



FRIENDS OF THE  
IRONWOOD  
CARNEGIE LIBRARY  
MICHIGAN'S OLDEST  
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235 E. Aurora St.  
Ironwood, MI 49938

**NEXT FOL MEETING**

**TUESDAY APRIL 11**  
**10:30AM @ THE LIBRARY**  
**ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!**



Watch for Book Sale hours, future meeting dates and times and other FOL Calendar updates at the Library and on the FOL page at the Library's website: <http://www.uproc.lib.mi.us/Ironwood>

# Nuggets of News



MORE Nuggets!



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## Meeting Our Challenges



Thanks to hard-working members and community support of our book sales, the Friends earned \$4,537 in 2016. Generous donors gave an additional \$465 to bring our year's total to \$5,002, within just a few dollars of our 2015 results of \$5,089. We were able



to once again fund Library programming, as well as commit funds for replacement of some Library flooring, and for wider distribution of opinion surveys throughout the community to support the Library's strategic planning initiative.

But we want to do more, so we also appropriated funds to purchase a spiffy portable gas grill so we can once again do brat sales, which were significant fundraisers

in the past. Books and eats are what our community appreciates, and what we'll be supplying in 2017.

Brat sales are scheduled at the Ironwood SuperOne on the following Saturdays:

- JUNE 10
- JULY 22
- AUGUST 19



We'll need your support to cook and serve, and of course, come over and chow down on a Friends' extra special brat. Mark your calendars and watch for more info this summer in your email box and on bulletin boards around town.



## Thanks Again!

I hope that none of us Friends ever take our successes for granted. Every dollar we earn is because someone donated a most precious commodity: their time. Time to think of us, to write a check or put something in our tip jar; to lug in their used books, to sort books, to set up a book sale, to run a book sale, shop at a book sale, clean up after a sale; to come to a meeting, buy a T-shirt or tote bag; to keep us organized and maintain our records; to network with friends and colleagues to sign up new members and generate support for our events. THANK YOU ALL!

Special thanks and a crisp salute to Col. Sandy (Bowman) Keefer's Junior ROTC cadets for hauling books to help with book sale setup. We appreciate your helpfulness and muscle power.



## New Library Director, New Board Members and YOU

The Friends congratulate Lynne Wiercinski on her new position as Library Director. We know she's one very busy person, continuing her focus on excellent programming for all ages while taking on new responsibilities. Don't forget to give her a smile and let her know you support her next time you're at the Library. And maybe plop some quarters into the donation tube.



While you're there, you may want to splurge and buy a Friends' tote or shirt from the top shelf of the bookcase near the New Books shelves. It all helps the Library.

Two new members have been appointed to fill vacancies on the Library Board: Wendy Hicks and Pam Johnson. You can meet them at any Library Board meeting, where all interested community members are welcome. Board meetings are on the 4th Friday of every month at 4:00 PM.

Lynne and the Board have started strategic planning sessions to determine direction, set goals, and develop plans for the Library's future supporting the community. Input from you and your neighbors is needed, so a brief survey, available soon at the Library, will be circu-

lated to gather opinions on current services and suggestions for future offerings. The Library team is especially interested in the input of folks who use the Library infrequently or not at all, so if you know someone like that, please encourage them to complete and return a survey.

Be sure to pick up and complete your own survey and drop it off, along with your gently used books for the Spring Used Book Sale.

*"Second hand books are wild books, homeless books; they have come together in vast flocks of variegated feather, and have a charm which the domesticated volumes of the library lack."*

~Virginia Woolf  
English Writer (1882-1941)



## Library News From the Director: Plans Afoot



One of the activities for "March is Reading Month" will be the "Michigan Reads: One Book One State Children's Book" literacy program featuring the book, *Bubble Gum, Bubble Gum*, by Michigan author Lisa Wheeler. (Lynne gave us a sneak peak at the book at our recent FOL meeting, and it's a hoot the kids are sure to enjoy.)

Other programs and school visits are also being planned.

*Lynne Wiercinski, Director*  
Ironwood Carnegie Library

*Editor's Note:* The monthly and weekly activities listed in the column to the right are only a fraction of what's happening at your Library. Like and follow its Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=ironwood%20carnegie%20library> and you'll see what a busy place it is, full of positive energy.



### @ THE LIBRARY

Call to verify dates & times!  
906-932-0203  
- OR -

See Library Calendar at:  
<http://www.uproc.lib.mi.us/Ironwood>

**BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS**  
3rd Tuesday of month @ 4PM

**ADULT POETRY WRITING**  
3rd Monday @ 5:30PM

**CHESS CLUB GRADES 4-10**  
Mondays @ 4PM

**TEEN DRAMA CLUB**  
Call or check FB for times

**POKEMON CLUB**  
2nd & 4th Thursdays @ 4pm

**CUDDLEBUGS STORY TIME**  
4th Thursday @ 9:30AM

### LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

4th Friday @ 4:00 PM  
**PUBLIC WELCOME**

*"A Library is a good place to go when you feel unhappy, for there, in a book, you may find encouragement and comfort. A Library is a good place to go when you feel bewildered or undecided, for there, in a book, you may have your question answered. Books are good company, in sad times and happy times, for books are people - people who have managed to stay alive by hiding between the covers of a book."* ~ E.B. White, American Author (1899-1985)

## Bridge Building

One would have to be a pretty determined hermit to avoid the buzz about the stark and angry political division in our nation these days. And it's not just us; it's a global phenomenon. But I'll bet that if a couple book-lovers sat down together anywhere in the world, they could have an interesting, energizing conversation about their favorite books and authors. You needn't be in a book club to start a conversation that builds a bridge and sparks a friendship.

## Veep Repeat



FOL members know a good vice-president when we see one, so we re-elected Carol Erickson at our February meeting. We're lucky to have Carol's energy and enthusiasm working for us. **Thanks, Carol!**

**FREE!** with your Library card: a variety of popular magazines to read on your computer or other device. See **ZINIO** on the Library's home page: <http://joomla.uproc.lib.mi.us/ironwood/>

## WELCOME!

**THANK YOU,** new members, for joining us. We look forward to seeing and working with you at meetings and events, and welcome your ideas and suggestions.

- JAMES BOGGS**
- CHRIS ANN BRESSETTE**
- ANN FREDERICK**
- GALE M. HELLIER**
- JOAN KOSTOPULUS**
- GREYSON MORROW**
- KATHY OLIVER**
- VICTORIA TILTON**
- SHARON YLKANEN**



### ANNUAL FOL DUES ARE DUE!

Membership forms are available at the Library and on its website at: <http://joomla.uproc.lib.mi.us/Ironwood/images/DOCUMENTS/fol%20brochure%202014.pdf> OR - dues with name, address, phone number and email address can be dropped off at the Library or mailed to:  
**FOL, 325 E. AURORA ST., IRONWOOD, MI 49938**

### ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER ! ACTION REQUEST !

The FOL newsletter is available in dazzling color on the:

- Library lobby bulletin board
- FOL link on the Library website
- **AND in your email inbox!!!**

Black & white paper copies are mailed to members via the USPS at first class postal rates.

\$\$ saved on mailings is money we can spend on the Summer Reading Program and other initiatives.

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