

Holiday GREETINGS

Happy Holidays from the entire Friends of Michigan Libraries (FOML) Board! 2024 has been an adventurous year, filled with accomplishments and memorable moments. However you celebrate this season, we wish you joy, peace, and all the very best.

Thank you for your dedication, creativity, and hard work in supporting Michigan libraries and their communities. Your efforts have made a remarkable difference this year. Here's to another successful year of collaboration in 2025. Warm wishes to you and your loved ones for a bright and happy holiday season!

Best, The Friends of Michigan Libraries Board

FESTIVE CELEBRATIONS

HOW FRIENDS GROUPS ARE SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER

The Friends of the Mott Library brought holiday cheer to campus with their Holiday Market on December 11-13. Shoppers sipped complimentary hot cocoa while browsing used books, ceramic village pieces, ornaments, poinsettias, Christmas cacti, and delicious baked goods like brownies and gourmet Rice Krispie treats. The festive event raised nearly \$600, which will fund storytime cushions and a storage cart for the library's partnership with the Early Childhood Learning Center. These resources will support semesterly storytime events, inspiring a love of reading in young learners.



The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library spread holiday joy by sending out greeting cards with gift vouchers, allowing recipients to choose a library branch for their special gift. This thoughtful gesture not only celebrates the season but also encourages community members to connect with their local library and enjoy its resources.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2025

It's time to renew your membership with Friends of Michigan Libraries (FOML)! Starting in January, you can find membership renewal forms and a full list of benefits by visiting foml.org/membership.

We're thrilled to announce a new member benefit launching in 2025: Consult-A-Friend. This service will provide valuable support to Friends groups, offering expert guidance and resources to help your organization thrive. Don't miss out on this exciting addition—renew in January and take advantage of all FOML has to offer!

REMINDER: 2024 MERIT AWARD APPLICATIONS MERIT AWARD IS NOW \$750!

The deadline to submit applications for the 2024 Merit Award is January 10, 2025. Don't miss this opportunity to recognize outstanding achievements by Friends groups across Michigan!

Visit foml.org/foml-merit-award for details on how to apply and highlight the incredible work of your Friends group. Submit your application today!

LOOKING AHEAD: FOML ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Save the date! The Friends of Michigan Libraries (FOML) annual membership meeting will take place on Friday, April 11, 2025, at the Library of Michigan in Lansing. Stay tuned for more details and plan to join us for this important gathering!