



BUILDING A STRONG RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE LIBRARY AND THE NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY

FALL 2022

THE FRIENDS GIFT STORE by Martha Nork



Planning for our current library building was a long, and well thought out process, which began in early 1994 and involved a dedicated team comprised of library staff members, Trustees, and representatives from the city and the township. Janine Bauchat who was President of the Friends at the time, was also part of that team. Janine recalls that from the beginning, the little space at the front of the building, next to the entrance was intended to be the Friends Gift Store, and she was instrumental in making that happen. Janine remembers that her first sale in the new store in October of 1996 was a Friends sweatshirt!

From the beginning, the store was seen as another way for the community to connect with the library as well as a way for the Friends to raise funds which would be donated to the library for programming and equipment. Another volunteer who shared Janine's passion for this project was Amy Storm, who enthusiastically served as the manager, treasurer, volunteer coordinator, and general cheerleader for many years.

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FOURTH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS



Haley Brown, Quinn Cassar and Rishika Satapathy were awarded \$500 each while Kaustuv Mukherjee recieved \$1000 which was sponsored by Northville Marathon Bridge. The participants wrote essays on "How I have made a difference volunteering at the Library."

Haley will attend Ohio Northern University, Quinn and Rishika will attend The University of Michigan and Kaustuv will go to Princeton.

Congratulations to all winners! We're so proud of you.

CIDER ON SUNDAY

October 16 from 1:30 to 4 PM

After a Covid interlude we are so happy to bring back Cider on Sunday, a festive fall event to mark the beginning of National Friends of the Library Week. Enjoy refreshments, crafts, a raffle and fun for the whole family in the Carlo Room at the Library. Featuring Parmenter's cider--it's the best!



Early merchandise in the store included Friends sweatshirts, T-shirts, and mugs, and soon included items that patrons may have needed while working in the library, such as pens, pencils, index cards, & erasers. Berclay Ruschak, who had previously owned the "Bookstall on Main" in downtown Northville, became the manager and buyer for the Friends Gift Store in the winter of 2000. She expanded the merchandise lines which by then included such things as puppets, jewelry, puzzles and small toys and had a talent for finding unique and different things. Getting everything she bought to fit in that little space was often a challenge! Berclay continued to volunteer as the store buyer for 22 years.

Other volunteers who began in the early 2000s and were instrumental to the long-term success of the store were: Peggy Koppy, Carol Holland, Gillian Serjeant, Barbara Hudgins, Margaret Eminger, Jeanne Storm, and Joan Sellen. As a big fan of libraries, I was excited to find the store after moving to Northville and I began volunteering in 2003. I became the store manager in 2007 and was joined by Linda Schwelnus who became the new store treasurer in 2010. Over the years, there were many wonderful volunteers who quickly found the store to be an enjoyable and interesting place to "work" while socializing with friends and patrons, and contributing to the community. Store volunteers were a solid team, and I am grateful for their dedication to the library and the Friends.

The store continued to be a successful endeavor for the Friends for over 25 years, selling not only merchandise, but also memberships and gift book donations. The store volunteers served as ambassadors for the Friends and often answered questions about the library and the town. In 2022 after much thought and discussion, the decision was made to close the store and make the space available to the library. The Friends mission is to support the library however we can, and we recognize that with changing times come changing expectations from the community. We also know that space is limited at 212 West Cady. We look forward to seeing what plans our creative library staff will have for the "little space at the front".

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FRIENDS' GIFT BOOK DONATIONS

If you would like to honor someone in your life who is celebrating a milestone or whose memory you wish to honor, consider donating a gift book or CD to the library.

You choose the amount and select the subject matter. Librarians carefully select the item(s) based on your suggestions. The honoree is recognized with a bookplate placed in each item. All donations are listed in the Library's semi-annual newsletter and in the Gift Book Registry located at the library. Donations for 3/1/22 through 8/31/22:

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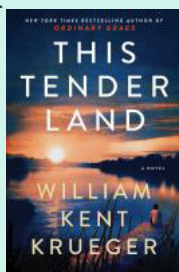
West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge
An emotional, rousing novel inspired by the incredible true story of two giraffes who made headlines and won the hearts of Depression-era America.

~ Recommended by Joan Sellen



This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger
For fans of *Before We Were Yours* and *Where the Crawdads Sing*, that follows four orphans on a life-changing odyssey during the Great Depression, from the bestselling author of *Ordinary Grace*.

~ Recommended by Joan Sellen



The Storyteller: Tales of Life and Music by Dave Grohl

The long-awaited autobiography of the legendary Nirvana and Foo Fighters rock star, Dave Grohl.

~ Recommended by Linda Schwelnu



The Rose Code by Kate Quinn

A heart-stopping World War II story of three female code breakers at Bletchley Park and the spy they must root out after the war is over. It becomes more than just a job and the women become more than just friends. Great read with lots of references to the events and people of that time.

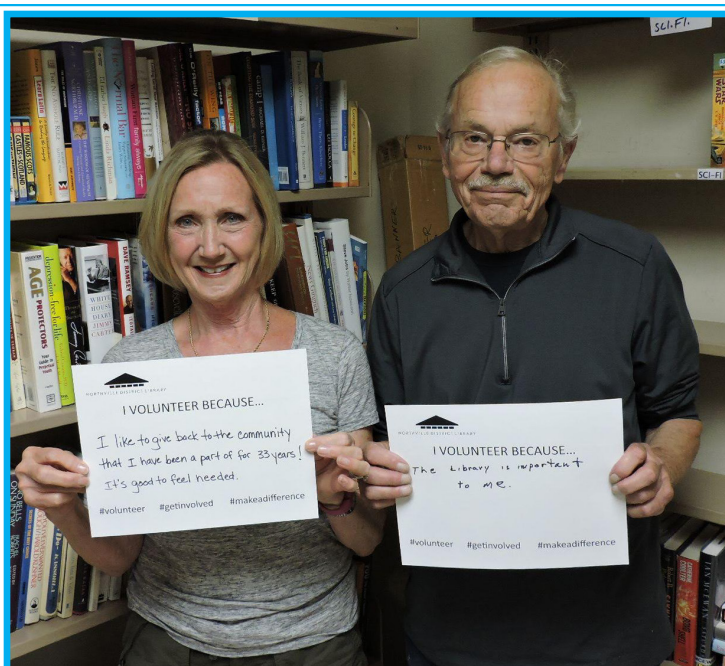
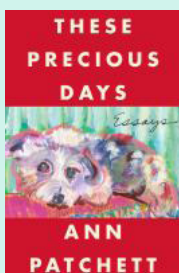
~ Recommended by Denise Stacer



These Precious Days: Essays by Ann Patchett

The author's thoughts on living, loving and dying. These are alternately amusing, thoughtful and heartrending as she shares intimate feelings of relationships and musings on daily life. If you like Ann Patchett, you will enjoy sharing time with her; if you don't know her, she will become your new best friend.

~ Recommended by Christine Litka



Linda and Will Bastien, Directors of Used Book Operations. Will, who passed away in June, was a dedicated volunteer serving on the Friends Board and as Co-Director of our Used Book Operation alongside Linda. He took a very active role in supporting our projects, and his enthusiasm will be greatly missed by the Friends.



Take and Make craft kits stuffed in these Halloween tote bags can be picked up in October while supplies last.

Provided by the Friends.



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