**Attendance**: Michelle Hoffmann, Connie Schultz, Sue Salter, Deb Chevas, Linda Parpart, Mary Arnold, Pam Monroe, Nora Vieau

Meeting started at 7:00pm

**Minutes from March 17, 2015**. Motion made by Nora to except minutes as written, seconded by Connie. Motion carried.

**Treasure’s Report** April 21, 2015 Checking $1532.23, Savings $2307.42, Petty Cash $50.00 Total Assets $3889.65.

Motion made by Micelle to accept Treasure’s report, seconded by Nora. Motion carried.

**Special Guest Speaker:** Mary Arnold, a member of our group, was also present as a representative of the Columbus School District. Mary and her fellow board members are meeting with various groups in the Columbus community in order to keep lines of communication between the school district and community open. Mary shared with the group the Districts main priorities in building the following skills of students: Community, Employment and Academic Skills. Several programs and accomplishments have been made in these areas including a mentoring program and a transition school to help those students entering the work force. Mary pointed out it can be difficult for those members of Columbus to know what is currently happening with the school system if they do not have children attending school. We all play a part in the community so it is important to stay connected. An excellent source of information is the School District website www.columbus.k12.wi.us . Questions or ideas can be emailed to lodonnell@columbus.k12.wi.us.

**Arbor Day Book Sale:** Our sale was a huge success! We raised $388.50, all profit! Thank you to all who donated books, time and labor!!! Several ideas were discussed to help make our next sale even more successful. Length of the sale: next year we would like to extend the sale into three days. As long as the pavilion is free we would like to start the sale Friday and end on Sunday. Advertisement: More effort will be needed to advertise. We would like to make a sandwich board and or a reusable banner. A banner would be placed on the library lawn directing people to the pavilion and the sandwich board could be placed by the road. The idea to have a Presale was also brought up that would include a small entrance fee. Connie had made the suggestion to have business cards made up to hand out to people who are interested in donating books to help spread our name.

**Fall Book Sale:** Michelle will speak with Cindy on the possibility of holding the sale in the community room as opposed to the library lawn. This will eliminate the cost of a tent ($200.00), last year our sale brought in $496.55 before the cost of the tent. Nora has a small tent that could be placed in the front to bring in people, we could also line the front with carts filled with books. The suggestion was made to hold a brat, bake or walking taco sale out front.

Nora presented a request from Cindy for a donation. The theme for the Summer Reading Program this year is Superheros. In place of a prize for each reading level created each participant will have the chance to vote on one of three community organizations to receive a donation. The three community organizations are The Club House, the Columbus Food Pantry and the Columbus Area Literacy Council. The goal is to raise $1000 to divvy up (1st place $500, 2nd $300 & 3rd $200). So far $500 has been raised and Cindy is asking the Friend's to donate the remaining $500. Sue made the motion to donate $500 to underwrite the Summer Reading Program incentive with the understanding the Friends will have some type of recognition. Connie seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: May 19, 2015

Items for discussion: Friday Night Out, Amazon sale progress, Library Wish List, Fall Sale

Connie made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Nora seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Michelle Hoffmann Secretary