

FRIENDS OF THE MENOMINEE COUNTY LIBRARY

Fall 2018

Director's Report

Library director Amanda Winnicki reports on key events:



- **Halloween PM Story Time** will take place on October 25th from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. The 4-H Leadership Council students, with organizational help from their leaders, will read children's books in small groups throughout the library. Snacks will be served at the conclusion of the readings. Assistance from Friends is helpful in providing support and setting out the snacks—and cleanup!
- **The library received a \$700 grant from the M&M Foundation for our story trail. Amanda worked with US Printing in Daggett on the signboards and lamination. The Story Trail is up and running, and families are welcome to follow the trail. Upon completion of the trail, they will have read a children's book station by station. Keep checking, as new books will follow the initial postings. We've posted the second book already. The first two books are *In the Tall Tall Grass*, by Denise Fleming, and *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, by Helen Oxenbury. If anyone has suggestions about additional story books, let Amanda know.**
- The new bookmobile, "Words on Wheels," arrived on June 25. It has been working well in the regular schedule of stops, and the schools are welcoming the new vehicle.
- We have received a donation in memory of Stella Horvath that will be used to have the back driveway repaired and resurfaced.
- The Stephenson Post of the American Legion donated a flag pole that Brad Winnicki will get repainted, and he and Gina Thompson will work on its installation.
- The library is looking for a white noise machine, which Amanda really wants to try before we commit to purchasing a couple.
- We have also received a donation of lumber for a Gazebo structure on the northeast corner, so this is a spring-summer project.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Hello, Friends,

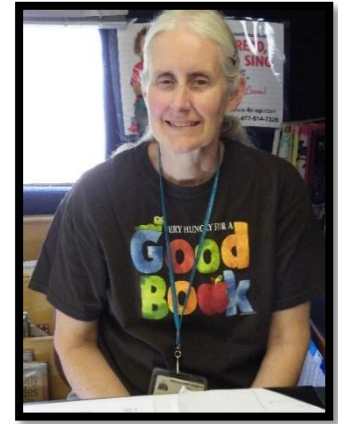
It's time to mark your calendar for the upcoming Friends' events. The fall Friends' dinner at Belgiumtown is planned for October 14. There is more information elsewhere in this newsletter. It looks like a very interesting afternoon, so I hope to see many of you there!

The yearly raffle is just down the road, and any donations toward prizes will be greatly appreciated. If you knit, crochet, or do crafts, they would make a nice addition to our prize list. All funds from this money raiser go to support programs at the library throughout the year.

Thank you for helping,
Joan Brown, President

Friendly Focus: Ann Best

Ann Best recently celebrated her 15th anniversary working at the Menominee County Library. She was the Bookmobile Assistant for many of those years, and is currently the Outreach Coordinator. In addition to working at the library, she has enjoyed attending or helping with some of the Friends' activities such as the fall dinner, plant sale, book sale, and author visits. Many years ago she got to join a few of the Friends for dinner with author Anne-Marie Oomen. To her surprise, she was mentioned in Oomen's book *An American Map* as part of the section about the library tour she made that summer.



Ann has been married to her husband, Frank, for almost 38 years. They met at Michigan Tech and both have Forestry degrees from there. Their years at Tech are the reason that they came back to live in the UP. They fell in love with the hills, snow, Lake Superior, and small town atmosphere. In their early married years they lived in the Detroit area, Sacramento CA, and the Chicago area. They moved to Hancock in 1986 and were transferred to Menominee in 1991.

Ann and Frank have three children—Scott, Kevin (Briann), and Colleen (Brian). They have three grandchildren—Hannah (4 ½), Savannah (2), and Braxton (1 month). Ann's mission with them has been to make sure that they have at least 1000 books read to them before kindergarten! She loves reading to them and playing with them. They also have two yellow labs—Miley and Gibby. They have eased the “empty nest.”

She worked a variety of jobs before finding her place in libraries. These include timber marker, camp counselor, medical claims adjuster, and meat wrapper. She had part-time jobs at Spies Library in Menominee and also ran the library at Menominee Catholic Central School before starting at the County Library.

After getting her B.S. in Forestry, her continuing education has been informal but inspiring. She attended a variety of summer reading workshops, teachers' conferences, and Rural Libraries Conferences. This past May she was a presenter at Rural Libraries. She spoke about the library's “Books on the Bus” program and some of the outreach they do from the bookmobile. She is in a book group and several quilt groups. She helps out at Quilter's Haven in Menominee during special events, inventory, and at their booth at a national quilt show in Grand Rapids. It is a working vacation from her “day job.”

Ann loves to travel. She has had the pleasure and good fortune to go on some special trips with her mom—Santa Fe, Prague/Budapest/Vienna, Alaska, Peru-Machu Picchu, and the Amazon. Her youngest sister took her to the Galapagos Islands and Zambia for a safari. Ann would love to visit more of the state and national parks. She worked at Mt. Rainier one summer and would like to take Frank there.

Ann reads a lot of non-fiction. She loves survival tales, adventure and travel stories, and books set in places that she may not get to in person. She also enjoys regional fiction and biographies of people making a difference in the world.

Ann says she is grateful for all the friends she has met through the library and the bookmobile. She has had the opportunity to see all corners of Menominee County and meet a lot of interesting people. We are definitely glad she chose the library after all her experiences!

Election of Officers

On June 28th the following officers were elected. We thank those who agreed to new positions and look forward to another year of library projects.

President.....Joan Brown
Vice PresidentRuth Kranberg
Secretary.....Karen Kovach
TreasurerGerri Newnum

Deputy Treasurer.....Carol Kuntze
DirectorJohn Routhier

Book Sale

The book sale went well, bringing in a total dollar amount (\$686) a bit under our average profit over the last twelve years (\$837.24). We tried a craft table at the book sale, but the craft items tended to get lost in the overwhelming number of books. We owe our thanks to those who donated items, especially Immerfrost Farm, which offered lovely metal bookmarks at their cost for us to sell. We will offer the remaining donated items in the silent auction at the fall dinner.

We send a hearty “Thank you!” to all the workers at the book sale. From setup to cleanup we had awesome crews of workers. We owe especially strong thanks to Jenn Hirn’s sons and husband and the library assistants for all the work they did on setup and cleanup.

The books remaining after the sale were reviewed for their future use. Those not kept were donated to Goodwill.

New Additions

Adult Fiction

<i>Leverage in Death</i>	J.D. Robb
<i>In His Father's Footsteps</i>	Danielle Steel
<i>Texas Ranger</i>	James Patterson
<i>Tailspin</i>	Sandra Brown
<i>The Distance Home</i>	Paula Saunders
<i>Dead Man Running</i>	Steve Hamilton
<i>John Woman</i>	Walter Mosley
<i>Uncommon Type</i>	Tom Hanks
<i>Sunburn</i>	Laura Lippman
<i>Cottage by the Sea</i>	Debbie Macomber
<i>Sharp Objects</i>	Gillian Flynn
<i>Robert Parker’s Colorblind: A Jesse Stone Novel</i>	Reed Farrel Coleman

Membership—New or Renewal

Use this short membership form, a renewal form you received in the mail, or any paper with your name, contact information, and the type of membership you’d like. Mail it to the library or drop it off whenever you’re at the library.

Please check the type of membership you’d like.

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



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Address: _____

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CALENDAR—FALL 2018

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thursday	September 27	1:00-2:30 p.m.	Book Club- <i>Slade House</i> , David Mitchel	M.C. Library
Thursday	October 25	1:00-2:30 p.m.	Book Club- <i>Jesus Cow</i> , Michael Perry	M.C. Library
Thursday	October 25	6:30 p.m.	Halloween Story Time	M.C. Library
Saturday	November 3, 2018	12:30-1:00 p.m. approximately)	Raffle Drawing	M.C. Library
Thursday	November 29	1:00-2:30 p.m.	Book Club- <i>A Single Shard</i> , Linda Sue Park	M.C. Library

- 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.

Fall Dinner

Along with this newsletter, you should have received a registration form for our fall Friends’ gathering at Belgiumtown Restaurant on October 14th at 1:00.



The form includes choice of dinner entrée, raffle ticket purchase, and membership.

Vice-President Ruth Kranberg and President Joan Brown look forward to seeing you at the fall dinner.

LOCATION *All cartoon images can be found on Bing Image Search.*

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