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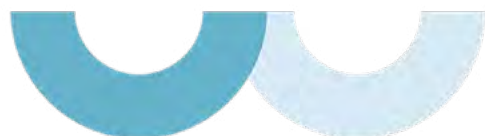
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You can get the latest news about other Library Friend groups around the state and helpful reminders of resources useful for your own group.

www.facebook.com/FOMLLibraries



From the President,

Sometimes as Friends we get caught up in the day to day work of our groups and don't think about communicating what we do to the communities we serve. I recently attended a Novi Historical meeting to explore how our groups could work together. One individual on the committee had no idea that the Novi Friends group even existed.

At our 2022 Annual Meeting, our Speaker, Cordelia Anderson, emphasized how important it is to communicate what we do for our libraries and our communities. She talked about getting people from the community to tell their stories of how Friends have helped the library to help them.

One way to get our successes out there is publishing a newsletter. I have had a chance to engage with several of you and you have shared your newsletters. They are impressive. We are asking that you share a copy of your newsletter so that we can put them up on the FOML.org website. You can get good ideas from what others are doing.

This issue also contains a description of a tool called CANVA which is popular for creating newsletters and is free to non-profits. We have also included some newsletters at the end of this month's Focus on Friends.

Sue Johnson
FOML President



Meet the FOML Board Bryonna Barton, Secretary



Bryonna Barton has always had a deep passion for the library industry, starting her journey at the age of 16. She discovered her love for connecting people with knowledge and information, which led her to pursue a career in libraries. In December of 2021, Bryonna achieved a significant milestone by graduating with her Masters of Library and Information Science. Her dedication and commitment to her studies allowed her to develop a solid foundation in library management and information services.

Just six months after graduating, Bryonna faced a challenging situation when she encountered a book ban challenge at her former workplace, where she served as the director. Despite the difficulties, she persevered and remained steadfast in her belief in intellectual freedom and the importance of diverse perspectives. In June of 2022, Bryonna joined the Eaton Rapids Area District Library, bringing her expertise and enthusiasm to serve the community. Embracing new opportunities and looking to expand her impact, she became a member of the Friends of Michigan Libraries in April of the same year. Bryonna's unwavering passion for the library industry fuels her dedication to creating inclusive spaces, fostering literacy, and advocating for intellectual freedom. She is committed to making a positive difference in the lives of library patrons and supporting the growth and development of libraries in Michigan..



Utilizing Canva for Nonprofits: Empower Your Organization with Easy Design Tools

Greetings, Friends of the library! As a librarian and a fellow supporter of our nonprofit organization, I'm excited to share with you a powerful design tool called Canva. As a 501(c)3 nonprofit, you have the amazing opportunity to utilize Canva's features and resources for free. Let's explore how Canva can empower our organization and enhance our communication efforts!

Canva is an online design platform that provides user-friendly tools and an extensive collection of templates, graphics, and fonts. It enables you to create visually stunning and professional-looking materials for your nonprofit organization, such as event flyers, social media posts, newsletters, and more. With Canva, you can showcase your mission, engage your audience, and amplify your impact.

By utilizing Canva's free features as a nonprofit organization, you have the power to elevate your communication efforts and enhance your visual presence. With its user-friendly interface, customizable templates, and extensive resources, Canva empowers you to create professional designs that effectively convey your mission and engage your audience. Let's leverage this incredible tool to tell your story, build awareness, and drive meaningful impact in our community.

For more information visit ow.ly/NOYr50OuVvo





"Spring is the time of year
when it is summer in the sun
and winter in the shade."

— Charles Dickens,
Great Expectations

Celebrate Mother's Day one day early! Bring your mom, daughter, grandmother, mother-in-law, sister, niece, neighbor or friend. Gentlemen - you're welcome too!

Friends of the Library
Presents

Irish Immigrants in Michigan:
A History in Stories

Saturday,

May 13th @ 11:30 am

Cadillac Wexford Public Library

Ireland is a country of incredible beauty. In the 1800s, Ireland was also a land of dire poverty and oppression for most of the people living there. When the potato crop, the staple food for most of the Irish people failed for many years in succession, unrelenting hunger became another aspect of daily life. For thousands of Irish people, a decision had to be made: should we go or should we stay?

Pat Commins of Dublin, Ireland and **Elizabeth Rice** of Michigan have compiled true stories of Irish immigrants to Michigan in the 19th century - one story from each of Michigan's 83 counties in order to share the history of these people who made their way to Michigan to begin new lives.



Please Join Us on **Saturday, May 20, at 9am** for the
CADILLAC CITY WIDE PARK CLEAN UP



The Friends will meet in the park across from the library as we have in past years. Please bring a rake and shovel, gloves; bags are provided. Dress appropriately for the day

— sun, snow, rain, 30 degrees, 80 degrees . . .

Questions, call 231-429-5462



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Or visit our website at <http://friendsofthecadillaclibrary.com/>

PLEASE NOTE the Friends meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm in the Library Community room. Friends will be emailed 2-3 days prior to the meeting with the link. Contact Vicki if you have any questions (see contact info above).

Thanks to Kent Wilcox and Charles St. Charles



for sharing their knowledge and their well-done presentations in April on "The Challenges of Researching and Writing a Non-fiction History Book" and the "Secret Lives of Bluebirds."

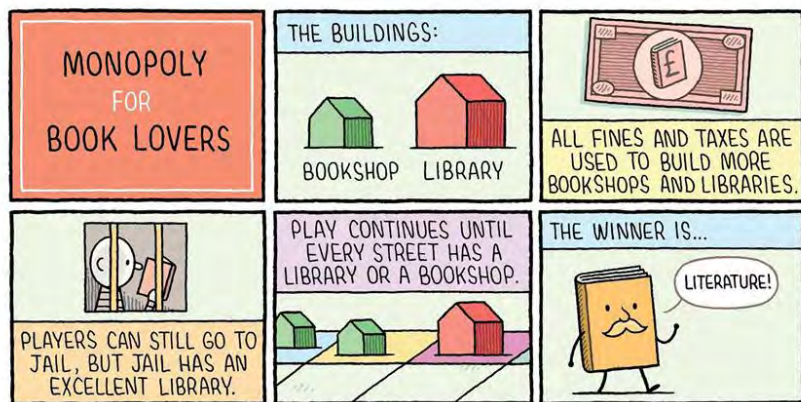


Thanks to all our FRIENDS & VOLUNTEERS

for your help in making our first book sale of the year in April a true success!

Also **thanks** to our

BOOK DONORS AND OUR BOOK BUYERS – without you there would be no sale!



TOM GAULD

Literacy is the ability to use printed and written information, To function in society, to achieve one's goals, and to develop one's knowledge and potential.



The **Cadillac Area Adult Literacy Council** works with students in Wexford, Missaukee, Osceola, and Lake Counties to assist these individuals in obtaining the English language skills they need to improve their daily life. **NEW Tutors are needed.** For more information about training, contact Barb at literacydirector@gmail.com; Or Moria at immoria@hotmail.com; or call the library at 231-775-6541. More Literacy group info at <http://www.cadillacliteracy.org/>

YES, I want to be a Friend of the Cadillac Wexford Public Library

Date: _____ Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: __ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Membership Application _____ Renewal _____ New

Amount Enclosed \$ _____
(Min. Suggested \$10.00 per year.)

____ I want to be an ACTIVE FOL Member. Please call me.

____ I am interested in estate planning that involves FOL.

Questions? Send an email to: friendsofthecadillaclibrary@gmail.com

Thank you for any and all Membership support!

Please make checks to:
Friends of the Library
Mail to: FOL/CWPL,
411 S. Lake St
Cadillac, MI 49601



Mother's Day Photo Op

May 1-6
(Monday-Saturday)
Anytime the library is open

Stop by the library and take a photo in our mother's day photo op! These make great gifts for the special mom in your life. You provide the camera/phone. (Please, no pets)

CWPL **ADULT** PROGRAMMING & SPECIAL EVENTS

HISTORY SPEAKER SERIES:

George Mitchell and Clam Lake

Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Free at the Library, Teen/Adults

He is thought of as the father of Cadillac, but how much do you know about George Mitchell? We will dive into the family connections and interesting stories Richard Shults has found while doing research for his upcoming book, *"The Clam Lake Compendium: Cadillac Michigan's Sesquicentennial"*.

BOOKS & BOOZE - BOOK CLUB @ The Greenhouse at Willow/ Primos

Monday, May 8, 6:30-8pm, Ages 21+

Join the Library and Horizon Books. This month we're discussing the novel *"Last Thing He Told Me"* by Laura Dave.

REGENCY PARTY

Friday, May 12, 2023, 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Free at the Library, Ages 16+

Do you dream of the next season of *Bridgerton*? Have you ever wished to spend a day in Jane Austen's England? Step away from the modern world for an evening of DIY fascinators and fans, delicious tea cakes, and new friendships. Dressing up for this event is encouraged (but not required).

Lots of events taking place
@ the Library in May!
This is just a smidgen.

TABLE & CHAIR CLEAN UP

SATURDAY, MAY 6, @ 11 AM-1 PM

THE CHAIRS AND TABLES IN OUR COMMUNITY ROOM NEED A SPA DAY!

WILL YOU GIVE US A HAND? SCRUB BRUSHES, HOSES, AND BUCKETS PROVIDED!

JUST SHOW UP READY TO HELP!



what's happening AT THE LIBRARY

<https://www.cadillaclibrary.org/Calendar/events/events-and-programs>



Please Support our Fellow
Cadillac Arts Council
Organizations

SPRING

Classes have begun -

Paint 'n Sip

Cinco de Mayo Worry Dolls

Fused Glass Classes & Studio

Alcohol Ink floral /note cards / jewelry

Sewing  Children's classes
and more



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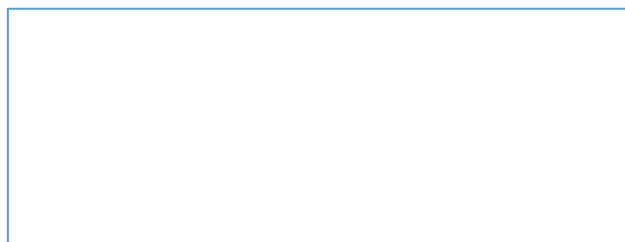
Cadillac Area Symphony Orchestra 2023 SPRING CONCERT Sunday, May 7th - 3pm

Join us for an afternoon of heavenly harmonies and magnificent melodies as we continue celebrating our 50th Anniversary of bringing music to the Cadillac Area.

The concert will take place **May 7th at the Cadillac High School Performance Gym**. Tickets are \$15. Students with and ID and children 12 and under can attend for free!

Friends of the Cadillac Wexford Public Library
411 S. Lake St.
Cadillac, MI 49601

Return Service Requested



gopherwood concerts

PRESENTS



Ben Traverse

SAT
May 6
@ 7pm

House Concert at
4320 E 46 Rd, Cad

<https://gopherwoodconcerts.org/>

Cadillac Garden Club meets



on **Monday, May 8 at 6pm** at the
First Presbyterian Church in Cadillac.

Information at www.cadillacgardenclub.com or on
our Facebook page. New members welcome and
most programs are open to the public!

Participate in the **Cadillac City-Wide Clean Up** at
the Sound Garden on **Saturday, May 20 from 9-
noon.**



For a full list of Community
events visit the
**Cadillac Area Visitors
Bureau website at**
cadillacmichigan.com/



FRIENDS
OF THE NOVI LIBRARY

Holiday Boutique

Discover the perfect gift for a loved one!
Items for sale include handcrafted wreaths,
ornaments, cards, themed gift baskets, and more!

**All proceeds directly benefit
Library programs, services and collections!**

**Saturday, December 3, 2022
10am - 5pm**



**For a \$5 donation, you can make two gift card holders!
Tola Lewis will also be performing a holiday concert at 2pm.**

Cash, check and credit cards accepted.





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Area District
Library”

Library will be
closed on Monday
May 29

UPCOMING MEETING

Library Board of
Trustees Meeting
Tuesday May 23 at
5:30pm in meeting
room

SAVE THE DATE

Local History Room
Open House
Saturday June 24
1-3pm

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Library Lingo

Shelby Area District Library

MAY 2023

SHELBY OPTIMIST CLUB DONATES TO SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR YOUTH

The Shelby Optimist Club recently donated \$1,500 to the library’s summer reading program. This year’s theme “All Together Now” will offer fun and educational activities—coding, crafts, free books, reading incentives, book bingo, and much more—June 13 through July 31.

We will host two special events during the summer months (see page 2 for dates).

More information on the summer reading program (and how to register) will be included in next month’s newsletter.



*Pictured:
Tiffany Haight & Ross Field*

THANK YOU SHELBY OPTIMIST CLUB!!

CURRENT READS GUESSING GAME

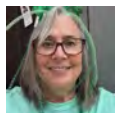
Match the librarian to the book they are currently reading! Answers on page 4.



Janie



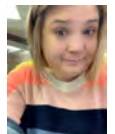
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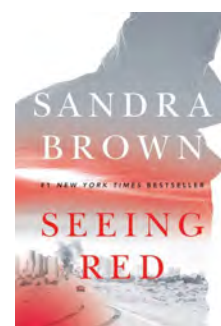
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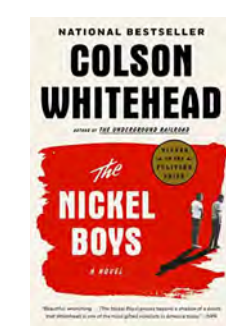
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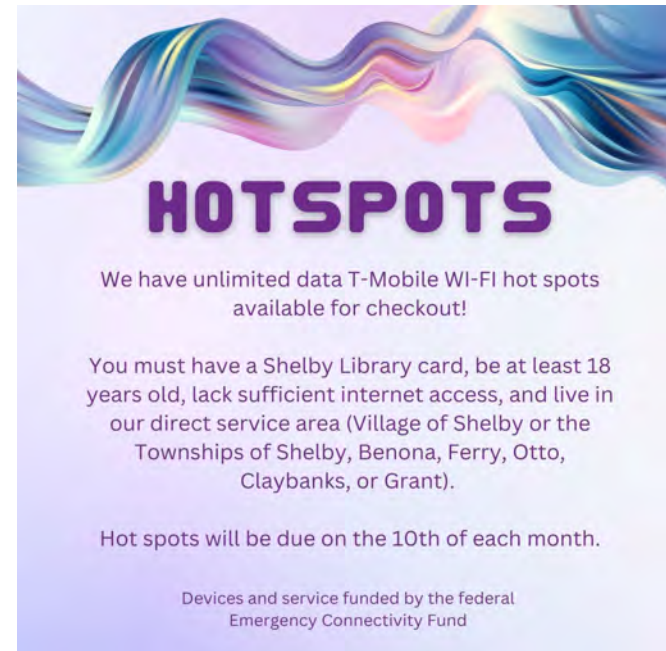
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Library Lingo

SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday June 13 at 1pm: Mr. Jim Stacking Cups Program

Thursday July 27 at 11:30am: Tipping the Scales Exotic
Animal Experience



Preschool Storytime

Fridays at 10am

No Storytime on May 5



**SHELBY AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY
189 MAPLE STREET IN SHELBY**

HOW SHELBY LIBRARY HAS MADE A DIFFERENCE IN MY LIFE

When I retired 18 years ago to Stony Lake, I discovered the Shelby Area District Library. Looking for volunteer opportunities in the community, I met Leon Ballast, former president of Friends of S.A.D.L., who tapped me to take over as chairperson of a spring fundraiser, “A Little Chair-ity.” While I never formally joined nor paid dues, Leon told me I was a “Friend” and he needed my help to organize the event, reach out to the local artists and crafters to decorate small chairs for a silent auction. That fundraiser along with “Celebration of the Trees” (which he later encouraged me to chair) introduced me to a community of Friends who would come out of the woodwork to help. I was amazed at the number of great volunteers! When Leon and his wife Paula moved out of the area, the Friends of S.A.D.L. needed a new president and secretary to keep the organization alive. Library director Tiffany Haight and I discussed how to move forward if I were willing to take on the presidency. “Less meetings,” I said! We agreed that the Friends could succeed with just quarterly meetings and communicate by email and phone. “No dues” I said! The treasurer agreed as her job would be easier without keeping track of dues. “Food! We need to have refreshments at meetings!” I said when I became president.

Today the Friends of the Shelby Area District Library are a vibrant and energized group of volunteers, mostly retired but we are looking to engage younger folks to join our ranks. We raise needed funds to support many of the programs, activities, and purchases like books and DVD’s, computers, supplies that help to stretch the budget. We sponsor special community events like the Exotic Animal Show, a Free Plant Giveaway/Garden Sale, maintain the Shelby Library garden, the Good Buy Used Book Sale, author talks, Art and Craft classes, to name a few. How has this library made a difference in my life? Being a Friend of the Library has helped me to get to know many in the community who appreciate all our library has to offer. I feel engaged as a volunteer and take pride in the work that the Friends do. We are not paid; we each bring our own special talents to different aspects of involvement. We socialize and laugh, and we have fun! What a difference being involved in the Friends of Shelby Area District Library makes in my life!

Cindy McKinnon

NOTES FROM FRIENDS

Our annual Free Plant Giveaway and Garden Sale will take place on June 3 from 9 am to Noon on the Library grounds and gazebo. We need your donations of garden tools, pots, plants, yard art, birdhouses, and other outdoor items dropped off at the library May 30 through the morning of June 3. Chairperson Diana Clark will be culling plants from the Friends Library Garden and handing them out to eager hands the morning of June 3. Volunteers to help on Saturday are needed so please sign up at the circulation desk or contact Diana at 231-861-2204. Our garden sale is a wonderful community event where you can share your extra plants with others, trade garden secrets, or pick up a few tools. Donation jars for your cash will be available as this is also a fundraiser that helps sustain our Library Garden. Arrive early for best selection of free plants!

Three beautiful garden themed baskets on display in May at the library will be silent auctioned until June 3 as part of our Garden event. Thank you to Emilee Best and Mary Ann Carey for assembling these lovely baskets. Stop by and place your bids!

At our April quarterly meeting of Friends of S.A.D.L. the Friends reviewed changes to our bylaws to add the office of vice president and increase the current number of board members beyond three. A copy of the proposed changes is available at the circulation desk for your review with voting to approve scheduled for the July 13 Friends of S.A.D.L. meeting. Thank you to Mary Ellen Heyde and Julie McKeen for volunteering with me to update our bylaws. In other business, the Friends voted to fund spring craft project kits and office supplies.

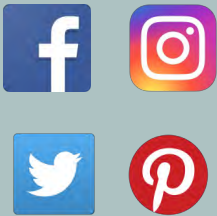
The annual Friends of Michigan Libraries (FOML) meeting held April 6 was attended by Janet Schultz, Julie McKeen and myself. Peter Pearson, the invited speaker at this zoom meeting, shared ideas regarding what it means to be a friend of the library. Very informative! We learned that the Friends of S.A.D.L. are accomplishing many of the goals outlined in his presentation, inspiring us to do even more to attract others to join our Friends group. An upcoming conference for Friends of Michigan Libraries will be held at the Cascade Township Branch Library May 19 offering in person opportunities to meet other Friends of Michigan Libraries, to share ideas and discuss further how to be engaged friends with our own library. Please contact me at stony7854@gmail.com for registration info if you are interested in attending this event.

How has the Shelby Library made a difference in your life? We would like to hear from you and print your submission in future newsletters! Happy Spring!

Cindy McKinnon
President
Friends of S.A.D.L.

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Mondays 9am-5pm
Tuesdays 9am-5pm
Wednesdays 9am-7pm
Thursdays 9am-5pm
Fridays 9am-5pm
Saturdays 9am-1pm

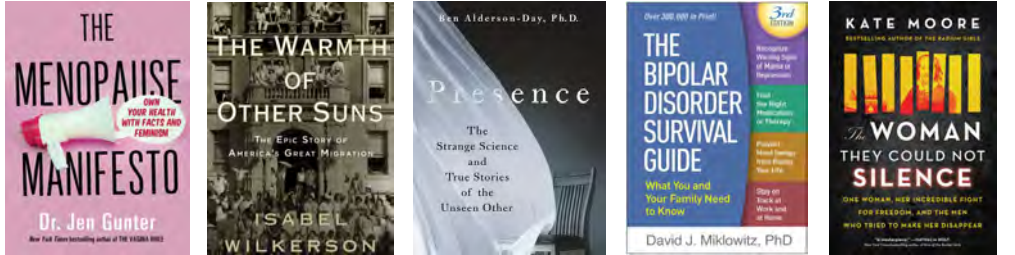


NEW ARRIVALS

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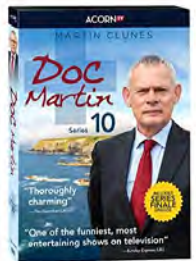
NON-FICTION



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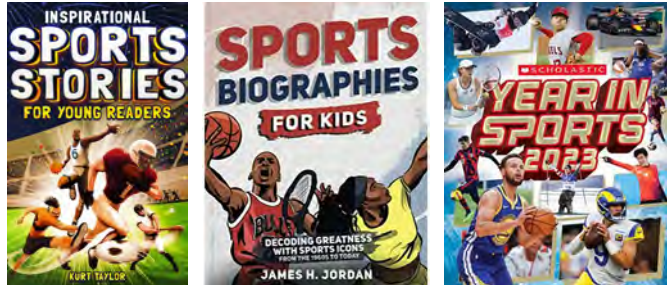


DVDS



Series Finale!

JUVENILE NON-FICTION



Sports books purchased by a patron in memory of a young Shelby Library reader, Douglas "Doug" Trerice 2009-2022

AMONG FRIENDS

Friends of the Novi Library Newsletter

Friends Board of Directors, 2022-2023

Sue Johnson, President
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Carol Hoffman
Karen Schubert
Stefania Tolliver
Mary Angela Winter
Vacant, Vice President

Watch for information on
Summer Songfest and
Tuesday Tunes for 2023.

From the President

Although many charities are suffering in the current economy, our Friends have been generous in both their memberships and their donations. Although income from memberships remains steady, fifty have let their memberships lapse in the last two years. See the article on the other side to see how to renew.

We have welcomed two new members to our Friends Board.

Mary Angela Winter - I joined Friends because I wanted to contribute to our wonderful library. Our library has a dedicated staff that serves the Novi community so well, and the Friends support the programs, events, and services that the library offers.

I was an English teacher/Gifted Program Coordinator for 34 years. I've been a Novi resident for 46 years. My husband and I have two adult daughters, a son-in-law, and a grandson.

Stephania Toliver - I have lived and worked in the Novi/Northville area for the past 5 years. One of the reasons that I joined the Friends is to become more involved in the community that I live and work in.

The Book Nook is looking for book donations especially newer fiction. Non fiction like cook books are always welcome. With spring just around the corner gardening books are popular along with biographies and gently used paperbacks.

Fall and Winter 2022 Review

Broadway Comes to the Novi Library
Broadway visited the Library on Sunday, October 16. Vanessa Carr sang hits from iconic shows like *Les Miserables*, *Cats*, *Funny Girl* and more! The Friends had a basket raffle which made \$210 and provided appetizers and desserts. Nothing Bundt Cakes kindly donated Bundt cakes that were enjoyed by all. Meijers Northville and Bushes Novi provided gift cards that were used for the food.

Friends Holiday Boutique
The Friends hosted a Holiday Boutique fundraiser on Saturday, December 3. At the same time Holiday books/CDs/DVDs were available in the Book Nook and Joyce Cherf drew the winner of the MI basket that she had sponsored. We made \$1370 at the sale, received \$230 from donations, sold \$100 in the Book Nook and made \$545 from the MI basket drawing. We gave a 1 year membership to 22 new members and 4 previous members. Thanks to Friends Carol Neumann, Mary Angela Winter, Diane Blankenship, Jim McLean, Marilyn Amberger, Lin Giglio, Marge Bixby, Sandra Steffke, Val Kushman, and others for their donations.

Tola Lewis Holiday Concert
During the Holiday Boutique, the Friends sponsored a concert by the talented Tola Lewis who put on a holiday show to remember! The crowd spanning all generations enjoyed Christmas classics and sweet treats.



New in the iCube Makerspace



The Friends purchased two robust computers that will allow guests to use Adobe Creative Cloud with ease. Adobe Creative Cloud features computer software that helps guests edit photos, create videos, design website, and more!



The Friends of the Novi Library will hold their first Volunteer Appreciation event in 5 years on April 18th. We want to say "Thank You" to those volunteers who were active in 2022 by:

- Supporting our Book Nook whether they sort, shelve or sell books. In some cases you do all three!
- Serving on our Board.
- Helping with fundraising by donating raffle baskets and working at our events.

You help make the Novi Library a focal point of the community!



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Spring Kaleidoscope Programs

Wednesday, March 22, 7pm - The Sarah E. Ray Project
Aaron Schillinger, Film Director & Producer

Seventy-five years ago a young Black woman was denied a seat on one of the two Boblo boats, the S.S. Columbia. Like the better known Rosa Parks, she refused to back down, taking her fight all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. "Boblo Boats: A Detroit Ferry Tale" is a film that documents that journey. See excerpts of the film and hear about efforts to protect Sarah E. Ray's house in Detroit and to create a place to share her story.

Thursday, April 20, 7pm - Maybury Farm
Diana Wallace, Executive Director

Maybury Farm, on the Northville side of 8 Mile Rd., 1.5 miles west of Beck Rd, is an 85 acre educational working farm with a general store, gardens, over 100 animals, and a fascinating history. It is only open to the public in the summer and fall. Learn more about the farm, its history, activities scheduled for this year, and the ways volunteers contribute to its success.

Tuesday, May 16, 7pm - Ukrainian American Archives & Museum
Olga Liskiwsyki, Executive Director

In Hamtramck, a three-story museum with a library, a collection of both folk and fine art, hosts exhibits, tours, lectures, concerts, and workshops used to share the images, artifacts, stories, and music of Ukrainian immigrants to Michigan. Hear more about this unique collection and its connections to Ukraine and the Ukrainian people.

Thanks again to Kathy Mutch for bringing these great programs for the spring.

To register for these programs, visit www.novilibrary.org. or call 248-349-0720.

Friends Sponsored Author Visit at Hickory Woods Elementary



The Friends sponsored children's author John Schu on a visit to Hickory Woods Elementary on Wednesday, February 1. 500 students in grades K-5 experienced the most amazing presentation that focused on books and reading. Additionally, it was National Read Aloud day and John did an interactive read aloud with the students. It was a wonderful literacy connection for these students!

Bringing the Music to You Steven Floyd Visits Local Senior Centers

Enjoy talented, solo musician and vocalist, Steven Floyd, for a live concert featuring popular oldies, sponsored by the Friends.

Monday, February 27, 3:30pm
Fox Run, Belmont Clubhouse

Tuesday, March 7, 5pm
Anthology of Novi

No registration is required. Just show up, ready to enjoy the music!

WE
are Blue
without
You!

In the last two years fifty members have not renewed their memberships. You can tell by the mailing label on your newsletter whether or not your membership is "current" or "expired". It is easy to renew on-line if you have a PayPal account or get a membership envelope at the circulation desk.

Link to membership/PayPal - novilibrary.org/about-us/friends-of-the-library/membership