

Christmas shopping?

TWO WAYS YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT PURCHASES
CAN BENEFIT THE LIBRARY!!

Buy your gifts at the Friends Store

Puzzles! Stocking stuffers! Jewelry! Scarves! Puppets!

Profits from the sale of merchandise from the
Friends Gift Store
go to the Library every year to support the many services
the Library provides.

In addition save 25% on your purchases during
Member Shopping Days November 18 - 20!!!

Sign up for Amazon Smile

Log on to smile.amazon.com and sign in with your
Amazon account and password.
Select *Friends of the Northville District Library* as your charity.
Amazon will remember your charity.
So Amazon will donate a portion to the Friends
for every qualifying purchase you make!
Easy peasy!!

News from the Friends' Store



The holidays will soon be upon us, and the Friends Store is once again bursting at the seams with great gift ideas. This fall we have a nice selection of scarves, gloves and jewelry. And as usual, the shelves are stocked with a great assortment of puzzles, puppets, and craft kits.

Our gift shop is run entirely by over 20 volunteers who take pride in making the Northville District Library unique. We are happy that our efforts and our proceeds help to make so many Friends projects possible for the library. We hope that you will shop with us this season.

Store hours are:

Monday – Thursday : 11-5

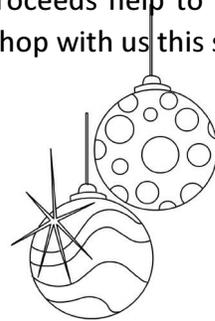
Fridays: 11-4:30

Saturday: 10-4

Sundays : 1:30- 4:00 (during the school year)

Member Shopping Days : November 18-20 (Friends save 25%!)

During this semi-annual event, members of the Friends receive a 25% discount on regularly priced merchandise. This will be a great time to start your holiday shopping!



20th Anniversary Party a Huge Success!

Over 700 people visited the library on Sunday, October 16 for our 20th Anniversary Party. The generous donation from the Friends, which allowed us to purchase the two big raffle prizes – the iPad mini and the \$100 gift card – was much appreciated. Those two prizes seemed to be the big draw for this event!

The scavenger hunt was also very well-received by the crowd. Many families were hunting together, and it gave them a chance to see corners of the library, and items purchased for the library by the Friends, that they may not have otherwise known about.

Thank you to the Friends for helping so much with this event!





HAPPY 20th ANNIVERSARY!!!

On Sunday, October 16, over 700 people enjoyed treats, a raffle, entertainment and a scavenger hunt to celebrate twenty years in our current building.

Singers from the Northville High School BackBeat and Treblemaker chorales broke out in song around the library's stairway to the great enjoyment of young and old alike. You don't often see guys in white dinner jackets and gals in lovely evening gowns serenading their friends, families and neighbors with such personality and style.

Over sixty teams explored all the nooks and crannies of the library as they solved the clues of the scavenger hunt designed by the Friends. For some the discovery of the Used Book Cellar and the Local History Room on the lower level was a revelation. Very few knew where the fabric sculpture, Skydance of the Western World, is. Do you? Hint: look up above the staircase.

Julie Herrin, the Library Director, delivered comments on the history of the library and how it's changed over the years. And what will the future bring? Patrons could jot down their thoughts on a bulletin board near a comprehensive timeline created by library staff.

The crowds stayed for the raffle--the grand prize being an iPad Mini, followed by a \$100 gift card, both provided by the Friends. Various gift baskets donated by local merchants were a big hit as well.

The day proved to be a group hug for our library, loved by all who use it and by those who are discovering it for the first time. The library staff's hard work and creativity coupled with the Friends financial backing made the Anniversary Party a great success. The Friends participation in events like these fulfill the Friends' mission and give its members great satisfaction.



Would you like to put your creative side to work for a good cause?

The Friends need help with designing and creating an eye-catching display case in the Library for March. If you are willing to help, please email Regina Mingela, membership chair, at rmingela@comcast.net. And thank you!!!

Merry Christmas



A Message from our President

Martha Nork

In October the library celebrated its 20th anniversary in the present location. As part of the festivities, a scavenger hunt was created which highlighted 12 of the many contributions made by the Friends over the years. Researching for this project was an interesting and humbling experience. Records show that the first contribution to the library by a group of "Friends", was in 1969. It was a world globe, which cost \$189.75. Since that time, the Friends have contributed over \$675,000.00 to the library! This has been made possible by countless hours of volunteer time spent by community members who felt that a strong library is important. Could we still have a library without all of this work and dedication? Yes. Would we have such an outstanding library that offers so much to our community? I don't think so. Thanks to the foresight and dedication of so many Friends members over the years, we have a strong foundation as a group, which means a wonderful support system for our library. No one knows what the next 20 years will bring, but thanks to our current members and those who donate their time, energy, and gifts, we can look forward to continuing the tradition of making the Northville District library the best it can be!

FRIENDS SALES OF USED BOOKS

The Friends ongoing sales of used book continues to raise money to provide funding of equipment, services and projects that are not supported by the library budget. The donations this year are approximately \$40,000 from all sources. Annually we fund youth, teen and adult summer reading programs, Battle of the Books, Community Reads, library staff Christmas luncheon, special mailings and Book Page subscription. In addition, 'special purchase requests' are submitted each year. To date the Friends have approved every request. This year we will be purchasing all new meeting room chairs and a brand new microfilm reader/printer. Month after month and year after year the used book sales continue to exceed previous earning through the support of our loyal patrons. By purchasing the used books/media on the Friends Carts in the lobby, the Friends Cellar on the ground floor and vendor sales we have been able to provide increased funds to the Library. The numerous volunteers that dedicate their time and talents are instrumental in making this all happen. Thanks to these numerous volunteers.

The sorting of all the donated books/media, etc. to determine what is saleable then organize and shelve these books is a huge job. Unfortunately we do continue to receive items that we can not sell, i.e. moldy, water damaged and smelly books, VHS and cassette tapes, magazines, games, etc. and it takes a great deal of time to weed these out and find a place to recycle them. When donating books/media, please be sure these are items we can resell for someone else to enjoy. Thank you for your continued patronage!

