

Library Friends of Cook County Announces Grant Awards

The Library Friends of Cook County announces that it has made media-related grants totaling \$6,000 to three Cook County Schools and the Grand Marais Public Library.

The grants were made during the LFCC Board of Directors' October 9 meeting in response to requests made by the schools and library. The requests for proposals went out earlier to all the county schools and the library.

The Grand Marais Public Library received funding for its Film Movement Membership that provides a license for the winter film series, Film Series Support and funding for the library's Speaker Presentations.

ISD-166 in Grand Marais received funding for its TumbleBooks Subscription, a Women in Sciences book series and money for other books selected by the school.

Oshki Ogimaag Charter School in Grand Portage received a grant to cover the Raz Kids/Learning A-Z program and for additional books of the school's choice.

And, Great Expectations School in Grand Marais received funding for its Read-Aloud Books program.

Money from the grant comes from the LFCC membership along with donations made during activities sponsored by the group.

In November, LFCC is hosting an author event, including a poetry reading and book signing by Michael Bazzett, author of *Popol Vuh*, (Milkweed Press, 2018). The event will take place Friday, November 8, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Cook County Community Center, 317 - 5th Street in Grand Marais.

The evening is sponsored by the LFCC in conjunction with the Grand Marais Art Colony's Readers and Writers Festival.

There is no charge to attend, but donations are welcome. More information is available from lola@boreal.com.

Other upcoming activities being planned by the LFCC Board include a return of the Fast Friends social events during the winter and a family-friendly jigsaw puzzle competition in addition to helping with the GMPL film series.

Everyone is invited to support local libraries and schools by becoming a member of LFCC or becoming a member of the Board. LFCC is a non-profit organization with the mission of promoting excellence in library services by working with the GMPL Board and the schools throughout the county.

Information about becoming a member of LFCC is available at the Grand Marais Public Library. LFCC also is looking for a person to fill a Board vacancy that will occur in

December, 2019. Service on the Board includes monthly meetings and the commitment to serve for a two-year term. Persons interested in the Board vacancy may contact Board Chair Jan Smith at flannelmoosestudio@gmail.com .

Current Board Members in addition to Jan Smith are Secretary Staci Drouillard, Treasurer Jack Miller along with Agatha Armstrong, Vice President Kris MacPherson and Roger Linehan.

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