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235 E. Aurora St.  
Ironwood, MI 49938

**NEXT FOL MEETING**

**THURSDAY OCT 26**

**9:30AM @ THE LIBRARY**

**ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!**



**FALL BOOK SALE  
OCT 13 & 14  
@ 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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## 2017 Fundraising Results So Far

Here's how we've done so far thanks to the effort, cooperation and enthusiasm of the Friends and our supportive community.



Spring Book Sale...\$1,699  
Memberships.....\$ 700  
Brat Sales..... \$ 137  
**TOTAL.....\$2,536**

A big THANK YOU! to all who help us continue to fund great Library programming for all ages. We hope you'll pitch in again so that the Fall Used Book Sale is equally successful. Winter is coming!

## Diary of a Rookie Librarian

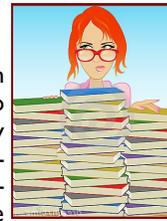
Let me tell you about my day today. I came in about 30 minutes before I was scheduled in hopes that I might be able to see if my sharpies would work on the rocks I painted for one of the upcoming programs I will be doing. This is the third day that I've been hoping to try out my sharpies.

First I sat down at my desk to work on my calendars that I am trying to fill with new programs. Before I could do this, I needed to consult with Lynne about winter library hours. About an hour later Lynne and I finally got about 10 minutes to figure out when I can schedule programs. During the hour that had elapsed, Lynne had several phone calls, tried to finish some work she'd been doing when I first got there, had several people stop to talk or ask her questions as they came into the library, and helped a gentleman who was having trouble doing something on a computer.

Finally I was able to e-mail my contact at the North Lakeland Discovery Center to try to schedule a couple of programs in the upcoming months. I also found and typed out information to explain a solar eclipse to children for the August 21 program. During all this time, Judy was answering phone calls, checking

people's books in and out, trying to get books ready for the inter-library loan pick-up, helping people get set up on the public computers, and recommending books to patrons who asked. A couple times when lines got too long, either Lynne or I jumped in to help someone or answer a phone call. With about 30 minutes left before I had to start working the desk, I ran downstairs and grabbed one of my painted rocks to make sure my sharpies would work on it (so that I could add sharpies to my list of program needs). I managed to finish the list of items I needed to order (although the list is still in the pile I left on my desk at the end of the day) before it was time for Judy to leave and me to take over desk duties.

For the next 3 hours I took phone calls, checked books in and out, re-named books, shelved books (which is like laundry—never finished!), helped with copies, faxes, and computer printouts including taking payment and giving change, issued a new library card, unpacked the inter-library loan books that came in and checked them in, put away packing material, called people who were late picking up their books, and set up a bulletin board. I



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couldn't believe it when Lynne said it was 5:00, time to close! After the end of the day tasks, we finally left at around 5:30.

So this was another typical day at the Ironwood Carnegie Library. There was no program today to set up for, run (or monitor), and clean up after. I must say that in the 6 or so weeks that I've been working there I haven't once seen any employee actually take a break. There hasn't been one moment when there was nothing to do.

Today I also didn't have anyone ask to have a book held, or to have their name removed from a list. I didn't have to pull and pack the inter-library loan books (Judy had that done already). I didn't have to process the "overdue" letters (Judy had that done also). I didn't have to process the Melcat labels. I didn't have anyone ask me to see where they were on the waiting list, and I didn't have anyone call to complain about our hours, our selection of books, our political points of view, or that we make too much money (all of which I have already experienced). To add to that, I was able to eat a granola bar for lunch and it only took me about an hour to finish it. Today was an easy day! I do have quite a large pile on my desk needing to be organized and a note to fill in my timesheet, which didn't get done today, So I think I will come in early again tomorrow...to get that done.

Really, I cannot believe the amount of work that is done each day at our library. I am amazed by Lynne's ability to keep things going and actually get anything done. I have no idea where Judy, Katherine, and Ken get their energy and patience. I suspect it is something magical in that delightful old building that is already being passed on to me.

~ Laura Noren



## Director's Corner: Superpowers? Nope. Teamwork!



What a summer! Beginning with June's "Build a Better World" party, the summer months were filled with a variety of programs that were almost always filled to capacity. A science fair, heavy equipment story time, turtle and nature programs...our young patrons kept busy with reading and more! We ended the summer reading program with a solar eclipse party in our backyard, where close to 200 people joined us to share eclipse glasses and enjoy a Friends of the Library cook-out. Who has more fun than us?

We couldn't have done it all without the help of many wonderful volunteers. Joyce Garland, Byron Hooyman, and Rose Engstrom have kept our library shelved and running while the Friends of the Library, Dawne Wolfe, Cody Shepard, Angelina Jarvela, Kristen Semo, Katie Pertunen, Snow Country Contracting, and so many more helped with programs.

We're all thrilled to welcome Laura Noren, who's joined our library team to help with programming, outreach/marketing, and circulation work. She's a joy to have on board!

Patrons and staff alike are enjoying the finished product of our recent state historical renovation grant project., along with our lovely new floor in the main traffic area upstairs, thanks to Action Floors of Mercer. Scott Stancak did a super job brightening up our basement stairway area with a new coat of paint. The Friends will be providing the funds to carpet the stairway, and a beautiful gift from the late Gus Swanson will help us remodel our teen area. Mr. Swanson's gift is also enabling us to update the children's non-fiction social studies and biography selections, and to purchase a mobile circulation unit that brings the Carnegie on the road to schools, senior living centers, and other locations.

And have you seen our Garden of Readin' this summer? Thanks to Helen Slining and a group of hard-working volunteers, we've had beautiful flowers growing! Thank you, Helen, and Carol Erickson, for weeding and watering!

So onward to autumn and winter...and great reading! Stop by for a visit!

Lynne Wiercinski, Director  
Ironwood Carnegie Library

### @ THE LIBRARY

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

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

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

**ADULT POETRY GROUP**  
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 @ 9:00AM

### LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

4th Friday @ 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!!!**

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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### FOL OFFICERS

President: Marie Peterson  
Vice President: Carol Erickson  
Sec/Treasurer: Valerie Fredrickson  
Fundraising: **ALL** FOL Members

"Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his deep and continuing needs, is good for him." ~ Maya Angelou, American poet, author & activist (1928-2014)

## Editor's Notes

> Check out this donor-sponsored addition to the library's magazine collection: The SUN. It features many types of writing, powerful photographs AND invites submissions from you storytellers.

> For more about the power of stories, have a look at this article.  
<http://www.utne.com/arts/ten-uses-of-storytelling-how-to-be-human?pageid=1#PageContent1>

> Interested in continuing government support of libraries and other library-related legislation? Here's a link to keep you updated about actions you can take. <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/>

> **September is library card sign-up month!** Do someone a favor and help them get a library card.

> For more info about Library activities, like and follow its Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=ironwood%20carnegie%20library>

### FOL DUES STILL 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**

## WELCOME!

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



**PAM JOHNSON**

**LIZ JUSTINAK**

**SUSAN PERHALLA**

*I arise in the morning torn between a desire to improve the world and a desire to enjoy the world. This makes it hard to plan the day.*

~ E.B. White  
American Writer (1899-1985)