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Friends of the Library Grants to Impact Many Locations and All Types of Library Users

Milwaukee, Wis. – June 30, 2009 – As the summer heat intensifies, new library materials will attract users to Milwaukee’s neighborhood libraries, thanks to 14 grants totaling more than \$6,400 from the Friends of the Milwaukee Public Library.

The grants, which were determined based on local library applications, are providing materials aimed at a variety of age levels and interests. The new items include GED test preparation tools, craft materials for preschool and youth programming, books for emerging readers, large-print titles of African-American fiction and popular mysteries, repair and maintenance manuals, Do-It-Yourself DVDs, the “Start Your Own” series for the entrepreneurs, and more.

“Our local librarians know what their patrons want, and the Friends organization is pleased to provide site-specific requests. While we weren’t able to honor all grant proposals, we are optimistic that increased donations to the Friends and higher proceeds from our used book sales and the Bookseller bookstore will allow us to provide even more grants next year,” says Lois Blinkhorn, Friends president.

The Friends organization is holding another book sale at the Bay View Library on Saturday, July 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, please call (414) 286-8720, log onto www.mpl.org or e-mail your message to friends@mpl.org. Friends of the Milwaukee Public Library, with their valid membership card, may shop the used book sale early, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The Friends group is a 501(c) (3) charitable organization formed in 1995 by combining two volunteer groups, the Literary Society and the Bookfellows. Funds raised through the Bookseller used book store located in Central Library, book sales, and other events support the Milwaukee Public Library.

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