

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

PRESIDENT: Tom Romaniak

Tom Romaniak has been involved with the Angie W. Cox Public Library since his arrival in Pardeeville in 2007. He enjoys books and reading and would often read to his children until they fell asleep. As a result, several of his children have become avid readers and frequent users of libraries. He strongly believes in lifelong learning and is passionate about providing financial education to those in the community. Tom has been part of the Friends of the Library for several years and was named President of the group in 2018.

VICE PRESIDENT: vacant

SECRETARY: Chery Neef (interim)

Cheryl and her husband, Gale, love to read! Nearly every room in their house includes a bookcase. That love of reading caused her to become a member of the South Central Library System Board before even Pardeeville library joined. Currently she is a member of the Angie W. Cox Endowment board as well as the Friends of the Library. Her teaching career spanned many years as well. She retired from St. Mary School, Portage, Wisconsin after having taught music in public schools in Portage, Boronia, Australia and North English, Iowa. Everywhere she went, she found books to enjoy and share with others.

TREASURER: Ginny Miller

Ginny Miller is new to Pardeeville but has family ties to the community going back 35 years to when she met her husband Steve, a Pardeeville native. Following their move to Pardeeville in 2019, she was looking for volunteer opportunities and felt that Friends of the AWC Library was the perfect fit given her love of books. She joined the Friends in 2019 and became Treasurer.

Ginny loves to bake for Friends of the AWC Library activities and help with its annual book sales. She is an avid reader, belongs to two book clubs and was a presenter for many years at a book festival in eastern Wisconsin. She jokes about her "collection of collections" which includes books, cookbooks and bookmarks.

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR: Maude Bortz

Maude has been an active member of the Friends of the Library (FOL) since 2009 when the group was "reborn" to their current structure. At about that same time, she became involved with the Collaborative Summer Library Program. She helped to organize and facilitate the program during some difficult times when the library was underfunded and understaffed. She continues her support through the FOL today. She took on the role of recording secretary from 2009-2017 and now serves as Communications Coordinator. Along with her husband, Lester, she assists with all things "Book Sale" to help raise money for library programs.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR: Mitzi Manthey

As Membership Chair, Mitzi coordinates and maintains membership contact information. She attends special events, promoting new memberships. Mitzi has been an advocate of the Friends of the Library (FOL) since 2014. While working as a Library Assistant/Children's Librarian at the Angie Williams Cox Public Library, she discovered what a beautiful facility we had in Pardeeville and felt that membership and participation in the FOL group was another way she could make a meaningful contribution to the community. You will see Mitzi at as many of the Friends' activities as her schedule allows, especially the summer book sale, pie socials and band concerts featuring the Dual County Community Band.