



## FRIENDS OF THE RIVER FOREST LIBRARY

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### *November 2005*

Dear Friend,

I hope that you have been enjoying the splendor of nature's paintbrush in spite of forecasters predictions to the contrary due to summer's drought.

Join us for any or all of the following programs.

Along with our Annual Meeting on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, the FOL is sponsoring a program on Mother Jones. Centenarian Jones (1830-1930) born in County Cork, Ireland, was a labor leader. She was a spectacular controversial woman in an occupation and a time filled with danger. Working conditions amounted to slavery and she considered child labor the worst of industrial sins. Don't miss this stirring performance by Betsey Means who has been described by Steve Scott, Associate Director of Goodman Theater, as one of our city's most eloquent performers.

On Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm Sandra Gross will lead a Fireside Chat on the short story by Saul Bellows "He with His Foot in His Mouth". Copies are available at our Library. Read the story and join the discussion.

Lyric Opera Lectures offered by our Library are a great opportunity to learn about a composer, his masterwork and listen to the music. Lectures are held on Mondays at 7:30 pm.

November 7<sup>th</sup> – The Midsummer Marriage – Tippett

December 5<sup>th</sup> – The Magic Flute – Mozart

January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006 – Rigoletto – Verdi

January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 – Der Rosenkavalier – Strauss

February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006 – Orfeo Ed Euridice – Gluck

On Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm, FOL is privileged to sponsor the Oak Park and River Forest Children's Chorus. It was founded in 1990 by a small group of parents, music educators and arts enthusiasts as a performance based music education program to serve the community. If any FOL members would like to bake holiday cookies for the gathering, it would be an appreciated addition to the festivities. Phone 708-771-8004.

We recently fulfilled a Library Wish for the purchase of 6 new chairs for computer users in Adult Services, plus a swivel stool at the Circulation Desk. The chairs are a big improvement. They are sturdy and more comfortable.

We were saddened by the sudden death of our former Vice President Charlie Hooks. He was an avid reader, a dedicated musician, always positive, good humored and very supportive of FOL and Library programs. Our sympathies go to his wife Lornetta.

Thank you for your membership, continued support and presence at these programs.

Sincerely,

Mary C. Liebner  
FOL President