



FRIENDS OF THE
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CARNEGIE LIBRARY
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235 E. Aurora St.
Ironwood, MI 49938



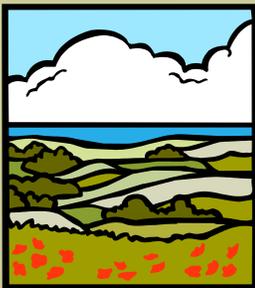
NEXT FOL MEETING

**SATURDAY APRIL 9
10 AM at the Library**

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!



**SPRING USED BOOK SALE
May 6-7 @ Mem. 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>

Nuggets of News



MORE Nuggets!



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2015: Making the Most of Our Resources



	2015	AVERAGE
Membership Dues	\$ 1,280	\$ 1,390
Donations	\$ 140	\$ 2,016
Book Sales	\$ 3,161	\$ 3,640
Other Sales	\$ 508	\$ 676
TOTALS	\$ 3,669	\$ 4,316

Unfortunately, 2015 saw a decline in membership dues, donations and book sale revenues. However, the sales of T-shirts, book bags and other items at Festival Ironwood helped offset the gaps.

While 2015 funds raised were less than the average of past years, the Friends were able to once again support the Summer Reading Program, where dollars invested (with great efficiency by Program Director, Lynne Wiercinski) produced an impressive return: 45 programs for children and teens throughout the summer, with total attendance for all sessions of approximately 1,100.

Among the activities were:

- Super Hero Science, during which participants pulled the iron right out of their breakfast cereal.
- Animal Rescue Heroes, presented by Northwoods Wildlife Center, which featured equipment and tools used to help save our furry and feathered friends, as well as some live animal guests who've recovered with the NWC's help.
- A "Fancy Nancy" Story and Tea enjoyed by young ladies and gentlemen in their party best.
- Many story times and reading contests for smiling faces who had some unforgettable experiences.

It will take all of us to reverse our declining income trend by sharing ideas and working together to increase our membership, attract more donors and raise additional funds. Please help with this, as programming costs, like everything else, increase each year, and we don't want to disappoint the participants who benefit.

To get us off to a good start, we're planning a quilt raffle as soon as the State of Michigan approves and processes the raffle license that Secretary/Treasurer Val Fredrickson has worked so hard to secure.

Election Results

At our January 16 meeting, we enthusiastically re-elected President Marie Peterson and Secretary/Treasurer Val Fredrickson. (The Vice-President is elected in alternate years from the other officers.)

Be sure to thank Marie and Val for continuing in these important leadership and support roles.

You have to become involved to make an impact. No one is impressed with the win/loss record of the referee.

~ John H. Holcomb, Author



Never Too Early

I know that like me, you've been meaning to bring them in, so put those gently used books and CDs (no stink-ers!) in a bag or a box TODAY and drop them off next time you're at the Library. Ask your friends and family if they have any items to donate and bring them along, too. The success of our book sales depends on your donations. **Thank you.**

Delicious Deli Day Fundraiser

The Library Board's annual St. Patrick's Deli Day fundraiser is on March 17. \$10 buys your choice of corned beef, turkey or veggie sandwich, along with chips, coleslaw, pickle, mustard, mayo, cookie, fork and napkin. Uptown Café is once again supplying the lunches.

To order, call 906.932.0203, fax 906.932.2447 or email Libraryoss@ironwoodcarnegie.org by March 4. Add some "Yum!" to your day while helping the Library.





Library News - Directors' Corner: Transformative Progress

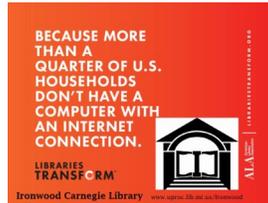


Libraries today are working hard to adapt to the changing needs of the communities in which they exist. As services and the methods of delivery evolve, libraries are no longer simply warehouses of books. They're instead becoming epicenters of their communities, bringing people together in shared interests.

The Ironwood Carnegie Library is no exception, routinely hosting a number of such gatherings. Young writers and illustrators convene several times a month to work on their skills. A bridge club for adults meets weekly to teach and enjoy the game. Children who love chess meet weekly as well. We have an adult book club and a poetry group that meet monthly. Young adult drama lovers meet at the Library several times a year to plan productions for the community. Pokemon enthusiasts may soon gather at the Library, too. Vibrant and welcoming, the Ironwood Carnegie opens its doors for people gathering to share these types of moments in a hectic world.

And speaking of doors... The Ironwood Carnegie Library is busy preparing to restore the Library's front doors this spring. In fact, you'll soon notice many changes to the exterior of the Library as it gets a much needed spruce-up paid for out of our building fund, supplemented by a state grant.

~ Elaine Erickson, 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>

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

ADULT POETRY WRITING
3rd Monday @ 5:30PM

CHESS CLUB GRADES 4-10
Mondays @ 4PM

BRIDGE GROUP
Thursdays @ 2PM

YOUTH DRAMA CLUB
Call or check FB for times

“A popular government without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a prologue to a farce or a tragedy, or perhaps both. Knowledge will forever govern ignorance, and a people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives.” ~ James Madison (1751-1836) 4th President of the U.S. & Political Philosopher

LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS
4th Friday each month @ 4:00 PM
PUBLIC WELCOME

\$ Do the Dues. Bag a Bag (Maybe)

Yes, dues are due. To encourage you to “re-up” before the Spring Book Sale, anyone who pays their dues by May 1st (or is a Lifetime member) will be entered into a drawing for a genuine IRONWOOD CARNEGIE LIBRARY book bag shown below. Remember your dues directly support Library programming AND buy you early shopping privileges at our used book sales.

Student.....\$2.00	Individual.....\$10.00
Family.....\$20.00	Business.....\$50.00
Lifetime\$150.00	

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**

Gotta Have the Gear!

T-shirts (\$12) and book bags (\$10) are still available for purchase at the Library. You'll have to ask to see them because they're safely tucked away up on a shelf.



This limited edition gear makes great gifts. One of my friends in southern Michigan is particularly pleased with her bag, which she uses to haul groceries, hardware and knitting supplies as well as library books because it's so sturdy. The graphic is pretty striking and attractive, too. Get 'em before they're gone!

Where Are They?

LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!

All our members are appreciated, but you and I know we won't grow as an organization if we don't attract new members. This is the first time in my experience with the Friends that there have been no new members to welcome since the last newsletter. That means reduced member dues and fewer members to carry the load of working at fundraisers, advocating for the Library and recruiting more new members.



Won't you please consider inviting at least one person to join the Friends? Or maybe you could surprise a book-lover with the gift of a Friends membership that will give them early shopping privileges at the Spring and Fall book sales. Be a Friend: make a Friend. **Thanks!**



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.

Please help us tailor delivery to your needs and spend more wisely by registering your newsletter preferences with Bernie DeHut at:

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Sec/Treasurer: Valerie Fredrickson
Fundraising: **ALL FOL Members**