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CARNEGIE LIBRARY
235 E. Aurora St.
Ironwood, MI 49938

NEXT FOL MEETING
TO BE ANNOUNCED
ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!

FALL USED BOOK SALE
OCT 7 & 8



@ MEMORIAL BLDG.



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](http://www.uproc.lib.mi.us/Ironwood)

Nuggets of News



MORE Nuggets!



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YOU Made it Happen



The Spring Used Book Sale earned the Friends \$2,290.79 from sales of books, book bags and T-shirts, and proceeds of the quilt raffle and membership renewals.

Doreen Peters won the "Book Shelf" quilt donated by Sharlene Shaffer. Winners of the baby quilts crafted by Elaine Erickson and Sue Kangas were Judy Bennett, Jojo Buckavitz and Priscilla Estola.

It's not just book-loving buyers that make the sale successful. Book donors, sorters and haulers, set-up and clean-up crews, book sellers and baggers are all part of our success formula. **THANK YOU ALL!**

Please help to do it again by supporting the Fall Used Book Sale any way you can:

- > Please drop off **ONLY gently-used, clean, dry and odor-free** books for the Fall Used Book Sale on your next trip to the library.
- > Add your name to the sign-up sheet for book sale workers when it's posted at the circulation desk later in September.
- > Help spread the word about the sale by telling your friends, family and co-workers.
- > Come to the sale and bring a friend or a crowd of friends.



After investigating additional fundraising opportunities, the Friends once again sold Ironwood Carnegie Library tote bags and "Read Osaurus Rex" T-shirts at Festival Ironwood, earning another \$75 to support Library programming.

Cool Library Gear!

There are still sturdy tote bags (\$10 each) and bright-colored T-shirts (\$12 each) available. They're tucked away in a box at the Library to keep them clean and tidy, so you'll need to ask a Library staff member to show them to you. They might make a perfect gift for someone special, including you.



"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does."

~ William James, Philosopher

SUMMER 2016: ON YOUR MARK, GET SET... READ!

So where does the money earned by the Friends go? Well... as always, Assistant Library Director Lynne Wiercinski teamed up with other talented folks within and outside our community to craft and deliver an outstanding Summer Reading Program for all ages. From story times for babies and toddlers to dancing in the Library backyard, to robots, critters, gardening, science experiments and the annual Fancy Nancy Tea Party, kids had lots of opportunities for reading, learning and fun. That's how the Friends spend what we earn: investing in our community's youth.



This is important work. I've seen several articles about the importance of reading to babies and pre-schoolers as a way to position them for success in language, school and lifelong learning. Here's a link to one of those articles: <https://www.earlymoments.com/promoting-literacy-and-a-love-of-reading/why-reading-to-children-is-important/>



Author Neil Gaiman has written about the importance of reading, too. Here's a link to an inspiring speech he gave, "Why Our Future Depends on Libraries, Reading and Daydreaming" <https://readingagency.org.uk/news/blog/neil-gaiman-lecture-in-full.html>

"The simplest way to make sure that we raise literate children is to teach them to read, and to show them that reading is a pleasurable activity."
~ Neil Gaiman, Author





From the Editor - Look at YOU! So Very, Very Important

When I was a kid, library programming was a large black and white piece of card stock full of stickers I'd earned after a summer of reading. Today's FOL-sponsored programming at the Ironwood Carnegie Library is so much more. For one thing, the prizes for completing the program are better!

The Library's summer reading activities you read about on page 1 use multiple approaches to engage kids' imaginations and to foster a love of reading. In addition to supporting communication and concentration skills, reading has been shown to have a correlation with success in life as well as longevity.

It's especially important that children be reading at their grade level by grade 3, as explained in this article about research reported in *Education Week* and the *New York Times*: <http://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2012/07/an-urban-myth-that-should-be-true/259329/> "A student who can't read on grade level by 3rd grade is four times less likely to graduate by age 19 than a child who does read proficiently by that time. Add poverty to the mix, and a student is 13 times less likely to graduate on time than his or her proficient, wealthier peer.

...researchers at Northeastern University used a range of census data to find that 'about one in every 10 young male high school dropouts is in jail or juvenile detention, compared with one in 35 young male high school graduates.'"

So there appears to be a connection between reading ability and the risk of incarceration. That's scary. It underlines the importance of reading. Introducing a child to reading early in life and encouraging him to develop his own reading skills with books that interest him can help ensure he reads at or above his grade level. Author Neil Gaiman believes all reading is good for kids, including graphic novels, "comic books" to many of us. The point is to help kids make reading a habit, something they enjoy.

Another article at <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/to-your-health/wp/2016/08/09/the-best-reason-for-reading-book-lovers-live-longer-say-scientists/> describes a Yale University study showing the benefits of book reading for folks over 50: "... just like a healthy diet and exercise, books appear to promote a 'significant survival advantage...'" In twelve years of following groups who read no books, those who read less than 3.5 hours per week, and those who read books 3.5 hours per week or more, "Book readers (at least 3.5 hours per week) survived almost two years longer than those who didn't crack open a book."

See how important you are? As an active FOL member promoting a love of reading through book sales and Library programming support, YOU are absolutely essential to a healthy and productive community.

"I believe that stories are incredibly important, possibly in ways we don't understand, in allowing us to make sense of our lives, in allowing us to escape our lives, in giving us empathy and in creating the world that we live in."

~ Neil Gaiman, Author

Let's Make Friends

Folks pitch in and help because they're asked. It's a fact observed in studies of non-profits and their members. So please invite at least one special someone to join you and the rest of the Friends. Now is an excellent time to do that so they can enjoy membership benefits at the Book Sale preview on Friday, Oct. 7.

You and your friends and neighbors can always find membership forms at the Library and at its website: <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**

★ The winner of the Ironwood Carnegie Library tote bag incentive for paying dues before May 1st was **Marlita Everson**.

A very special **THANK YOU!** To the anonymous donor who gave us a check for \$200 to support Library programming. We'd have to sell at least 400 used books to earn that, so that's a very significant gift. Just makes you want to smile, huh?



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.

**DONALD HAIG
IVAN HELLEN
HEATHER HONSEY
SUE PAIDER**

@ THE LIBRARY

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

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

ADULT BOOK CLUB
3rd Tuesday each month @ 4PM

ADULT POETRY WRITING
3rd Monday @ 5:30PM

CHESS CLUB GRADES 4-10
Mondays @ 4PM - Starts 9/26

TEEN DRAMA CLUB
Call or check FB for times

POKEMON CLUB
2nd & 4th Thursdays @ 4:00PM

CUDDLEBUGS Story Time
4th Thursday @ 9:30am

LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

4th Friday each month @ 4:00 PM
PUBLIC WELCOME

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!!!**

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

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