

FRIENDS OF THE MENOMINEE COUNTY LIBRARY

Winter 2018-19

Director's Report



- ❖ **GAZEBO** We have received a donation to build a gazebo as part of our new story walk. It will provide a nice place to sit for a while and contemplate our peaceful town of Stephenson or to take advantage of the Wi-Fi that will be available in the gazebo. Most of the items needed have been donated, but we are still seeking materials for the roof. We welcome donations to this project as a very promising addition to the story walk.
- ❖ **HOURS** We are seeking input on library hours. Would modifying the current schedule make the library accessible to more people? If you have any suggestions about this issue, we will definitely appreciate your comments. Just call the library at 906-753-6923 with any ideas you may have. For example, would 9:00 to 6:00 Tuesday through Friday be more convenient than 8:00 to 5:00? Or would Saturday be open to more people if the library were open from 9:00 to 3:00? Your input is welcome.
- ❖ **ACTIVITY DAY** On February 9th we are in partnership with the Menominee County Literacy Council doing a family activity day, "Cabin Fever," 10-12:30 with games, crafts, and snacks. It will be fun!

Fall Dinner

For our **Fall Dinner** on October 14th, Friends and their guests enjoyed a delicious meal at Belgiumtown Restaurant. Rebecca Krans was our after-dinner speaker, and her talk was interesting and informative. She is a member of the statewide MSU Extension's Consumer Horticulture team housed in Iron County in the Upper Peninsula. She provides programming across the U.P. and the state and coordinates the Extension Master Gardener program in the U.P.



Ms. Krans completed her BS Horticulture degree and MS from UW-Madison. She has worked in the green industry as a perennial grower, greenhouse manager, and grounds manager. Before working for MSU Extension, she worked as a high school agri-science teacher/FFA advisor for 10 years.

Growing up on a small family dairy farm in northern Wisconsin instilled in Ms. Krans a love of agriculture, nature, and the environment. Owning her own farm allows her to focus on teaching families about where their food comes from. We appreciated the opportunity to have her share her knowledge with us.

Silent Auction

Our first **silent auction** at the dinner brought in \$132. Depending on feedback from members, we may continue this, as it came together fairly well. We have been discussing fund-raising activities that require less physical work, since the work crews tend to draw mainly from those of us in the white-haired contingent of the population. We haven't decided yet whether to attempt another plant sale. Although it's only one day, it's usually an exhausting activity for those sorting, pricing, and packaging the plants for sale. Our spring meetings will address fund-raising decisions.

Halloween Story Time

Our twice-per-year story times meet with great success—in the spring for Pajama Story Time and in October for Halloween Story Time. Whether it be pajamas or costumes, our readers arrive ready to make a wonderful visual impression. From cuddly jammies to sparkly princess duds, as the photos below show, we're treated to a glorious display of attire!

We extend to the 4-H Leadership Council a hearty thank you for the excellent job they do every year, reading to our younger patrons in an exciting swirl of imagination. Then the groups switch, and the stories begin again, holding a new set of listeners with the enticement of the printed word.

A sampling of our October readers and listeners:



Halloween Story Time, Continued

Registration (Pat Plutchak and Ruth Kranberg) and Treats



Membership Year

With this newsletter, you should have received a receipt for any membership payment for 2019 made since the fall newsletter. Membership begins on January first of 2019 and ends on December 31, 2019.

On the mailing label for the newsletter the year in parentheses after your name tells what our records show your membership status to be. If your records do not agree, please call the library to let us know so we can correct errors.

- **Jane Doe (2018)** means that Jane's membership expires on December 31, 2018.
- **Jane Doe (2019)** means that Jane's membership expires on December 31, 2019.
- **Jane Doe (Life)** means that Jane's membership is current for the rest of her life.

It's always a good idea to check to see what your membership status is to be sure our record keeping is accurate.

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



<input type="checkbox"/> New
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal

I want to be a Friend of Menominee County Library.

Name: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Friends of the Menominee County Library is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. Your donation may be tax deductible.

CALENDAR—FALL 2018

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thursday	January 24, 2019	1:00-2:30 p.m.	Book Club- <i>Uncommon Type</i> , Tom Hanks	M.C.L. Hayward Rm.
Thursday	February 28, 2019	1:00-2:30 p.m.	Book Club- <i>Blue Highways</i> , William Least Heat Moon	M.C.L. Hayward Rm.
Thursday	March 28, 2019	1:00-2:30 p.m.	Book Club- <i>The Island</i> , Victoria Hislop	M.C.L. Hayward Rm.
To be determined	Late April or Early May	To be determined	Friends' Spring Meeting	M.C.L. Hayward Rm.

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

NEW AQUISITIONS

Fiction

Every Breath Nicholas Sparks
Of Fire and Blood, Nora Roberts
Kingdom of the Blind, Louise Penny
The Reckoning, John Grisham
Past Tense, Lee Child
The Next Person You Meet in Heaven, Mitch Albom
Tom Clancy: Oath of Office, Marc Camero

Non-Fiction

Heartland, Sarah Smarsh
Stiff, Mary Roach
Presidents of War, Michael Beschloss
In Pieces: a Memoir, Sally Field
Northland, Porter Fox

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

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