different "feel" about the process with the upcoming retirement of reference librarian Carol Tebbenhoff.

A DPL staff member since 1996, Carol will be joining her husband Edward, a Luther College history professor, in retirement this spring.

Carol is a true library veteran, having previously worked in both the St. Paul, MN Public Library and the University of Minnesota library system.

But it's been during her 22 years here at Decorah Public Library that she's come to be recognized as someone to turn to for prompt and accurate answers to virtually any kind of research query.

During her tenure at DPL, Carol has assisted patrons through a variety of activities, including book purchasing and collection development, circulation, computer training, and—perhaps most noteworthy—outreach and reference services. To many of the nursing home residents whom

Carol regularly called on as an outreach worker, her visits were eagerly awaited and her arrival that of a true friend. In her role as DPL's go-to reference source, no question ever seemed beyond her ability to find a pertinent answer.

What will Carol miss after retirement? Predictably, the interactions with people—co-workers and patrons—all unique, all interesting, and (although she's too modest to say it herself) all having known Carol as Decorah Public Library's "staffer with the answers!"

Best of luck, Carol, and enjoy your retirement!

*Best Wishes*



# FRIENDS of Decorah Public Library

Spring 2018—Page 4

## In Memory

In Memory of **Julie Ann Bauman**  
Barbara Dostal

In Memory of **E. D. Farwell**  
Francis & Marilyn Peterson

In Memory of **Rob Shadwick**  
Francis & Marilyn Peterson  
Nancy Bolson

In Memory of **Vernelle Weis**  
Francis & Marilyn Peterson  
Irma Johnson

In Memory of **Ken Timmerman**  
Irma Johnson  
Craig & Marilyn Newhouse

In Memory of **Don Hovden**  
Bev Crumb-Gesme  
Jerry & Bev Schrandt

In Memory of **Corinne L. Nelson**  
Harland Nelson

In Memory of **Mavis Arneson**  
Bev Crumb-Gesme

In Memory of **Dorothy Arp**  
Naomi Craft

In Memory of **Helen Farwell**  
Francis & Marilyn Peterson  
Katherine Johnson

In Memory of **Nan Gray**  
Francis & Marilyn Peterson  
Doris Heikes  
Marilyn Holland

In Memory of **Clarice Morrison**  
Craig & Marilyn Newhouse

In Memory of **Geraldine Solem**  
Ron & Lyn Lysne

In Memory of **Jill McCabe Dawley**  
Bev Crumb-Gesme

In Memory of **Ethel Kvammen**  
Craig & Marilyn Newhouse

In Memory of **Lorraine Houck**  
Larry & Vicki Berland

In Honor of **Gladys Hartson**  
Janice Halsne







# FRIENDS of Decorah Public Library

Spring 2018—Page 5

## **Kathy Barloon Retiring From RSVP Directorship By Mark Ruen**



One of the most effective and successful programs “under the roof of” Decorah Public Library is about to undergo a change in leadership. Long-time Northeast Iowa Retired & Senior Volunteer Program Director Kathy Barloon has announced her retirement from the RSVP program after 15 years of service.

One of only two library-sponsored RSVP Programs in the United States, the Decorah Public Library became a sponsor of NEIRSVP in the fall of 2001 and has steadily grown under Kathy’s directorship. Today, NEIRSVP (serving Allamakee, Howard, and Winneshiek Counties) coordinates the volunteer activities of 320 individuals deployed to 109 jobs at 59 non-profit agencies, and those numbers are growing! The social and economic impacts of RSVP volunteer involvement are nothing less than staggering—during the 2016-17 grant year, an estimated 31,600 hours of service were provided, with a value equivalency of approximately \$721,000!

The range of those services—all coordinated by Kathy and her staff—represents a cross-section of varied activities and programs, including tax preparation assistance, food pantry staffing, home meal delivery, veterans support, blood drives, school helpers, and many, many more—every one of them delivered with the goal of improving quality of life and opportunity for Northeast Iowa residents.

Asked to reflect on her years of service, Kathy was characteristically modest in choosing to talk about her program volunteers rather than herself. “I’m amazed at the level of skills and talents they bring,” she said, and at “their continuing willingness to serve.”

And finally, can we expect to see future RSVP volunteer Kathy Barloon? Very wisely, Kathy deflected that question and pointed out that her first post-retirement goal is to “do nothing for a while,” along with spending time with husband Jack, her six children, and six grandchildren, as well as doing a little quilting and perennial gardening.

A great answer, Kathy! Enjoy that marvelous family, and take well-deserved pride in your years of unparalleled success at the helm of the Northeast Iowa Retired and Senior Volunteer Program!

## **Friends Board Welcomes Kelly Coppola By Jud Barclay**

The Friends of Decorah Public Library Board is pleased to introduce the membership of Kelly Coppola, a young professional who has lived in the Decorah area for the last ten years. Kelly attended Simpson College with a degree in elementary education. She also had the good fortune of doing her student teaching in New Zealand!

Upon graduation, Kelly taught in Ankeny for a number of years. In 2009, Kelly and her husband, Tony, moved to Decorah. They have three children, are very active in social justice issues, and thoroughly enjoy the Decorah region.

Please help us welcome Kelly to the board!



**FRIENDS OF DECORAH PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
202 Winnebago St.  
Decorah, IA 52101

**NON PROFIT**  
**U.S. POSTAGE**  
**PAID**  
**DECORAH, IA**  
**PERMIT #10**

**Friends of the Decorah Public Library**  
**2017-2018 Board Members**

**President: Jane Kemp**  
**Vice President: Cynthia Peterson**  
**Secretary: Kris Peterson**  
**Treasurer: Marilyn Newhouse**  
**Library Board Liaison:**  
**Patricia McClure Anderson**  
**Friends Board Liaison:**  
**Cynthia Peterson**  
**Past President(s): Kris Peterson**

**Board Members:**  
**Jud Barclay**  
**Sharon Drew**  
**Carol Gaard**  
**Mark Ruen**  
**Jim Womeldorf**

*For details about upcoming programs or to see pictures from recent events, like Decorah Public Library on Facebook!*



# **FRIENDS of Decorah Public Library**

**Spring 2018—Page 6**

## **FRIENDS of the LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

You may also donate online by visiting us at  
[www.decorah.lib.ia.us](http://www.decorah.lib.ia.us) and click "Friends of DPL"

Student / Senior \$5       Supporter \$50       Check here if this is a business donation  
 Individual \$5       Patron \$100      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Family \$25       Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to Friends of the Decorah Public Library**  
**Send to: Friends of the Decorah Public Library 202 Winnebago St. Decorah, IA 52101**  
*— Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law —*