

Friends of the Northville District Library 2024 Annual Report




NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY
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Friends of the Northville District Library 2024 Accomplishments at a Glance

- Donated \$12,000 to sponsor the Summer Reading Programs for Youth, Teen, and Adults
- Contributed \$4,500 to support Battle of the Books (Middle School reading competition)
- Awarded 3 Scholarships to Northville High School seniors
- Sponsored 5 evening library programs
- Sponsored Free Comic Book Day
- Donated towards the Youth Department's "Grinch" themed Winter Extravaganza in December
- Contributed to the Community Reads program. The book in 2024 was "Chevy in the Hole"
- Co-sponsored and volunteered at the "Local Author Fair"
- Purchased the monthly Book Page magazine for distribution in the library
- Contributed \$1000 to maintain the Teen Comfort Cabinet
- Attended workshops and networking events with both FOML (Friends of Michigan Libraries) and the Northville Chamber of Commerce
- Provided treats for the library staff in April for National Library Workers Day, and in December for the holidays. We also contributed to the staff party in August
- Added to the Library of Things by funding additional birding kits and board games
- Helped by assembling the monthly craft kits for kids which are available at the Information Desk



2024 - 2025 FRIENDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Martha Nork	President
Denise Stacer	Vice President
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Claire Kreher	Gift Books
Cindy Frango	Membership
Christine Litka	Newsletter & Public Relations
Denise Stacer	Scholarships & Read to Me
Linda Bastien	Used Book Operations

Linda Bolam	Board Member-At-Large
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Betty Kaiser	Board Member-At-Large
Kimberly Meisel	Board Member-At-Large
Racha Alchommali	Board Member-At-Large

President's Report

Martha Nork

2024 was another successful year for the Friends of the Northville District Library in fulfilling our mission to provide financial and volunteer support for the library, and to enhance the relationship between the library and the Northville community.

Our used book operation is a huge undertaking and one which the community of Northville seems to embrace! The resulting 2024 income of \$23,000 is outstanding! Selling used books is the Friends' main source of income and so we are very grateful for our many volunteers. The Friends started a new program to honor and acknowledge our volunteers by selecting a "Volunteer of the Month". A donation is made each month to the Gift Book Program by the Friends, and the selected volunteer has the opportunity to suggest a topic for books which will be added to the library's collection.

Once again, the Friends held a "Bookmark Contest" for Northville kids ages 5-12. Four winning designs were selected from among the many entries, and 300 copies of each design were printed. The winning bookmarks were then unveiled at our Cider on Sunday event in October and all the young artists attended and received a certificate. Book Cellar hours and other information is printed on the reverse side of each bookmark.



Our “Cider on Sunday” event was held on Sunday, October 20. The purpose of this annual event is to thank our supporters and to raise awareness for the Friends and the library. Parmenter’s cider and donuts were served, and a craft was provided for kids, along with a scavenger hunt in the library. Raffle baskets were available with items generously donated by local businesses.



The Friends were happy to have official nametags made in the new MakeIT space in the library. Library staff member, Tyler, was more than willing to use his skills on the new equipment for this project!

Board members Linda Bolam and Betty Kaiser both retired in 2024 after many years of service to the library and the Friends. We are grateful for the dedication and thoughtful ideas that they both brought to our meetings. The Friends were saddened by the passing of board member Rick Nork in May, 2024.



PROGRAMS DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Public Relations

Chris Litka - Director

Promoting the Friends of NDL to our community and members is our continued mission. We use the Mail Chimp app to send emails to 139 subscribers. Since January 2024 we have sent seventeen emails notifying members of Friends activities and news concerning our organization.

In addition, we announce events in the Downtown Development Authority's newsletter and in The 'Ville which reaches the entire Northville community.

Maintaining and improving awareness and interest in the Friends of the Northville District Library is a rewarding and valuable effort. Seeking new ideas, new people and new activities while continuing our proven practices is our goal.

Friends Newsletter

Chris Litka – Director

The Friends Newsletter was published twice in 2024, once in the Spring and again in the Fall. The Newsletter includes messages from our President, Gift Book Donations, notices of Friends events, scholarship winners, recognition of "Over and Above" donors, Battle of the Books winners, and other Friends news.

The Newsletter is sent to all Friends members by mail and is available in the Friends kiosk at the library and on-line via the "About" tab on the library website.

Gift Book Program

Claire Kreher – Director

Thanks to the generosity of the Northville Community, we received a total of 55 Gifts in 2024:

- 28 were given in memory of someone
- 5 were given in honor of someone
- 21 were given by the Friends in recognition of our volunteers
- 1 gift was given by the Northville Garden Club

The dollar amount received was \$2,050 and 153 Books were added to the Library's Collection.

Book and materials in the Gift Book Program are selected by library staff after receiving suggested topics from the donor, or the honoree's friends or family. The honored person is recognized with a bookplate placed in each item. The Friends handle all correspondence.

Scholarship Committee

Denise Stacer- Director

The Friends awarded scholarships to three Northville High School students in 2024. The winners were:

- Kyle Brown
- Nila Muthusamy
- Elizabeth Risch

Applicants for our scholarship must have volunteered for the Friends or the Library, and are also required to submit a 350-word personal essay. The essay prompt is "How I made a difference volunteering at the library".

Quote from Kyle's essay:

"It was special to be part of a group with such a passion for bringing teens to the library to enjoy all it has to offer. Many think of the library as a place to get books only, but this group provides so much more."

Quote from Nila's essay:

"Over the years, experiences at the library deeply developed my identity. I unified a diverse group of passionate teens that made up the board, pushing them to utilize their individual strengths to the fullest extent."

Quote from Elizabeth's essay:

"Volunteering has always been a big part of my life, and the Northville Library has allowed me to cultivate my interests in this area for many years. The Northville Library has taught me to use my skill set and love of books to help the Library develop events to encourage your readers."

We would like to thank all the winners for the time they spent volunteering at the library and making a difference for their community.



Used Books Operation

Linda Bastien – Director

Total sales for 2024 were \$23,000. An off-site party was held in March to thank the volunteers.

Three special used book sales were held in 2024:

Mothers' Day Sale – May 11th

Kids Only – June 30th

Holiday Themed – November 2nd



Membership Committee

Cindy Frango - Director

The Friends of the Northville District Library membership for 2024 was 160 members:

- 14 Lifetime
- 20 Patrons
- 9 Business
- 74 Individual
- 39 Family
- 4 Teens

Our members support the goals of the Friends with their membership dollars. Our membership drive encourages current members to renew in May by enclosing a membership form and envelope in our newsletter. Members can pay membership dues or make donations via check, credit card, electronic cash transfer, or a PayPal account. To facilitate enrollment there is a QR code on our website, on our newsletter and brochures, and on all our enrollment documentation.

The Friends continue to advertise in the NDL display case during the month of May. A list of business members was added to the Friends section of the library website in 2024. We also list

our business members and patron members who wish to have their name imprinted on the fall tote bag. These tote bags are used for the October craft kit for kids, which the Youth Department supplies. 500 tote bags were handed out in 2024.



Library Evening Programs Sponsored by the Friends

Total spent in 2024 - \$3,125

City Lights Chorus – 12/4/23 (paid in 2024)

Stroh's Story: A Detroit Brewing Legacy – 2/8

Retired Secret Service Agent Radford Jones – 2/19

Dore Productions: Ford & Friends – 5/16

Dore Productions: Bess & Harry Truman 10/8

City Lights Chorus – 12/16



**Friends of the Northville District Library
Used Book Operations
2024 Year End Report**

<u>Month</u>	Cellar	Special Sales	Vendor	Total
January	\$828.00		\$2,063.43	\$2,891.43
February	1,401.70			\$1,401.70
March	1,400.85			\$1,400.85
April	1,226.35			\$1,226.35
May	1,489.15	\$462.00	\$118.83	\$2,069.98
June	1,088.75			\$1,088.75
July	1,204.35	\$236.00	\$3,838.51	\$5,278.86
August	1,519.35			\$1,519.35
September	1,510.20			\$1,510.20
October	1,102.60			\$1,102.60
November	1,477.00	\$296.00	\$293.95	\$2,066.95
December	1,283.70			\$1,283.70
Total 2024	\$15,532.00	\$994.00	\$6,314.72	\$22,840.72

Friends of Northville District Library - Year Ended 12/31/2024

1/1/2024 through 12/31/2024

Category	1/1/2024- 11/30/2024	12/1/2024- 12/31/2024	2024 CY TOTAL	2024 Budget	YTD % of Budget	2025 Budget
Income						
Dividends and Bank Interest						
323667 31 Dividends	184.48	-	184.48			
323667S 30 Dividends	362.30	124.30	486.60			
323667S 32 Dividends	177.23	126.99	304.22			
Bank Interest	24.92	2.00	26.92			
TOTAL Dividends and Bank Interest	748.93	253.29	1,002.22	900.00	111%	900.00
Donations						
Donations restricted	197.52	-	197.52			
Donations unrestricted	4,145.00	150.00	4,295.00			
TOTAL Donations	4,342.52	150.00	4,492.52	200.00	2246%	500.00
Gift Book Program	1,627.00	82.00	1,709.00	1,500.00	114%	1,500.00
Membership	7,300.00	40.00	7,340.00	7,500.00	98%	7,500.00
Credit Card Fees	(53.05)	(1.78)	(54.83)	-50.00	110%	-60.00
TOTAL Membership	7,246.95	38.22	7,285.17	7,450.00	98%	
Used Book Sales						
Book Cellar	15,242.30	1,283.70	16,526.00	12,000.00	138%	13,000.00
Vendor Sales	6,314.72	-	6,314.72	5,000.00	126%	5,000.00
TOTAL Used Book Sales	21,557.02	1,283.70	22,840.72	17,000.00	134%	
TOTAL Income	35,522.42	1,807.21	37,329.63	27,050.00	138%	28,340.00
EXPENSES						
Administrative						
Annual Meeting_Other Mtg Expen:	110.72	-	110.72	100.00	111%	125.00
Dues _ Memberships	270.00	-	270.00	250.00	108%	270.00
Honor Gifts	635.00	-	635.00	250.00	254%	600.00
Postage	204.00	-	204.00	400.00	51%	300.00
Printing						
Membership Brochure	229.35	-	229.35	250.00	92%	
Newsletter	897.00	-	897.00	800.00	112%	900.00
TOTAL Printing	1,126.35	-	1,126.35			
Supplies, Miscellaneous	92.08	63.88	155.96	300.00	52%	200.00
Tax Preparation & License	150.00	-	150.00	175.00	86%	200.00
TOTAL Administrative	2,588.15	63.88	2,652.03	2,725.00	97%	2,595.00
Friends Operating						
Used Book Sales - Misc Exp	777.35	-	777.35	400.00	194%	800.00
Used Book Sales - Sales Tax	919.04	-	919.04	600.00	153%	950.00
TOTAL Friends Operating	1,696.39	-	1,696.39	1,000.00	170%	1,750.00
				Total Admin /Operating		4,345.00

Friends of Northville District Library - Year Ended 12/31/2024

1/1/2024 through 12/31/2024

Category	1/1/2024- 11/30/2024	12/1/2024- 12/31/2024	2024 CY TOTAL	2024 Budget	YTD % of Budget	2025 Budget
Library Donations and Requests						
2025 Wish List Items		4,700.00	4,700.00			
Adult summer reading	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	100%	1,000.00
Battle of the books	4,500.00	-	4,500.00	4,500.00	100%	4,500.00
Book page subscription	1,116.00	-	1,116.00	1,200.00	93%	*
Community Reads	350.00	-	350.00	350.00	100%	500.00
Free Comic Book Day	200.00	-	200.00	200.00	100%	200.00
Friends Sponsored Programs	2,125.00	1,000.00	3,125.00	2,000.00	156%	2,000.00
Gift Books	1,782.00	-	1,782.00	1,500.00	119%	1,500.00
Halloween Tote Bags	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	1,000.00	150%	1,500.00
Library of Things-Bird Kits/ Games	343.00	197.52	540.52			
Local Author Fair	600.00	-	600.00	500.00	120%	
Staff Appreciation	787.90	118.84	906.74	1,000.00	91%	1,200.00
Teen summer reading	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	3,000.00	100%	3,000.00
Youth Book Walk	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	100%	
Youth summer reading	8,000.00	-	8,000.00	8,000.00	100%	8,000.00
TOTAL Library Donations and Requests	25,803.90	5,818.84	31,820.26	24,750.00	129%	23,400.00
Programs						
Bookmark Contest	385.97	-	385.97			400.00
Cider on Sunday	57.31	348.52	405.83	500.00	81%	500.00
Scholarships	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	1,500.00	100%	2,000.00
TOTAL Programs	1,943.28	348.52	2,291.80	2,000.00	115%	2,900.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	32,031.72	6,231.24	38,460.48	32,275.00	119%	37,145.00
						(incl new 2025)
New 2025 Wish List Items						
Youth Craft Kits - monthly						6,000.00
New 2025 Friends Programs						
Staff Appreciation from Friends						500.00
OVERALL TOTAL	\$3,490.70	-\$4,424.03	-\$1,130.85	-\$4,875.00		-\$8,805.00
2025 Wish List Items Paid in 2024						
Cool Reads Winter Program						500.00
Teen Comfort Cabinet						1,000.00
Winter Extravaganza						2,000.00
* Book Page Subscription						1,200.00
					Total	4,700.00
Bank Balances as of 12/31/2024						
Checking		44,510.72				
30 29-Month Certificate		11,512.98				
32 13-Month Certificate		11,500.26				
	Total	<u>67,523.96</u>				

Summer Reading Program

Caryn Bartone, Head of Youth Services

The 2024 Summer Reading Program, *Adventure Begins at Your Library*, was a huge success with 1,297 participants of all ages. Reading was tracked either via Beanstack, our online system, or with a paper reading log.

The Friends of the Library generously provided the Youth Dept. with a \$8,000 gift and the Teen Dept. with a \$3,000 gift, which made the following programs possible:

- We gave out 1,500 Take and Make Craft Kits to the kids.
- Every Friday morning, we offered an all-ages Storytime.
- Cameron Zvara, comedy magician and entertainer, performed a show filled with mind blowing magic, comedy, juggling, music and tons of audience participation.
- Touch a Truck took place at Northville High School and we had a recording breaking 1,117 people come out to see the vehicles.
- Sing and Dance with Momo Kajiwara: Momo presented a program of music and motion.
- Comics Drawing Workshop with Kam Komics: Professional comics artist Kamron Reynold led an interactive comic-drawing workshop.
- Book Walk: *The Nature Journal* by Savannah Allen. During the month of July, children and adults were able to enjoy reading this enjoyable book outside in the park behind the Library.
- Tween Camp-In: Participants joined us for spooky stories over the fire, s'mores, and more.
- Bluey Party: Bluey visited the Library and we celebrated all things Bluey.
- Wildlife Safari: Participants were able to meet a variety of exotic animals at this hands-on wildlife experience with Nelson, "The Animal Guy".
- Nutty Scientists: Cool Off...With Science! Participants learned the amazing things dry ice can do followed by guided activity tables.
- Adventures in Tie Dye: Participants created their own tie-dye masterpiece.
- Magic Carpet Theater: *Where the Wild Things Are*: A live performance of Maurice Sendak's American classic of a boy's journey into his imagination.
- Water Explorers with Sloan Museum of Discovery: Participants explored water properties as they investigated whether objects sink or float, retrieved a special underwater treasure, and built a boat that floats.
- Wizards, Wands, and Potions with Sloan Museum of Discover: Participants stepped into a world full of wizards and witches and built their own light-up wand and squished their fingers into ghost brains.
- Paleo Joe: Let the Dinosaur Adventure Begin: Paleo Joe took participants on a trip back in time to when dinosaurs ruled.
- Tween Spy Camp: Participants learned new skills and completed covert challenges.
- The Music Lady, Beverly Meyer: A fun, family-friendly concert.
- Stay and Play: Families dropped in to visit, make new friends, play with toys, and enjoy donuts and coffee.
- Toy Story Party: Buzz and Woody visited the Library while participants played games inspired by the movies and completed a craft.
- Teen Annual Shelter Pet Art Contest: Teens created amazing art to help promote awareness of local adoptable pets.
- Teen Custom Water Bottles: Teens personalized water bottles by using vinyl images from our MakeIT space, stickers, and paint.
- And Then There were None, Teen Murder Mystery Party: Participants solved a bookish murder mystery.

- Teen High Boba Tea: Participants enjoyed high tea with boba and other delicious treats.
- Teen Light Up the Nerf Night: A glow-in-the-dark NERF war.
- Teen Game On in the Library: Tabletop games, video games, and a D & D adventure.
- Teen Adulting Escape Room: Teens made their way through an obstacle of emails, sorting laundry, and packing lunch to escape.
- Ten Backpack Makeovers: Teens brought in their backpacks for a makeover with patches, buttons, keychains, decals, and more.

Youth Program Participation

June: 10 programs with 1,398 attendees

July: 17 programs with 767 attendees

August: 8 programs with 525 attendees (The program ended on August 3.)

Teen Program Participation

June: 5 programs with 139 attendees

July: 3 programs with 38 attendees

August: 2 programs with 11 attendees

The funding also provided prizes for the Youth and Teen Departments. The kids who completed the program received a free book, a token for our prize-filled gumball machine, and an entry into the Youth Grand Prizes. We offered six Youth Grand Prizes.

The Teen Dept. was able to provide prizes for all of the finishers, which included a coupon to the Friends Book Cellar, along with a random drawing of various gift cards for the finishers.

We were able to celebrate the end of Summer Reading with a Summer Reading Finale party that over 237 people attended. Kona Ice provided cool treats for everyone, there were inflatables for the kids and teens, lawn games, airbrush tattoos, balloon creations, and bubble entertainment with The Motley Misfits.

Youth Summer Reading Program

\$8,000 donation from the Friends of the Library

2024 = 802 participants

2023 = 550 participants

Teen Summer Reading Program

\$3,000 donation from the Friends of the Library

2024 = 144 participants

2023 = 158 participants

Adult Summer Reading Program

\$1,000 donation from the Friends of the Library

2024 = 351 participants

2023 = 346 participants

Thank you, Friends of the Library, for your continued support of our Summer Reading program. As always, we are grateful for your support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Caryn Bartone

Head of Youth Services

Friends of Northville District Library

