

AMONG FRIENDS

Friends of the Novi Library Newsletter

Friends Board - 2017-18

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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 11, 2018**. 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 2017-2018.

The Library has some exciting plans for the coming year. They are converting a little used computer lab into a *Maker Lab*. A *Maker Lab* is a place where people can learn and use new technologies and equipment, they may otherwise not have access to. The existing 3D printer and virtual reality equipment along with some new purchases by the Friends will move to this renovated area.



Year in Review 2017-2018

Thanks to all involved in the Book Nook: a tremendous team of sorters, shelvers and sellers. The Book Nook made over \$24,000 in the last 12 months.

Thanks to all of our loyal Friends members. Memberships brought in over \$6,000 in the last 12 months.

Events—July 2017 thru December 2017

- Summer Reading Program—participation by 2362 Children and 547 Adults
- Evening Arts concert—Jazz, Cider and Doughnuts—Cliff Monear Jazz Group
- Friends were awarded the Elaine R. Irvin Grant by the Detroit Metro Book and Author Society for \$1000 for the work on the updated Business Resource Center
- Supported the Library Marketing Campaign with funding as well as a drawing for a set of great prizes donated by local area businesses. The picture here shows Lee BeGole, Novi's first Chief of Police, getting a new library card and joining the friends.
- Author's Live Luncheon at Fox Run—authors: Annemarie DeClark, Berl Falbaum, David Burch
- Friends annual membership event "Booked for the Evening" was a great success and raised \$2800
- Purchased the new holiday tree on display in the Library



Events—January 2018 thru June 2018

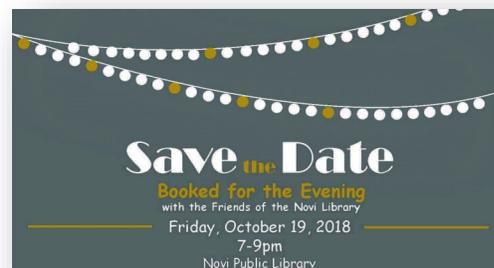
- Proceeds from the "Booked for the Evening" event were used toward the Library project to reupholster the public area chairs including the Book Nook chairs
- Funded a Tom Sharpe concert at Hickory Woods school as part of the North End project
- Gave the Seedlings organization \$500 toward their work to produce braille books for children
- Participated in the Fox Run Expo increasing our Friends membership at Fox Run from 6 to 11 memberships
- Joined the Kroger Rewards program, Amazon Smile and Giving Assistant - we can be your charity of choice
- Ended our Kaleidoscope season with a performance by El Alma Espanola doing Flamenco dances of Spain



Booked for the Evening - 2018 is not until October 19th, but we are already in planning mode. Last year several Friends gave donations for our raffle/auctions and we are asking once again for your help.

Consider this:

- Do you have season tickets for any sporting event (Tigers, Red Wings, Lions, Spartans, Wolverines...)? Would you be willing to donate one set of tickets that we could auction?
- Do you frequently visit a Novi area business like a salon or flower shop that you could ask for a gift card or basket of their products?
- Would you be willing to put together a themed basket for our raffle?
- Do we have any artists or budding artists who would like to donate a piece of artwork?
- Do you have a book of value in your collection that you would consider donating?



If you have any ideas for us to pursue or if you would like to get involved with our group and help us with the event, we would love to talk to you. Prior to contacting a business, please let us know who you are contacting to be sure we are not duplicating efforts. Contact us at friends@novilibrary.org.

Visit the Friends page at novilibrary.org for more information!

2018 Kaleidoscope Lecture Series

Michigan Modern: An Architectural Legacy **Wednesday, September 19, 2018, 7-9pm**

Brian Conway, State of Michigan Historic Preservation Officer, and James Haefner, photographer, are scheduled to speak and give an inside view of unique Early Modern architecture and interior designs.

Drawing the Line: Political Pen in Hand **Tuesday, October 23, 2018, 7-9pm**

Mike Thompson, editorial/op-ed cartoonist for the Detroit Free Press, will give a presentation of editorial cartoons related to the upcoming election, and the impact of drawings on political events.

Early Roads in Metro Detroit **Tuesday, November 27, 2018, 7-9pm**

Paul Sewick, historical researcher will speak on the origins of the streets and roads in the Detroit metro region, their design, construction and use.

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.

THE JOY OF SORTING

(BEHIND THE SCENES IN THE BOOK NOOK) by Carol Neumann

Have you ever wondered how books and other items make it to the Book Nook? As a volunteer in the Book Nook and also a sorter of donations, I get asked that question a lot! When donations are placed in the bin in the lobby, they are taken to the sort room, and that is where the fun begins. The people who volunteer to sort and shelve the books love what they do because they get to select the books for their new homes. They see books that may have been bagged after a spring cleanout or perhaps those donated boxes contain books from a cookbook or mystery book collection that's been disbanded. Sadly, it may be books lovingly placed in boxes in someone's memory. They may devise stories about the books in their heads when they see the genre, some funny, some sad, but always gratefully received and gently handled by the sorters. Join our teams, become a part of the story, and realize the joy of sorting.



Ronia-Isabel Cabansag, Friends 2018 high school scholarship winner, is presented with her check by Friends President Carol Hoffman. Denise Sinkovich and Evelyn Young, shown here, are part of the scholarship selection committee.

Join our Friends Board

If you love to read and are interested in promoting reading in the community, consider becoming a member of the Friends of the Novi Public Library Board. Come to our Annual meeting on July 11th and meet our members. Listen to what we have done in the past year and see what we have planned for next year. The Board meets once a month and there are lots of opportunities to contribute.