

This is a new series that I hope will enlighten and entertain our membership.

Behind the Scenes

Puzzles, toys, jewelry, scarves...among many other items...are on display in our Friends Store to entice you to do your holiday shopping and at the same time support our Library.

Did you ever wonder how they got there? No, Santa does not drop them off!! Now the secrets can be revealed!

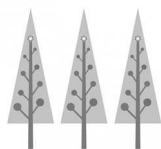
Martha Nork, store manager, and Berclay Ruschak, the buyer, put their heads together in the summer to begin the planning.

First, they look at the budget for the holiday which has been determined by tracking previous buying patterns, store financial records, current economic situation, and retail trends for the country.

Then they meet with sales reps from various companies who are a wealth of knowledge about what is popular and what sells well. The trade shows Martha and Berclay attend are also good sources of ideas. Anything that is Christmas-specific has to be ordered early as they sell out very quickly!!

Programming at the Library is also a source of ideas. The store is now stocking "grown-up" coloring books and colored pencils to link to the "grown-up" coloring workshops offered by the Library.

The amount of merchandise available for the Holiday quarter, which includes Halloween, is unlimited. They work towards purchasing a nice variety, while keeping the budget, clientele, integrity of the Library, and space limitations in mind.



The Angel Tree Returns

Would you like to be an angel this Holiday season?

The Library is sponsoring a Salvation Army Angel Tree again this year. The tree is decorated with angel tags, each representing a child that is given assistance through the Salvation Army. All donated gifts are placed in the Salvation Army's Toy Shop, and the parents select gifts for their children from your donations. Choose a tag from the tree. Spending guideline is about \$20 - \$50 per tag. Bring the **new and unwrapped gifts and the tag** to the Library **by Tuesday, December 8**. The angel tree will be displayed in the Library beginning November 23.

This program was very popular last year and we hope for a good year in 2015 as well. Please help us put smiles on little faces!!

The end of reading is not more books but more life.

~~George Holbrook Jackson~~

News from the Friends' Store

Don't forget...Proceeds from every sale in the Friends store benefit the Library!



This year, “grown-up coloring” is the rage, and the Friends Gift Store has all the supplies. We have coloring books in many designs, for both adults and children, and we have beautiful colored pencil sets. Ponchos are another hot item this fall, and we have a nice selection. As always, we have big assortment of puppets, classic toys, and puzzles.

Customers often comment on how unusual it is to have a gift shop in a library. Our gift shop is run by over 20 volunteers who take pride in making the Northville District Library unique. And, we are happy that our store helps make so many Friends projects possible for the Library. We hope you'll stop by and “check us out”.

“Member Shopping Days” are Thursday, November 12th through Sunday, November 15th. These days are a special bonus for members of the Friends because they receive a 25% discount on their purchases in the store. Clearance items are excluded.

Store hours are Monday–Friday 11-5, Saturdays 10:30-4:00, and Sundays 1:30 – 4:00. We will also be open most Tuesday evenings until Christmas.



HELP!! If the Used Book Sale is to continue, we need someone who is willing and able to chair this important event! Contact Carol Oldenburg, email below.

FALL 2015 USED BOOK SALE –THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

The Friends Fall Used Book Sale was a big hit! We surpassed all previous sales in earning of \$1845.96 and added 26 additional Friends members. This sale would not be possible without the efforts of many volunteers. Thank you to those special folks who gave of their time and talents to make this sale a success. Please remember, the funds raised are returned to the library to support programs, services and equipment that are outside the Library's normal budget.

If you would like to volunteer to work with the Friends on any future book sales or any of the other many projects we manage, please email Carol Oldenburg, President of the Friends, at cao48168@gmail.com.



Space Tour Offered by Friends of the Library

The sky's the limit on Tuesday, May 10, when magnificent views from the Hubble Space Telescope are presented at the Northville District Library. Jesse Mason, Oakland Community College physics and astronomy lab tech, will present “Hubble's Hot 100”, the best of the deep sky images from HST's 25-year tenure in orbit. Weather permitting, Mason also will invite audience members to take a telescope-aided celestial tour.

The 12-ton, billion-dollar Hubble telescope, the size of a school bus, was named for astronomer Edwin Hubble. It was built by NASA with contributions by the European Space Agency. It was launched into low-earth orbit in 1990, streaks through space at 16,000 miles per hour and is expected to remain operational for another 10 years.

This 7 p.m. program, sponsored by the Friends of the Northville District Library, is free. However, registration is required due to limited seating. You can register by calling (248) 349-3020 during Library hours or by going online at www.northvillelibrary.org.



A Message from our President

Carol Oldenburg

WHO ARE THE FRIENDS?

Early beginnings. The earliest information was gleaned from the minutes of the Northville Public Library Advisory Commission as no other specific information has been found. The first library supporters evolved out of this commission.

The earliest documentation of fund raising to support the library was June 24, 1969. A used book sale was held at a Flea Market at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville. Another used book sale was held at the Northville Sidewalk Sales that summer. Total proceeds from those sales were \$189.75. With those funds, a 24" globe was purchased for the library. Used book sales continued and by the end of 1971 over \$800.00 had been raised. During that time furniture and portable bookshelves were purchased for the library.

The first mention of the "Friends" was at the annual meeting of the Library Commission on December 3, 1970, but it wasn't until February 15, 1973 that the Commission publically introduced the library auxiliary to be called "Friends of the Library". In October 1989, the Friends became a legally incorporated organization with the State of Michigan.

Today. From that handful of people, we have grown to almost 300 Friends members. Other Friends-sponsored fund raising activities include the: Gift Store, Gift Book Program and Membership. The Used Book Sales (semi-annual sales, the Cellar, and the cart sales) continue to be the largest fund-raisers. Each year the library gives us a "Wish List" of things they need or would like to have to enhance the patron's library experience. To date we have not declined any request and since 1969 through 2014 we have donated \$601,368.10! We've come a long way! It is only through the hard work of the Friend's Board of Directors and all our volunteers that we have been able to provide this support. Thank you for 'Being a Friend'.



Library Friends Focus on the Edmund Fitzgerald

It was a stormy night 40 years ago Nov. 10 that the Edmund Fitzgerald sank in the stormy waters of Lake Superior. That night will be revisited on **Tuesday, Nov. 10**, in the Northville District Library when photographer Lori Feret details that sinking in Power Point.



The Edmund Fitzgerald was a huge freighter, 729 feet in length. Known as the "Queen of the Great Lakes", it reigned for 13 years as the largest ship on the Great Lakes. It was bound for Cleveland loaded with 26,000 tons of iron ore. But it proved no match that night to 30-foot waves and winds gusting to 96 miles per hour off White Fish Point. The ship went down with its crew of 29. That sinking was later to be put to song by Gordon Lightfoot.

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