John E. Katzka, President

It has been a privilege and pleasure to be President of the Cedarburg Friends of the Library these many years. But now we have a wonderful new library and it is time to pass the gavel to new leadership to continue the valuable work that the Friends do to make our Library such an important part of our community.

I want to thank those of you who over the last decade donated time and/or money to the many projects and programs the Friends organized to assist the Library in its mission. Frankly, as the adage goes: we couldn’t have done it without you!

Linda Pierschalla, Library Director

Wow, I can't believe it is almost the first anniversary of our new library! I had been told by other library directors of new buildings to expect to be one-third busier and we certainly have been with no downturn in sight. Our gate count shows well over 130,000 people have entered the building since the grand opening on July 12. The staff has enjoyed listening to all the positive comments from people who have been in for the first time and enjoy seeing new people register for library cards or renew an expired card. One comment I enjoyed was from someone who said they have been in the new building more in the last few months than they were ever in the old building all the time it was opened. I personally have noticed more people working from the library using their laptops and our space becoming their home office. Along with this we seem to be an afternoon destination for middle and high school kids who are enjoying the teen space, study tables, and study rooms to get their school work done and work on group projects. The kids in our community are truly fortunate to finally have a modern day facility to inspire them on their knowledge journey.

The building is also buzzing with all the creative programming the staff can now offer in our beautiful Community Room. Many groups are impressed with the facility and are reserving the room for their events or meetings as well. The warm
and comforting fireplace is a focal point for many patrons who have enjoyed relaxing and reading next to this feature.

All of these wonderful amenities are not lost on the staff, who feels energized and refreshed from the beautiful aesthetics and space to stretch out and accomplish their work. I certainly don’t miss having my office in a coat closet!

The point of all of this is to let our hard working library loving Friends know how much appreciated the new library is to the community and the memories and impact this place has on individuals and families. I have been in local coffee shops and restaurants and have listened to people nearby talk about the library and a particular event or materials they picked up when they were here. None of this would have been possible without the fundraising efforts of our Friends!

Thank you just doesn’t seem enough. All the volunteer work, donations, and random acts of kindness have lifted our spirits and warm our hearts and the library is truly a community gem thanks to Friends.

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**Looking Behind**

What a great year for the Friends! We successfully raised over $700,000.00 in order to furnish the new library and upgrade the technology and amenities! Thank you for your support!!

The Friends Book Corner has been doing booming business since being placed next to the circulation desk at the front of the library.

The first ever Winter Fiction Book Sale was held during Cedarburg’s Winter Festival in February in our new Community Room. We sold only hard cover, trade and paperback fiction for adults and children. It was a great success enabling us to fund many requests from the library.

    Thanks Friends!!

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**Looking Ahead**

**May 6, 2015 Annual Meeting, 6:30 pm**

Cedarburg Library Community Room

    *All Friends' members are welcome*
Dear Friends,

I am very excited to introduce myself to you as the incoming President of the Cedarburg Friends of the Library. I have loved any library since I was an elementary student and climbed the giant flight of stairs to our small town library above the fire station and realized I could check out all the Nancy Drew mysteries I could read. And guess what – that wasn’t in Cedarburg!! I am a Nebraska native, and we relocated here for my husband’s job in 2003. We drove down the main street of Cedarburg and said ‘we want to live here!’ We have loved our time in Cedarburg and feel especially blessed to be in a community with this great new library.

The Friends will be changing our focus from fundraising for a new library to volunteering for library programs, assisting and planning activities and fundraising for the continued needs as our library grows. We are looking for great ideas, and activities to take us into the decade and love having your dedication to making this a great organization, a great library and a great community.

I look forward to working with you all.

Sincerely,
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E-MAIL ADDRESSES
 Please provide us with your e-mail address; it will save us money and improve communication with you.

Friends' Bulletin Board
 Please check to your right as you enter the library for information from the Friends. The Bulletin Board for community events is in the copy room, to the right when you enter the library’s interior doors.

CPL Monthly Newsletter
 Sign up at the circulation desk with your email for the Library’s monthly newsletter. You can pick up a copy there or have it emailed to you. It has all the highlights of the upcoming month’s programs and activities.
The **Annual Book Sale** Cedarburg Community Gym

**July 8 (6-8 pm)** {for Friends members}
**July 9 (7-7)** {for the general public}
**July 10 (7-5)** {for the general public}

**Please renew your membership at the Book Sale.**

You can begin bringing your *gently* used books {no textbooks or encyclopedias please} to the Cedarburg Library for the Book Sale NOW!