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The Gala:

A Thank You Celebration for Our Friends

Summer has ended and the leaves are falling, but look on the bright side: it's coming time for our Annual Friends' Gala! Mark your calendars for the evening of Friday, December 9th. This year we'll be welcoming in the holiday season at our beautiful new library.

It will be the ninth year the Friends get together with one another to celebrate all the good we have been able to do for the library. All members will be invited to enjoy a free evening with music, refreshments and old (and hopefully, new) friends. We are delighted that this year we are able to gather to celebrate in the library which the Friends have helped to build and support.

Look for your invitation in the mail. We look forward to seeing you there!



Where Do My Contributions Go?

Have you ever wondered what happens to the Friends' membership dues you pay or the money you spend in the Book Nook? Almost all of it goes to the library for equipment or programs for the benefit of Novi residents of all ages.

The sale of books in the Book Nook, staffed completely by volunteers, and membership dues are the largest sources of Friends' income. Since May of this calendar year the Friends have contributed more than \$14,000 to the library for purchase of items on the "wish list" prepared by the staff. Items paid for include the Community Reads Program, the Youth and Adult Summer Reading Programs, the annual Youth program The Battle of the Books, the Newbies Program for newborn infants and their families, tables and chairs for the café, learning play tables for the youth area, holiday decorations and a demonstration Kindle. The total cost for these items is not covered in the library budget so, if not funded by you, patrons would have to do without or some programs would have to shrink. The Friends Board, at its October 12th meeting, agreed to provide about \$30,000 in additional gifts to the library in the coming months.

Thank you for your continuing support for the library through your contributions to the Friends.



Book Nook Notes

Thank you for your donations to our used book store—so many people have benefited from your generosity. We return the money made to the library for various programs, activities and equipment.

We would like to accept all donations, however, due to space constraints we must limit our inventory to gently used books in good condition and no more than 10 years old. We cannot accept text books, technical or business training manuals, outdated computer manuals or encyclopedias.

Our Fall Book Sale will be Saturday, November 19th, from 10 am—4 pm, in the Book Nook. Come early and take advantage of all the bargains. We have a large collection of gift quality books that are very reasonably priced. (The holidays are coming!)

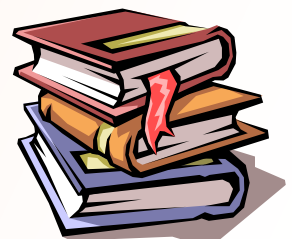
Our Thursday schedule has changed beginning in October. The Book Nook will be closed for shelving new books from 10:30 am—noon, on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. The 2nd and 4th Thursday will remain the same, closing from 1:00 pm—2:30 pm.

Thank you for your continued patronage.



Forget Something?

Lots of people do. Next time you are in the library check out the collection of "forgotten" bookmarks in the Book Nook counter display. You will find there is an airline boarding pass, a cereal box top, lottery tickets, playing cards and many more curiosities. See anything you forgot? Of course while you are there you can browse the large collection of almost new books, most for sale for \$1 or less.





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**November Program:
 "Using Military Records for
 Genealogical Research"**

Are you looking for Civil War ancestors? Do you want to know more about the military service of the Greatest Generation in your own family? James N. Jackson, award-winning genealogist, presents successful techniques for researching military records on November 15th at 7 pm in the library meeting room. Celebrate and honor veterans by documenting and sharing the stories of their service!

In conjunction with this program, from 6–6:45 pm in the Local History Room, members of the Novi Historical Commission and Northville Genealogical Society will be available to assist with questions on genealogical tools and resources at Novi Public Library.

For reservations, call 248-349-0720 or visit the library website: www.novilibrary.org.

Calendar of Coming Events

- November 9 Friends Board Meeting 7 pm
- November 15 Program: Researching Military Records 7 pm
- November 19 Fall Book Sale 10 am – 4 pm
- December 9 Gala 6:30 pm – 9 pm in the library
- December 14 Friends Board Meeting 7 pm
- January 11 Friends Board Meeting 7 pm
- January 24 Program: "Hiding in Plain Sight" 7 pm

All programs are held at the library unless otherwise noted.



Jerry and Carol Bauer appeared in Civil War dress at the Friends program, "Gone with the Wind Answer Lady". The Bauers have performed for many years with the Fifth Michigan Regiment Band.



Being a Volunteer with the Friends of the Novi Library

I was introduced to the Novi Friends of the Library through a relative and my first volunteer activity was helping to wrap books at Borders Books during the Christmas season. What a great way to be introduced to the Friends of the Novi Library! Currently, I sort and shelve books and work the sales desk in the Book Nook several times a month.

Being an avid reader, it is a pleasure just to be in the library around all the books. Volunteering at the library gives me time out of the house to do something I truly enjoy and feel good about. It also gives me the time to peruse the bookshelves for good books, and new authors and to meet and talk with a lot of interesting people. Being a volunteer has also kept me much more aware of the many events the Friends of the Library, the library itself and the City of Novi offer the community.

I also enjoy the camaraderie of being with the other volunteers and the library staff. I have made many new friends within the group of volunteers. They are a friendly and knowledgeable group and I find I always learn something new when I'm with them.

I have been volunteering as a Friend of the Novi Library for almost two years now and it is truly an enjoyable and rewarding experience for me. I can't think of another volunteer job that I would enjoy so much and I hope to continue for many years to come.

Cheryl Wilson