

# FRIENDS OF THE MENOMINEE COUNTY LIBRARY

Fall 2017

## Friends' Annual Dinner and Fund Raiser

This year's fall dinner and fund raiser will take place at Belgiumtown Restaurant on October 29<sup>th</sup>. We have an especially good program this year, so we encourage members to attend and to spread the word to others. Although the dinner is basically our annual get together and is limited to members of Friends and their families, the program afterward is open to anyone who would like to attend. We ask for a donation either to the Friends of the Library (money) or to the food bank (money or food) as the only qualification for admission to the program.

The key components of the afternoon will be:

- **Social Time**—12:30 – 1:00 P.M. Drinks will be available for purchase at the bar.
- **Dinner**—1:00 P.M. We have had excellent dinners at Belgiumtown for the years we have held our dinners there, and this year promises to be the same. Look for the sign-up flier that should have come in the same envelope as this newsletter. If you did not receive one, call Gerri Newnum (906-863-1057) for an e-mail copy or stop at the library to pick one up.
- **Program**— 1:45 (Approximately) Our entertainment will be provided by Mike Fornes, focusing on the *Edmund Fitzgerald*.
- **Door Prize Drawing** Those present for the dinner will be eligible for the door prize drawing, which will be held after the program.

*The Edmund Fitzgerald*—The Stories, The Song  
Mike Fornes

The program brings a musical, story-telling approach to the loss of a Great Lakes ship and its crew. The audience will hear the stories of the crew members, their families, and the “ironies of a doomed ship in one of the worst storms in Great Lakes history.” The 2017 tour of the program will commemorate the 42nd anniversary of the sinking of the *Edmund Fitzgerald* in Lake Superior.

Mike Fornes performs a solo stage show that he adjusts to suit the circumstances of the performance. Audience members are treated to stories and songs and will learn about how the hit song “The Wreck of the *Edmund Fitzgerald*” was written and recorded by Gordon Lightfoot. Mr. Fornes will play the song live, as he performs as Lightfoot in concert.



# Bookmobile Fundraising Update



The library board's fund-raising effort continued over the summer with a special day at Dollar General in Stephenson, *Books and Food for Those on the Go*. Grilled hot dogs were a tasty lunch for shoppers stopping to chat about the library and the new bookmobile. We send a hearty thank you to Dollar General for generously supplying the food for the day, and we also heartily appreciate the Dollar General patrons who contributed to the fund.

The next major event in the fund-raising process is **a special family-friendly day at the Hannahville Island Convention Center on October 15, 2017, from noon to 3:30 (Central Time)**. Join the library board, the Friends, and other library supporters for this

enjoyable event. A buffet, an auction, a silent auction, and fun activities to will keep the children and adults entertained. Everyone is welcome to attend. **Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for youth 5-12, and FREE for children four and under. Tickets will NOT be available at the door.**

The library is close to reaching its goal for the bookmobile, and there's a way for everyone to help. Attending the fundraiser on October 15<sup>th</sup> is one way, but contributing item/s for the auction is another. Contact the library for pick-up. If you'd like to donate money, send a check made out to Menominee County Library.

All donations are deeply appreciated, and major donations have special recognition. Pick up a donation sheet at the library or call the library to have one sent to you. Make out checks to Menominee County Library. Categories for donations are:

- \$250 (memorial shelf purchase)
- \$500 (sponsor plaque and two dinner tickets)
- \$1,000 (sponsor plaque and 4 dinner tickets)
- \$2,500 (handicap lift sponsorship, sponsor plaque, and eight dinner tickets)

## Used Book Sale

The annual used book sale took place on July 28-29 with a bit of a different configuration. Rather than tying up the Hayward Room, the entire sale took place in the township hall next to the library. Sorting the books, especially the nonfiction, was somewhat more challenging, but the crew that took on the task handled it beautifully, as did the volunteers who sorted the fiction donations. We send hearty thanks to Amanda Winnicki and her library staff, to Jen Hirn's energetic husband and sons, and always, always to our wonderful members for the many volunteer hours they put into the book sale.

Next year, we may want to advertise for donations earlier, as we had a good response to the ad and article we put in the *Menominee County Journal*. Overall, the sale had fewer nonfiction books, which are always popular, so if you know of someone cleaning out bookshelves, or if you have extras yourself, please consider donating them for next year's sale.

The average profit for our book sales from 2007-2017 is \$883.03. This year's sale brought in less than average, so we'll be seeking additional nonfiction and large-format coffee-table type books, which tend to attract buyers. Children's books are also quite popular and draw customers who are trying to build up family resources. A 20-year research study led by Maria Evans, University of Nevada associate professor, soundly supports the impact of adding books to the home. The study discovered that **"having as few as 20 books in the home still has a significant impact on propelling a child to a higher level of education, and the more books you add, the greater the benefit"** (University of Nevada). Clearly, focusing our efforts on making low-cost books available to our patrons has a deep benefit for the families in our community. We'll be soliciting donations next summer! (Boldface emphasis added.)

SOURCE: University of Nevada, Reno. "Books in home as important as parents' education in determining children's education level." Science Daily. Science Daily, 21 May 2010. <[www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2010/05/100520213116.htm](http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2010/05/100520213116.htm)>.

## Friendly Focus: Ann Murray

Those who frequent the Hermansville branch already have experienced the joys of getting to know Ann Murray, new branch librarian. Ann has kindly agreed to be the subject of this issue's Friendly Focus so the rest of us know a bit more about her.

This October Ann and her husband Jim and will have been married 28 years. They have spent quite a few of those years as patrons of Menominee County Library—about 22 years. For 18 months she volunteered at the Stephenson library working in the book sale room. Because she likes reading all kinds of books, one of the many things she enjoyed, was shelving the large variety of books that have been donated in the Friends' Room. Also because of the Friends she enjoyed picking out a beautiful rug for the Hermansville Branch Library. If you're in the area, stop in to see the new rug.



Ann focuses on the positive, finding it very interesting when she is helping patrons on the computer, helping them navigate the various areas of the digital world. She says, "Sometimes just clicking one thing can save them so much time." We are sure the Hermansville branch appreciate the help and the time savings Ann provides to them.

As far as hobbies, Ann enjoys a bit of genealogy. Two of her aunts have done much research on their family trees. She is continuing what they started so many years ago and also adding pictures. She finds it amazing how much closer this project has brought them all together.

We welcome Ann to our library staff and look forward to getting to know her better as we enjoy the many services the library provides to us.

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## Membership—New or Renewal

Use this short membership form, the renewal form you received in the mail, or any paper with your name and the type of membership you'd like. Mail it to the library or drop it off whenever you're at the library. *Friends of the Menominee County Library is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. Your donation may be tax deductible.*

- Individual or Family      \$10
- Business                              \$50
- Individual Life              \$100



**I want to be a Friend of Menominee County Library.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Receiving the newsletter by e-mail is free.)**

**Circle one:**      **Individual or Family: \$10**      **Business: \$50**      **Individual Life: \$100**

# CALENDAR

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sunday	October 15, 2017	12:00 – 3:30 PM	Fund Raiser for Bookmobile Purchase	Island Convention Center, Harris
Thursday	October 26, 2017	1:00 – 2:30 PM	Turning Leaves Book Club- <i>River of Doubt</i> , Candace Millard	MCL Hayward Room
Thursday	October 26, 2017	2:30 pm – 3:30 PM	Friends of the Library Meeting	MCL Hayward Room
Thursday	October 26, 2017	6:30 – 7:30 PM	Halloween Story Time	Men. County Library
Sunday	October 29, 2017	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Annual Dinner & Fund Raiser-Program: Edmund Fitzgerald	Belgiumtown Restaurant
Saturday	November 4, 2017	9:00 – 1:00	Raffle Ticket Sales and Drawing	Stephenson High School & Men. County Library
Thursday	November 23, 2017	1:00 – 2:30 PM	Turning Leaves Book Club- <i>Invention of Wings</i> , Sue Monk Kidd	MCL Hayward Room
To be announced.			Turning Leaves Book Club Holiday Meal and Reading-Member's Choice	To be announced.

- The Hayward Room is located in the Menominee County Library \*(MCL).
- Friends of the Library, Turning Leaves Book Club, and Writers' Group all welcome new members.

# LOCATION

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