

## Mulling it over at the Muehl Public Library

FMPL (Friends of the Muehl Public Library) held their thank you banquet at Krabbe's on the evening of February 11, 2010. The following remarks were made by Elizabeth Timmins, Library Director, for the occasion.

It is with gratitude and happiness that we gather to look over the accomplishments of FMPL in our library during 2009. We had a FABULOUS year. Some of the highlights were in "off season". We hosted authors Scott Langteau and Rochelle Pennington. In collaboration with the Seymour Historical Society we had a Mrs. Lincoln impersonator. And we held a Jane Austen tea on a snowy Sunday afternoon. In our "high season" our summer reading program was "Be Creative @ the Library". FMPL underwrote performers, books to check out, and prizes for the summer. Two of my favorite highlights from summer were the Community Talent Fair that we held in the backyard of the library and when the Bocks came to ROCK the library—you will recall that my husband, Mark, played in the band. We had several other wonderful activities all summer long and the Friends were there every step of the way. The Friends attended events and offered their extra sets of hands to help—thank you so much. The wine event in the fall was not only a community fund raiser, it was a community FUN raiser. You purchased a SmartBoard for the library. It is a technological wonder that is used for instructional purposes. Thank you. Coincidentally, the two new computers that you purchased for the library were installed this morning. They replace two that conked out on us, one in December and one in January. The patrons are grateful and staff, too. Our computer bank is used constantly during open hours. We rounded out the year with our Christmas Tree sale through generous donations of trees from Dr. Hoff. This, again, is a winning combo—great for the community and great for the library. As we launch into 2010, I say, "Keep up the great work" and "thank you so much for all that you do to make my job a pleasure!"