

NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY  
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SPRING 2024

**BUILDING A STRONG RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE LIBRARY AND THE NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY**

**May is Membership Month *Renew or Join***

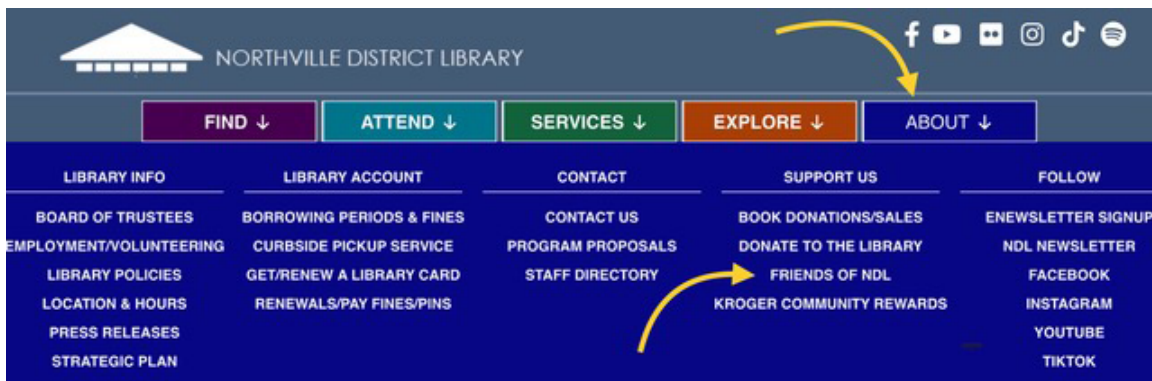
Belonging, participating, volunteering, giving, sharing!!

These are the benefits of membership in the Friends of the Northville District Library. Friends are people who support our library and strive to fulfill our mission to enhance the relationship between the library and the community. And we thank you for YOUR support.

Membership dues are a major source of our funding. There are several levels of membership including: Teen, Individual, Family, Patron and Business ranging from \$5 to \$100 per year. Our membership year runs from April 1st to March 31st. Joining at the Patron or Business level for \$100 allows you the opportunity to have your name published in our newsletter, on the website, and on the Fall tote bags if you choose. Lifetime memberships are also available at a cost of \$1000.

In the past year the Friends have helped fund the annual Battle of the Books for middle school students, a new adult and teen dyslexic book collection, new toys for the Youth Department, birding kits for the “Library of Things”, 7 entertaining evening programs, two annual scholarships to high school seniors and supplies for the Teen Comfort Cabinet. Soon we’ll sponsor the Local Author Fair, Comic Book Day, the Volunteer Fair and the Summer Reading Program which encourages reading at all age levels.

For more detailed information about the Friends’ contributions to the library and much more, see our pages on the library’s website.



**Volunteers of the Month**

With this new program the Friends appreciate a volunteer monthly and display her or his name in the Friends kiosk in the library and donate a gift book in their honor.

**February - Doris Altersdorf** - With great efficiency Doris schedules staffing in the book cellar and fills in when needed.

**March - Gail Norback** - Gail makes everyone who enters the book cellar feel like a friend. Her personable approach keeps patrons returning again and again.

**April - Grace Colter** - Grace volunteers in the book cellar every week and is always ready to pick up an additional shift.

## FRIENDS SPONSORED EVENTS

### Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 4 11 AM - 2 PM  
No registration required. Drop in.

Free comic books for all ages. While supplies last.

### Henry and Friends: Ford, Edison & Firestone Presented by Doré Productions

Thursday, May 16 7 - 8:30 PM Register  
Carlo Meeting Room, Northville District Library

Be transported to 1925 and interact with 3 famous historical figures. Dore' Productions of Northville presents "Henry and Friends" featuring Henry Ford, Thomas Edison and Harvey Firestone. Learn about their friendships, their families, and their outstanding contributions to American Industry.

### Local Author Fair

Saturday, May 18 2:00 - 4:00 PM  
No registration required. Drop in.  
Northville Community Center 303 W Main St,  
Northville

Join us for our 2024 Local Author Fair, a day devoted to celebrating writers in the Southeast Michigan area.



## More Used Book Sales This Spring and Summer



Buy a book or several at our Mother's Day book sale on Saturday, May 11, between 10:30 and 2 pm in the Carlo Room. Also for sale: CD's and puzzles.

And watch for more used book sales as summer approaches. In the meantime, visit our Book Cellar on the lower level.

We never run out of great books!

## 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 since September 2023:

### *In Memory of and Thank You:*

James LeDuc by Judith Costigan

Judy DeFrancesco by Jim and Lois Salley

Agnes Valle by Highland Lakes Friends

Mary Anna Ryska by Carol & Dan Parker and  
Mary Ellen & Howard Daly

Barbara D. Hudgins by Jim Hudgins

Dianne Tilson by Martha and Rick Nork

George Dudley by Judith Costigan

John Duran by Sharyn Duran

### *In Honor of:*

Robert G. Griffith, Jr. by The Hartigan Family

Doris Oltersdorf by Friends of the Northville District Library

Linda Bolam by Friends of the Northville District Library

### *Gift to the Northville District Library from:*

Lemonade Stand 2023

## Thank You!

*Special thanks to these "Over & Above" Donors*

Robert Weidendorf  
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### *Generous Donations In Memory of*

Elmer & Margaret Pitcher by John J. & Sharon K. Pitcher  
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Dale Pantier by Carolyn Nieuwkoop

## The Summer Reading Program Begins on June 3



### Adventure Begins at Your Library

The rules are simple: read books, log them and get rewarded! All ages are encouraged to join in. See complete information at the library website.

Last summer 1,370 readers of all ages participated in the Summer Reading Program. This year the theme is Adventure Begins at Your Library. The Friends contributed \$7,000 for the fun events in addition to prizes for every finisher and six grand prizes chosen at random. The finale party is the icing on the cake, literally.



Learn more about the MI Right to Read campaign and coalition at [www.MIRighttoRead.com](http://www.MIRighttoRead.com)

The Friends Board have enlisted the services of the library's new MakeIT maker space and have had some handsome plastic name tags made. Tyler Vitale is doing the work for us and he can help you, too, create a special project with the myriad applications available at MakeIT. The space is on your right when you enter the library.



Here's MakeIT's schedule:

**Monday:** Closed

**Tuesday:** 1-7 PM

**Wednesday:** 1-5 PM

**Thursday:** 1-5 PM

**Friday:** 10 AM-5 PM

(closed Noon-1 PM for lunch)

**2nd Saturday of the month:** 10 AM-5 PM (closed Noon-1 PM for lunch)

When MakeIT is open on Saturday it will be closed the preceding Friday.

Phone: 248-349-3020 ext 236

## WHAT THE FRIENDS ARE READING NOW

Denise Stacer

### ***Fourth Wing* by Rebecca Yarros**

Exciting combination of Harry Potter and Hunger Games but with dragons. When demons move next door, horror abides.

Linda Schwelnus

### ***The Many Daughters of Afong Moy* by Jamie Ford.**

This novel is based upon studies that suggest that ancestors' experiences affect later generations. A very intriguing book.

Ann Knight

### ***The Women* by Kristin Hannah**

The Women is the story of a generation, of epic love and profound loss. It is both an intimate portrait of a woman coming of age in a dangerous time and a story of a nation - and a world - divided by war.

Christine Litka

### ***Leadership in Turbulent Times* by Doris Kearns Goodwin**

Fascinating chapters on Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, FDR, and Lyndon B. Johnson exploring their early development, growth and exercise of leadership. Good advice for political contemporaries.

Elaine Brennan

### ***Pineapple Street* by Jennie Jackson**

Rife with the indulgent pleasures of life among New York's one-percenters, Pineapple Street is a smart, escapist novel that sparkles with wit.

Irene Kaminski

### ***Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver**

Set in southern Appalachia, Demon braves the modern perils of foster care, child labor, derelict schools, athletic success, addiction, disastrous loves, and crushing losses. A brilliant novel that captures the heart as it evokes a young hero's unforgettable journey to maturity.

Maria Williams

### ***Head Over Heels: Joanne Woodward and Paul Newman: A Love Affair in Words and Pictures* by Melissa Newman**

In professional and personal photos Joanne Woodward and Paul Newman are captured with loving intimacy by their daughter, Melissa. Includes snapshots, stories, and letters. Recommended to fans of either actor, or of movies in general. You'll read it in one sitting.

Scan the QR code with your device's camera app to be taken to PayPal and donate directly to the Friends. Thank you for your generous support!



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