

Meet bestselling author William Kent Krueger at the library

The Friends of the Library is thrilled to announce acclaimed American novelist and crime writer William Kent Krueger will join us at the library Wed, April 16. Krueger is best known for his Cork O'Connor mystery series, which is primarily set in the Minnesota woods. His 2024 release, *Spirit Crossing*, is the 20th installment in this New York Times bestselling series.

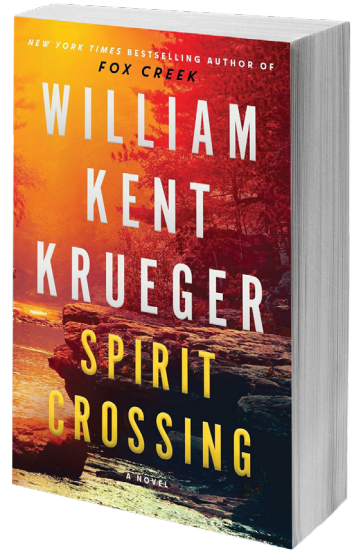


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As a member of the Friends, you are invited to an exclusive reception with Krueger 5:30-6:30pm, April 16 and reserved seats at the front of his 7pm public

author talk. Space is limited. Register at <https://tscpl.libnet.info/event/13068516> or call Janel 785-580-4445 to reserve your seat. Be sure to include if you are bringing a guest. Registering for the reception automatically reserves your spot at the 7pm public event.

The Friends of the Library are proud to bring bestselling authors to the library through funds raised from our memberships, quarterly book sales, Chandler Booktique and online sales.



Spread the word: Invite your friends to join the Friends



innovative library programs and art exhibits, help organize special events, host notable speakers, and contribute to acquiring new materials for the library.

Share your experience as a member of the Friends of the Library with your friends and family and encourage them to join! Highlight how the Friends support

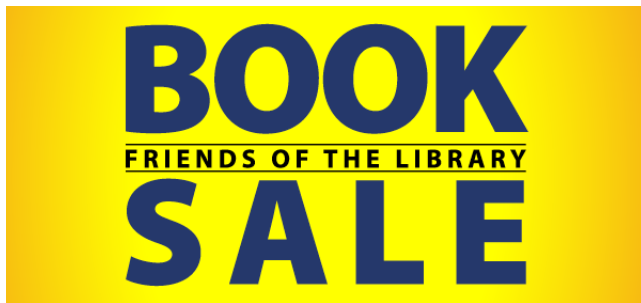
Tell them about the perks of membership:

- 10% discount in the Chandler Booktique,
- Exclusive author receptions,
- Access to Members Only Night at Book Sales, and
- Attend Friends annual event for an inside look at upcoming library plans and innovations.

Spread the word and invite others to become a Friend today! Send them to the Booktique or tscpl.org/friends to start their membership.

Friends Board of Directors

In January the Friends Board of Directors elected 2025 officers. Ruth Nelson will again serve as our president with her steadfast leadership and commitment. John Conlee will continue as vice president offering his valuable insights and support. Robin Sweeney will remain treasurer playing a key role in maintaining the organization's financial health and stability. Marty Hillard is our new secretary. His experience and dedication will be a tremendous asset as we work toward our shared goals. Thank you to all our members for your continued support.



April 4-6  **July 18-20**  **Oct 17-19**

Attend the Friends Book and Media Sales to score great titles for your home library while supporting the public library!

Our next sale is April 4-6. You have an exclusive shopping opportunity Fri, April 4, 5-8pm. This member-only night gives you early access before the sale opens to the public Sat, April 5 (9am - 3pm) and Sun, April 6 (noon - 3pm). As always, Sunday is our popular Bag Day, where you can fill a provided bag with items for just \$10!

Also mark your calendar for the July 18-20 & Oct 17-19 sales. If you're on Facebook or Instagram, follow us to stay updated on all our events!



Topeka Competition showcases innovative 3D art

You'll be amazed by the more than 40 pieces of artwork representing a wide range of techniques and media in the *Topeka Competition* exhibit March 14 - May 11. The only common thread among the pieces is that all the artists work in three dimensions – art ranges from sculpture to ceramics to jewelry-making. The exhibit is partially funded by the Friends of the Library.



The *Topeka Competition* is one of the best ways the Alice C. Sabatini Gallery connects with new innovative artists. In this year's exhibition 32 artists from 11 states are represented, making it one of the largest national showings in the competition's history.

This year's *Topeka Competition* is juried by Mona Cliff (A'aninin/Nakota Nations). Cliff, a multidisciplinary visual artist, explores the subject of contemporary Indigenous identity and culture through her use of traditional Native crafting methods such as seed bead embroidery and fabric applique.

Cliff selected the pieces for the exhibit based on originality, technical excellence and artistic concept. She will also determine Juror's Awards. Purchase Awards will be named by the Alice C. Sabatini Gallery and will become part of the library's permanent art collection. All awards will be announced at the Artists and Awards reception March 15, 3-4pm.

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