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**Save the Date!**
The next Friends of the Library “Booked for the Evening” event will take place on Friday, October 25, 2019.

**Raising a Reader Update**
The Friends generously give $3,000 to the Raising a Reader-1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program each year and we are happy to say this early literacy initiative has been a huge success! Since 2016, we have 275 active readers and 39 children have read 1,000 books! This program could not have been possible without the Friends, Vibe Credit Union, Novi Rotary and the Novi Community School District. Thank you for giving the gift of reading!

**Special Needs Technology Station**
As part of their wish list, the Friends were able to help the youth department with a purchase of a new technology station to assist those with physical and cognitive special needs. The new equipment includes a touch screen monitor, a big keys keyboard, and an oversized marble mouse. It is located in the youth area next to the windows.

**The success of our October 2018 Booked for the Evening event helped fund additions to the Library Wish List. We were able to reupholster the bench by the stairs in the entry way and add a bench inside the main entry doors. Look for it soon!**

**This year, the Friends approved funds of $500 toward the purchase of 18 Battle of the Books Kits. Teen Librarian Lindsay Gojcj and the Friends applied and received a Community Financial Summer of Sharing grant for $1,000 which helped with the purchase of these kits.**
Spring Kaleidoscope Lecture Series

Workers Row House Project
Thursday, March 14, 2019, 7-8:30pm
Never a mansion or home to the wealthy, Workers Row House was home to working-class men and women in a historic neighborhood. The building and its residents represent so much of Detroit’s cultural and ethnic heritage. Costumes and Irish food featured.

A Detroit “Herstory”
Wednesday, April 17, 2019, 7-8:30pm
This program will be of interest to all ages featuring Rosie the Riveter, but reminding us of the thousands of women who each has a unique “Rosie” story of her own. We invite you to share a “herstory” from that time!

Caribbean Mardi Gras, Parade Company
Thursday, May 23, 2019, 7-8:30pm
This program with an award-winning costume designer and parade organizer, whose work has been seen internationally, and whose studio is open to students and the curious, will feature slides, costumed assistants and music!

A Great Year for the Book Nook!
Thanks to your generous support through both book donations and used book purchases, the Book Nook had a great year. We had a record week of $800 in December when we had the DVD sale and made $27,000 for the year. Thanks to all of the 40+ volunteers who make our Book Nook possible. We could not do it without you!

We currently have a large number of book sets many of which are vintage. We plan to display these books in the case by the Hold Books in April. A short list is included here. If you are interested in any of these, send an email to friends@novilibrary.org.

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Important Membership Information
Your Friends Membership, which is a qualified charitable contribution, may still be able to reduce your taxes in 2019. Because of the new higher standard deduction that went into effect for tax year 2018, you might want to consider donating directly to IRS approved charities from your IRAs to reduce your taxable income in 2019. Your donation must come directly from your IRA custodian to the charity to qualify for the reduced income on your tax return.

Contact your financial institution by early December to allow the needed time to process your request. As always, check with your tax advisor to see if this would benefit you. If you need to renew your membership, visit the Friends page under the About Us tab at novilibrary.org

Friends of Michigan Libraries
The Friends of Michigan Libraries (FOML) will hold their spring 2019 workshop on April 4th and 5th from 9am-3pm at the Library. This meeting is open to all Friends. To register visit foml.org.