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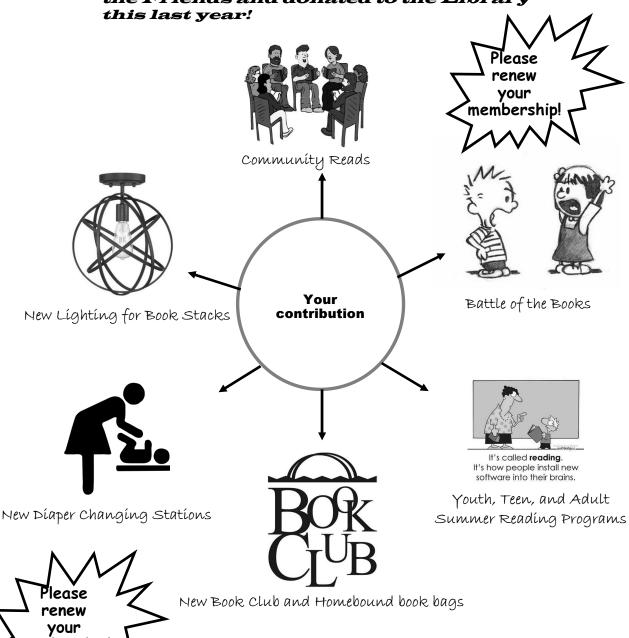
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# \$27,506!!!

This is the amount of money raised by the Friends and donated to the Library this last year!



# News from the Friends' Store

Don't forget...Proceeds from every sale in the Friends' store benefit the [ ,ibrary!



## Adult Coloring Books!! The latest trend that is sweeping the nation!!

Quoting from a neuroscientist who has studied the phenomenon, "In part, it's a way for people who have never felt very artsy to literally add some more color into their lives. In a 2012 survey sponsored by Adobe, only one in four respondents reported feeling that they were "living up to their creative potential," while 52 percent of Americans surveyed described themselves as creative — more than any other nationality. As psychologist Scott Barry Kaufman, co-author of the new book Wired to Create, phrased it, "It can provide people with a way to flex their creativity."

Five of Amazon's 15 top selling books are adult coloring books!!

So, in keeping up to date, the Friends store is stocking adult coloring books at all levels of difficulty. And, of course, the colored pencils used in coloring the books!

In the Library, on April 6 at 1:00, you can join other like-minded adults and color your stress away! The library provides the pages, the pencils, and the markers. All you have to bring is your creativity!!



## AMAZON SMILE!!!

Please sign up with AmazonSmile, name Friends of the Northville District Library as the group to receive your donation, and every time you order on Amazon.com, we will receive a percentage of your purchase. It adds up!!!

## MARCH IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH!!!

Once again it is time to renew your memberships. In this edition of the newsletter, you will find reports of our accomplishments for 2015 and how we spent the monies we have raised. Only by your contributions to the Friends can we achieve our goal of supporting the Northville District Library.

WHO SHOULD RENEW: Anyone committed to the betterment of their community.

WHAT TO DO TO RENEW: Complete enclosed application and send it with your remittance.

WHEN TO RENEW: Tax deductible contributions are encouraged during this annual membership drive which ends March 31,2016.

WHERE TO SEND YOUR RENEWAL: Your membership dues should be sent to the Membership Chair at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady Street, Northville, MI 48167. (An addressed envelope and membership application are included in this newsletter for your convenience.)

WHY RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP: Your support of the Friends will help to maintain this valuable community resource!

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT TO ME: The Library will be able to continue with the programs you have come to enjoy! Speakers...musical events...foreign films...Summer Reading Program for kids and adults... the Book Cellar...Battle of the Books...the Friends' Gift Store...all are programs supported by

The Membership Committee: Regina Mingela, Linda Bolam, Sandy Walts

## LOOKING BACK ON 2015...ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR!!

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

The Friends Public Relations function is to further awareness and encourage support of our programs and events and to increase membership. We communicate to Friends members by email blast. In addition we send press releases to the Northville Record and distribute flyers to community businesses for posting. Our annual event, Sundaes on Sunday is a thank you to the community and to raise awareness of the Friends and to encourage membership. Our membership in the Northville Chamber of Commerce is another way to raise awareness of our group.

-Christine Litka

## **MEMBERSHIP**

We are now 298 members strong! We hope to increase our membership numbers to more accurately reflect the true commitment and support of the Northville Community. We continue to recruit new members at every opportunity.

-Regina Mingela

## FRIENDS' STORE

The Gift Store continues to be a valuable asset to both the Friends and the Library. The Friends Gift Store is located just inside the main doors of the library, and is open seven days a week. It is run entirely by a staff of 22 dedicated volunteers. In 2015 the store contributed \$4250 to the Friends.

-Martha Nork, Linda Schwelnus, Barclay Ruschak

## GIFT BOOK PROGRAM

Thanks to the generosity of the Northville Community, the Friends' Gift Book Program received \$2,247 in memory, or honor of someone, or as a gift. We were able to provide 116 Books and 11 DVDs to the Northville District Library. In addition, friends and family of Sam Hall donated \$945 in his memory. With these funds, a beautiful world globe has been placed in the lower level of the Library, a book-themed art piece is on display, and educational toys and materials have been purchased for the Juvenile Department.

-Claire Kreher

#### READ TO ME PROGRAM

We had another great year with the "Read to Me" program for babies. We gave away 100 gift bags to adorable little people attending Story Time programs at the library. After eight years, this program still brings me great joy!

-Judy DeFrancesco

## **PROGRAMS**

The Friends presented five programs during 2015. Musical programs continue to draw large crowds. This year we scheduled some programs during the day in the Community Center which were well received. History programs also were well attended and much appreciated.

- Jim Morche

## **SECRETARY**

The primary responsibility of the secretary has been to record minutes of the FNDL Board of Directors' monthly meetings and to distribute approved minutes to Board members as well as posting them on the Library website.

-Linda Bolam

# USED BOOKS UPDATE!!!



The Friends have wonderful used books available for everyone's needs and interest. Please be sure to check out all our sale locations in the library. None of this would be possible without the dedication of our volunteers. We really appreciate their time and service to the library.

<u>Used Book Carts</u> (Located on the main floor across from the registration desk.)

The used book cart sales continue to be popular and the biggest revenue-generating portion of our used book sales. Cart sales are on target to surpass last year's revenue of \$8,011.00. The carts are refilled by volunteers three times per week.

<u>Used Book Cellar</u> (Located on the ground floor, turn right at the bottom of the stairs and head straight to the sign Friends Book Cellar.)

The Used Book Cellar is one of the best-kept secrets in the library. Tucked in a location not quite as visible, it is worth seeking it out. We are proud that we recently reorganized the Cellar collections and improved signage. Our intent is to increase our patron's access to ongoing Used Book Sales. To meet this goal, we have opened the Cellar an additional day, Wednesdays. We anticipate sales will increase in 2016 with our expanded collection and hours.

Hours: Monday and Wednesday, 11a – 4:45p, 6:30 – 8:30p

Friday, 11a – 4:45p Saturday, 1 – 4:45p

## Vendor Sales (Look-at-a-Book)

The volunteers scan and search all book donations against our vendor's database. The books they accept are then sold via numerous online databases. Sales this year have been great and will definitely exceed last year's sales

## **Semi-Annual Used Book Sales**

After a great deal of thought and discussion, the Board of Directors voted to discontinue the large semi-annual used book sales. This decision was reached based on several circumstances. First, lack of space to store over 250 boxes of books between sales. We had been given space at the Northville Public Works building but they needed to reclaim their space for additional storage needs. Second, the library meeting rooms are in high demand for library and public meetings and events. It has become more difficult to obtain the number of days needed in all the meeting rooms for the setup, sale days and clean up. Lastly, the cost of holding the sales increased, as we needed to rent a truck to transport the books back from storage as well as rent tables to display the books. Two 2015 used book sales earned \$3,623.00. We hope that you will avail yourself of our expanded used book sales via the Cellar and the carts.

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**

Scheduled		DATE T/B/D	
May 10 Sept. 20	Hubble Telescope, Carlo Room, 7 pm Jesse Lee Mason and brother, Bluegrass	Lori Ferat Picks and Sticks	Pirates of the Great Lakes Morgan and Sherry Hume
music, Carlo Room, 7 pm	music, Carlo Room, 7 pm Twelfth Night Singers, Community Center,	Veterans' Day Observance	
200.0	7 pm	Watch our website ar	nd this publication for further information.



## A Message from our President

Carol Oldenburg

As I finish my term as the Friends President, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Friends Board of Directors for their support during my terms. It is a wonderful group to work with. I have also appreciated the support of the Library Administration and Board of Trustees. Of course, none of this would be possible without the hard work and dedication of our numerous volunteers. Working together I feel we have made a difference and been able to continue to support the library and the community it serves.

2015 was another busy year with all the activities of the Friends of Northville District Library. We continue to work hard to raise funds to provide programs, services and equipment the library would not otherwise be able to support or purchase. Through everyone's efforts, we contributed a total of \$ 27,506.00 to the library. Major contribution purchases included:

Annual reading programs: Community Reads, Youth, Teen and Adult Summer Reading Programs,
Battle of the Books
Book Page Subscription
Increased lighting in the book stacks
Three diaper changing stations for each restroom
Book Club and Homebound book bags
Wayne and Oakland County Plat books for Michigan History Collection

Throughout the year the Friends continued the fundraising via several venues. Please continue to support our efforts by taking advantage of all our various activities: used book sales via the Friends used book carts and Cellar, Gift Store and annual Friends membership. During my tenure as President I have been proud of our accomplishments and look forward to continuing my work with the used book operations.

A new series describing what is involved in our various projects



**USED BOOK CARTS** 



Putting a wide variety of affordable, clean used books at your fingertips is the purpose of the Friends' Used Book Carts program. As a result of the teamwork of energetic volunteers and the consistent support of the Northville District Library patrons who purchase the used books, the carts provide a significant revenue stream to support Friend's program goals and the library.

On-going community donations of used books, DVD's, CD's, and puzzles are welcomed by a group of nine volunteers who scan every saleable item. Books that are not valuable for Internet sale by our vendor, Look-at-a-Book (LAAB), are sorted by category and age group and ready for sale in the Friends' Book Cellar or on the used book carts.

The five book carts are located in the central area of the library's main floor. Four volunteers organize and replace books three times a week. The books are placed in various categories: adult fiction, including large print books, teen fiction, young children's books, school-age books, and non-fiction. There are also shelves devoted to puzzles, CD's and DVD's, both current and vintage.

Our book scanners include: Gretchen Kaminski, Marvin Fink, Robin Moulton, Alan Somershoe, Jan Stachelek, Linda Bastein, Loretta Lang, Grace Coulter and the late Keith Mannisto. Carol Oldenburg, Gretchen Kaminski, Linda Bolam and Chris Litka work to keep the carts stocked.

Loyal volunteers and your used book donations keep the used book carts viable. Come and check out the used book carts for some great used books and help keep our Northville District Library thriving

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#### **2016 FRIENDS BOARD MEETING DATES**

Please feel free to join us for our Board meetings at 7:00 pm in the Carlo Room on the following dates:

March 17 - April 21 - May 19 - June 16 - no meetings in July and August - September 15 - October 20 - November (no meeting) - December 8.

Please renew your membership and support the Library!!



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