

AMONG FRIENDS

Friends of the Novi Library Newsletter

Friends Board - 2016-17

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Friends Annual Meeting

The Friends of the Novi Library Annual Meeting will be held at the Library at **7pm on July 12, 2017**. At this meeting, which is open to all Friends members (persons, families or businesses who pay dues), decisions will be made which guide Friends activities for the coming year.

The agenda will include adoption of the annual budget, election of trustees and officers of the Friends Board and the presentation of the annual report for the fiscal year 2016-2017.

We are making some changes this year. The Morning Arts program was not well attended this past year so we will mix it up a bit. We have an evening music program planned for the Fall. Our Kaleidoscope series and Listen @ Library will remain unchanged. Many thanks to Kathy Mutch and Gail Anderson for planning and securing the talent for these programs.

Save the Date: Annual Appreciation Event—Friday, October 13, 2017 from 7-9:00 pm at the Library

Meet our Historian

Although we are in the electronic age, there is still a good deal of paperwork generated by the Friends. There are meeting minutes, budgets, IRS quarterly filings to pay the tax on our book sales, receipts for the purchases for the Library, newspaper articles, fundraising events, flyers from Kaleidoscope and other events, and on and on. For many years Pam VanHouten was the Friends Historian, but had to leave for health reasons a couple years ago.

In February of 2016 we put a request in our newsletter for a volunteer to be our historian. Mel Stern replied to our request, interviewed with us and was hired on the spot. Pam had done a very nice job of setting up our basic file organization and maintaining the information, but we had done little in her absence and Mel had some work to do.

He began by getting familiar with the contents of the drawers and making indexes for easier access. Over the next months he went through section by section and reviewed the material getting rid of duplicates and removing material which was no longer relevant. He is organized, methodical and has good ideas—just what we needed! He is an important part of our Friends team and we thank him!



Membership

In January we reviewed our membership database with the intent of cleaning up the files and trying to get back some lapsed members. We did a mailing to 88 people who had not renewed their membership in the last couple years. As a result, we received **14** membership renewals and we collected **\$425** – a good return on the effort.

Fundraising

2016/2017 has been a year of change and adjustment for the Friends. Our target for weekly sales in the Book Nook has been \$500 in the last few years. For 21 weeks starting mid November 2016, we did not have a single week where we made \$500 – our average for the 21 weeks was \$415 per week. We had anticipated that book sales would slow down with the advent of e-readers and believe that we are seeing the start of that.

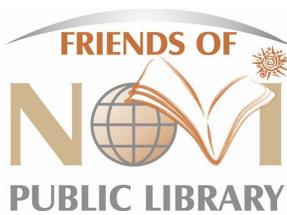
Although we still expect good sales from the Book Nook in the near future, we are looking for ways to supplement that income. About a year ago, we formed a Promotion Committee. One suggestion from them was to have targeted campaigns and raise money for a specific purpose. Our first campaign will begin in January and focus on the updates to the Business Resource Center that we will fund for the Library in 2017/2018. We will be going out to community businesses and asking for donations. They will be promoted at Friends events as well as in the Business Resource area. If you have contacts with any businesses that you think might be interested in a donation, please contact us at friends@novilibrary.org.



Sarena is presented with her check by Friends President Sue Johnson. Denise Sinkovich and Evelyn Young, shown here, are part of the scholarship selection committee.

Scholarship Awarded

Sarena Lanyon, our 2017 high school scholarship winner, attended our May Friends Board meeting to receive her \$1000 scholarship check. Accompanying her was her mother, sister, grandmother and grandfather - life-long Novi residents. It was evident that they had all played a role in nurturing Sarena with many visits to the Novi Library over the years starting with Story Time when she was a toddler. Sarena plans to pursue a degree in Secondary/History Education at Michigan State University in the fall. She maintained a GPA of 3.83 during high school while participating in many school activities and being active in the community.



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2017-2018 Kaleidoscope Lecture Series

Politics and Policy: Always Personal
Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 7-8:30pm

Stephen Henderson, Editorial Page editor, Detroit Free Press, multi-award winning writer, shares his views on the changing politics of our time.

Books: Stores and Stories Making a Difference
Wednesday, October 18, 2017, 7-8:30pm

Susan Murphy, owner of Pages Bookshop, will share how bookstores such as hers promote literacy, not just book sales, in ways that engage their community.

Donut Dolly: An American Red Cross Girl's War in Viet Nam
Tuesday, November 14, 2017, 7-8:30pm

Joann Puffer Kotcher, was one of the first women in combat in Vietnam. In uniform, she commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

Corrado Parducci: The Man Who Made Detroit Beautiful
Wednesday, March 21, 2018, 7-8:30pm

Jennifer Baross and Jack P. Johnson, Atelier Cinelux film producers, share their research and award-winning film about one of Detroit's most artistic, prolific, yet too-often overlooked, architectural sculptors.

Adventures into Michigan's Past
Tuesday, April 17, 2018, 7-8:30pm

Larry Massie, author, historian, engaging storyteller, will entertain with tales shared over generations of Michiganders. All ages will enjoy hearing these histories, mysteries and tall tales!

El Alma Espanola!
Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 7-8:30pm

This amazing group of musicians and dancers will present and perform from their repertoire of the regional, classical and Flamenco dances of Spain.

All of the above programs are held at the Novi Public Library. Please register for them at novilibrary.org or call **248-349-0720**. Find these and other programs for both children and adults described in the Library's monthly e-newsletter and its continuously updated online calendar at novilibrary.org.

Virtual Reality at the Novi Public Library



Have you ever wanted to soar over the landmarks of Paris, dive deep under the oceans, or explore strange new planets? This fall, you can experience these things through some exciting new technology brought to the Library courtesy of The Friends.

Two PlayStation Virtual Reality (VR) systems, including headsets, controllers, videogame consoles, and large-screen monitors (for audience viewing), will be purchased. A diverse selection of VR software will also be included, giving patrons the opportunity to experience distant vistas from the comfort of an easy chair.

There will be a soft-launch at The Friends Annual Appreciation Event on **October 13th**. Then there will be a weekend-long VR party October 20-22, in which patrons ages 12 and up can participate in 10-minute sessions. Smaller events will be held throughout the year, along with more quarterly weekend gatherings.

Friends Board

Long time board members Pat and Barb Brunett are retiring from the Friends Board. Barb has served as secretary for the last 2 years and as chairperson for the Friends Appreciation Event for many years. Pat was President of the Board from 2011 to 2014. We thank them for their service and look forward to their continued support.

As a result we have some vacancies that we would like to fill. Our By-laws allow for 7 to 13 directors and we currently have 9. If reading is your passion or you just have some free time and would like to get involved, consider the Friends. Persons interested in serving on the Board should contact Sue Johnson at friends@novilibrary.org. Nominations from the floor may be made at the annual meeting.

\$1 Book Buck

Book Nook

Present this coupon for **\$1 off the purchase of any combination of items totaling \$5 or more through the month of July.**