

NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY F·R·I·E·N·D·S

FALL 2025

BUILDING A STRONG RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE LIBRARY AND THE NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY

SUMMER READING 2025

Hot, Hot, Hot! What did NDL patrons do during this blisteringly hot summer? They read of course!

The Library's Summer Reading Program was a huge success. Readers were asked to track minutes read instead of how many books read. After all, some books are really long! I'm thinking "Moby Dick".

We had 1,374 participants overall, with 1,108 of them completing the program! Combined, Northville read a total of 1,164,453 minutes from June to August when summer reading ended. In hours, that's 19,407; or 808 days! The program saw a 6% increase in registrations from 2024. And the kids outshone every other group with 839 readers.

The Summer Reading finale party was held on August 6th in the park behind the NDL and it was a smashing success. It was attended by 312 people, a 32 % increase from 2024.

In addition to treats from Kona Ice, an inflatable bounce house, an inflatable obstacle course, and art stations provided by the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum there was a new event at this year's party--a partnership with the City of Northville Fire Department. The firefighters and even some library staff took a turn in a dunk tank and raised \$527.00 for the Living and Learning Center.

In the words of Laura Mancini, the Library's director, "The Summer Reading program would not be possible without the financial support of the Friends of the NDL. In 2025, they provided \$14,000 for the program, an increase of 17% percent from last year."

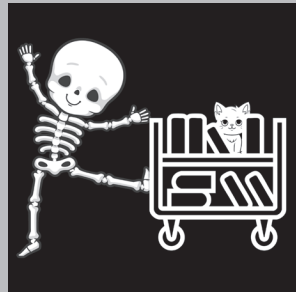
This partnership of the library and the Friends, is an example of the generosity of our members doing good. We are a community of readers and, obviously, lovers of the library.



BOOKMARK CONTEST

Friday, August 27 - Tuesday, September 30

The Friends sponsored a Bookmark Contest for children ages 5-12. Here are the winners from past years. Who will be the winners this year? Join us at Cider on Sunday for the big announcement!



This dancing skeleton tote bag can be picked up at the information desk during the month of October.

CIDER ON SUNDAY WITH THE FRIENDS OF NDL

Sunday, October 19 from 1:30 – 4 PM

It isn't fall without Cider on Sunday! This year the event is on October 19 when Mother Nature will provide the perfect atmosphere with her fancy red and gold leaves and, hopefully, glorious sunshine. Join us between 1:30 and 4 pm in the Carlo Room at the library for cider, donuts and lots of fun. Bring your family, friends and children to enjoy the treats, games, crafts and a raffle. Winner(s) of the Bookmark Contest will be announced. Drop in.

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COMMUNITY READS AT NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY: My Murder by Katie Williams

Monday, November 10 from 7 - 8 PM

Novi Full Meeting Room

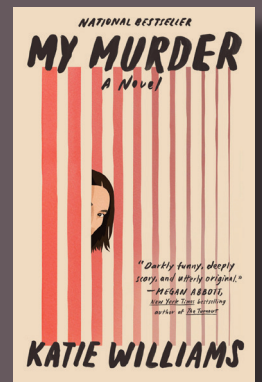
Novi Public Library 45255 W 10 Mile Rd, Novi, MI, 48375

Please join us for the 15th annual Neighborhood Library Association's Community Read event at the Novi Public Library to hear Katie Williams discuss her book "My Murder."

Following the event, Katie Williams will be signing books! Books will be available to purchase at the event.

Please register for this event at the Novi Public Library's website novilibrary.org.

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WHAT THE FRIENDS ARE READING NOW

The Boxcar Librarian by Brianna Labusker

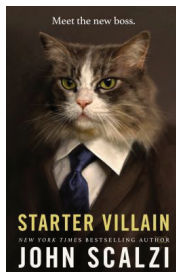
recommended by Martha Nork

A thrilling Depression-era novel about a woman's quest to uncover a mystery surrounding a local librarian and the Boxcar Library—a converted mining train that brought books to isolated rural towns in Montana.



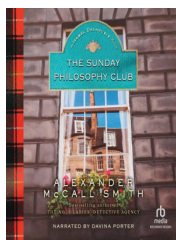
Starter Villain by John Scalzi recommended by Denise Stacer

Charlie is lost until an uncle that he does not know leaves him his business. Is this fate? After a funeral, villains and cats we find out.



The Sunday Philosophy Club by Alexander McCall Smith recommended by Deborah Stanifer

Isabel Dalhousie, the insatiably curious philosopher and woman detective, and one of fiction's most richly developed amateur detectives, is always ready to pursue the answers to all of life's questions, large and small. This is book one in a series.



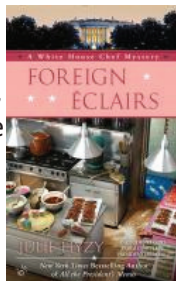
First-time Caller by B.K. Borison recommended by Racha Alchommali

A hopeless romantic meets a jaded radio host in this cozy, Sleepless in Seattle-inspired love story from beloved author B.K. Borison.



White House Chef Mysteries a series of 9 books by Julie Hyzy recommended by Regina Mingela

Chef Olivia Paras, a White House Assistant Chef, is hell-bent on earning her dream job, Executive Chef. There's just one thing: her nemesis is vying for it, too. Well, that and the fact that an elusive assassin wants to see her fry.



SONGS OF THE SEASON WITH CITY LIGHTS CHORUS

Internationally renowned men's acapella chorus will perform on Monday, December 15 from 7 - 8 pm. Details to follow.

Enjoy the sounds of the holiday season with your family and friends at this concert featuring the internationally renowned premiere male acapella group, City Lights Chorus.

Thank You!

Special thanks to these "Over & Above" Donors

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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 made between 3/1/24 and 8/31/24:

In Memory of:

Scott Frush by Martha Nork

Jean Hansen by Jan Wilhelm

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Roxanne Sander

Carol Forrer by M.E.M.B.E.R. Book Club

Barbara D. Hudgins by Jim Hudgins (6 Read-Along Books)

In Honor of:

Baden Marriott's 7th Birthday by Barbara Ulbrich

Jacki Kelsay's 93 Birthday by Karen Hansz

Phyllis Stengel's Birthday by Jackie Stengel

Gift Books to Honor Volunteers of the Month, with Thanks

MONTH:	VOLUNTEERS:	BOARD MEMBERS:
MARCH	Jan Wargo	Christine Litka
APRIL	Maureen Trombly	
MAY	Deb Blazaitis	
JUNE	Karlene Steckowski	
JULY	Judy Tremonti	
AUGUST	Patricia Pawlik	



A donor with strong ties to the library requested we purchase children's books in memory of his mother. These have been added to the very popular Read Along series.

ANNUAL FRIENDS SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The winner of the 2025 Friends \$1000 Scholarship is Vraj Joshi. He will attend Wayne State University to study to become a physician's assistant.

In his essay he expressed his thoughts on volunteering for the Friends:

"I wanted to do something that would help me to give back to the community and make me feel personally connected. I thought about where I felt happiest and most relaxed, and the first place that came to mind was the Northville Library...Volunteering at the Northville Library taught me important skills, like organization, responsibility, and how to connect with a community in a meaningful way."

We think Vraj has demonstrated the competence to be successful in his pursuit of a degree from WSU. We wish him much luck in his academic career.



Vraj Joshi with Kathy Fox and Linda Schwelnus of the Friends.

USED BOOK CELLAR

Our Book Cellar has loads of used books for unbelievable prices. Please drop by and browse. Here are our hours.

Monday:	11 AM - 5 PM and 6:30 PM -8:30 PM
Tuesday:	Closed
Wednesday:	11 AM - 5 PM and 6:30 PM -8:30 PM
Thursday:	11 AM - 5 PM
Friday:	11 AM - 4:45 PM
Saturday:	11 AM - 2 PM
Sunday:	2 PM - 4 PM



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