

FRIENDS OF THE MENOMINEE COUNTY LIBRARY

Spring 2016

Friendly Focus: Amanda Winnicki

If you haven't met our new librarian, Amanda Winnicki, you may want to put a stop at the library on your calendar. She has a friendly smile and a warm greeting waiting for you!

Amanda grew up in Iron Mountain, where her father was the YMCA director for the U.P. They moved to Traverse City, where she finished high school, when his job was expanded. Her mother went to work for the Traverse City Public Library. One of the many money-raising projects her siblings and she had was a "puppet company" for several years which started as giving a few shows at the library and expanded to birthday parties and as seasonal entertainment at the mall.



Amanda attended Michigan State University and studied dairy science and agricultural technology. After college, having graduated in a financial low period, one of her jobs was agricultural director for the Grand Traverse Band of Chippewa and Ottawa Indians. One of the programs for the tribe was on Growing Herbs. The program was hosted at the library, which is where she met Brad, her husband. She and Brad moved downstate and farmed in Livingston and then Lapeer County. She was a DHIA (Dairy Herd Improvement Association) milk tester and custom raised calves until they had enough cows to ship milk.

In the meantime, her mother had gone back to library school and encouraged her to apply, as she thought that Amanda was a "natural librarian." Amanda received her Master of Library and Information Systems (MLIS) from the University of Michigan and then went to work for Flint Public as a reference librarian. Later she wanted to move back to the Upper Peninsula and took a position in Chippewa County as a prison librarian with the Michigan Department of Corrections. After over twenty years, it was time to change, and when Menominee County needed a director Amanda knew that was what she wanted to do next. She puts it succinctly: "I am so very happy to be here."

Amanda's hobbies include reading, bobbin lacemaking, gardening, and enjoying her horses. She has had horses since she was 10. Brad hopes to be moving this way soon and bringing her last horse, "Jade."

She and Brad have one grown child, Steve, who lives in Gwinn. She and Brad have "his and hers" cats. Hers is Merlin and is living with Amanda in her little apartment. Brad's is Otis and will be moving here when Brad does when they are able to transfer their home to one they are purchasing here.

We welcome Amanda and Brad to Menominee County Library and to the Friends group. We look forward to enjoying Amanda and her contributions to our enjoyment of the library and our projects that support it.

Director's Report



1. There is an opening on the Library Board. If anyone is interested or knows of someone who would like to volunteer, there is information on how to apply on the county web site.
2. The library now has a Facebook page, and we like to be “liked”!
3. We have been doing some minor re-arranging, opening up the children’s area and adding a couple of chairs. We have moved some tables around to provide more seating with plugs for patrons who bring their own devices.
4. There are two empty file cabinets in the back room for Friends’ storage and use.
5. The public photocopier was relocated, and we moved one of the computers right by the door. This machine was changed to a “15 minute-quick use” stand-up station. The stand-up computer requires only a first name to log on instead of the longer library card number. Patrons can print from this station. It make it easier for library staff to show patrons how to use the on-line catalog.
6. The Reference Collection has been moved and weeded. Some items were moved to storage. This provided for more room for the Michigan collection. The Michigan collection is being interfiled so there is more room for them on the shelves.
7. The 2013/14 microfilm of the *Menominee County Journal* has arrived.
8. Dennis Rye has graciously shared his garage, and we will be able to wash the bookmobile on a regular basis.
9. Sally Harris retired in January. Ann Best was promoted to outreach coordinator, and we hired Jen Hirn as bookmobile assistant.
10. The Easter Egg Hunt was on the side lawn, and this was extremely well attended. We still have a few pictures that need to be picked up, so if anyone knows someone who did not get pictures, they can be picked up at the library.

I am very happy to be here and welcome suggestions and requests. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Membership—New or Renewal

Mail the form 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.*

Please check one:

Individual (\$10)

Family (\$10)

Business (\$50)

Individual Life (\$100)



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I want to be a Friend of Menominee County Library. (Receiving the newsletter by e-mail is free.)

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

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **I would like a receipt.**

President's Letter

Hello, Everyone,

I hope everyone had a good winter and is looking forward to an early spring. I know I am. It is time to begin thinking of Friends' projects that will be coming up.

Our biggest activity that is next on the calendar is the spring plant sale on May 28, 2016. This is an important money raiser for the Friends, and it supports a number of activities at the library. We need garden plants, house plants, used garden decorations, and tools and anything associated with gardening. Also, we need volunteers to work on that day. Hope you will be a part of this important activity.

Joan Brown, President



Annual Meeting: May 17, 2016

The Friends' annual meeting will take place on May 17, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. Primary on the agenda that day will be **election of officers and creation of a new office for the Friends**. Since the organization has need at times for someone to handle financial tasks while the treasurer is unavailable, members will have an option to vote on the new position of deputy treasurer. This person will take over duties the president is currently handling while the treasurer is unavailable.

Changes to the Friends' bylaws (adding the office of deputy treasurer) must take place in the following manner: **“Article X Amendments: Amendments to these bylaws may be made at any meeting of the general membership by a two-thirds vote of those present, after notification in writing to each member at least two weeks before the meeting at which the voting is to take place.”** This article constitutes the notice called for in the bylaws.

2016 Raffle Progress



We have begun to collect prizes for this year's raffle. The quilt is well on its way to completion. The photograph on the left of this article shows the star detail on one side border of the quilt. The other star is cut out and just needs to be sewn together before we take it in to be quilted. The Quilting Friends hope our patrons like the quilt as much as we enjoyed making it!

We have a donated television this year as a raffle prize, and we're hoping that it will attract ticket buyers. It's a VIZIO D-Series 24" LED Smart TV. As we gather donated prizes, we will publish them in the newsletter and/or display them in the library in October. We can always use help gathering donations if you have any spare time to offer the Friends.



Pajama Story Time

The Friends' annual Pajama Story Time took place as usual, with happy children and pleased adults. The readers this year came from the 4-H Youth Council. They did an excellent job of engaging their young listeners with the joys of children's literature. The Friends supplied treats again, with a blend of cheese and peanut butter crackers and, as always, the sweet appeal of donut holes and a few other tasty tidbits. We extend our warm thanks to 4-H readers; their leader, Chris Havelka; the library staff; and the crew of Friends' helpers for making the evening another resounding success. We hope you enjoy browsing through the pictures from the event.



Pajama Story Time Continued



Summer Reading Club

Plans are underway for the Summer Reading Club “On your mark, get set...READ! The schedule looks engaging and promises lots of fun. We encourage you to bring your young readers to the summer sessions! The sessions are on Wednesdays at Stephenson and Hermansville. The Stephenson library’s sessions start at 1:30. The Hermansville summer reading will begin at 11:00 a.m. The Hermansville program for July 13 will be at the main branch of the library in Stephenson.

- June 15 Registration and Fun Fitness – Library Staff
- June 22 Eating Well – Stephanie Bruno – M.S.U. Extension Nutritionist
- June 29 Laughing Yoda – Christine Pada – Z Boost
- July 6 Frank Best – Body and Brain Fitness
- July 13 Science North – Charles Gibson

All programs will be at the township hall or the library yard, depending on the weather.

Library Staff Changes

(Sally retired!)

Regular library and bookmobile visitors have most likely noticed changes in the friendly faces providing library services. In addition to saying hello to Amanda Winnicki, our new library director, patrons said a fond farewell to Sally Harris, outreach coordinator for the library. Ann Best, former bookmobile assistant, moved into Sally's position, and Jennifer Hirn joined the library staff as bookmobile assistant. Although we plan to do a Friendly Focus article on Jennifer in a future issue, in this newsletter we'd like to focus on Sally and all she has meant to Menominee County Library in the past 25 years.



Sally began at the library in 1990 as a page and then moved to a full-time position on the bookmobile in 1994. As those of you who saw the *Menominee County Journal* article on Sally may have noticed, Sally especially enjoyed the change to a new bookmobile in 1999. She and Ann Best put many miles on the new vehicle as they delivered books to young and old alike over the years since them. Whether it was a classroom full of students eagerly awaiting a switch to the joys lurking between the covers of yet another book or an avid adult reader happily accepting the delivery of a new book by a favorite author, all will remember Sally with the fondness reserved for special people

Sally and her husband, Ron, enjoy their two sons and six grandchildren, but she also plans an active retirement that includes golfing, running, biking, fishing, hunting, and volunteering. She will certainly be an energetic retiree, but we hope she finds time to return to the library so her M.C.L. friends can enjoy a cheery chat with her.

The library board, staff, and Friends of Menominee County Library co-hosted a well-attended reception for Sally on January 21st from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Those present thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to express their appreciation for all Sally has done for the Menominee County Library and those it serves.

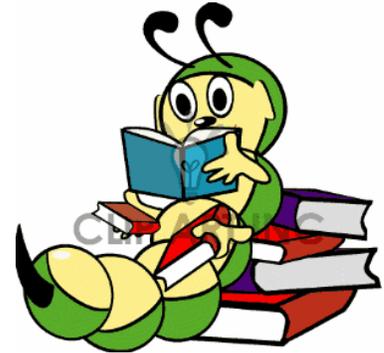
We wish you well, Sally! May your retirement bring you happiness and contentment after a career that spanned 25 years of bringing those qualities to others.



NEW ADDITIONS

Adult Fiction

- Clawback* -----J.A. Jance
- Family Jewels* -----Stuart Woods (Audio CD)
- Find Her* -----Lisa Gardner
- Gangster* -----Clive Cussler (Audio CD)
- A Girl's Guide to Moving On*-----Debbie Macomber
- NYPD Red 4* -----James Patterson
- Off the Grid*-----C.J. Box



Adult Non-Fiction

- Between the World and Me* -----Ta-Nehisi Coates (LP)
- The Road to Little Dribbling*-----Bill Bryson
- Spark Joy* -----Marie Kondo
- Thing Explainer*-----Randall Munroe
- When Breath Becomes Air* -----Paul Kalanith (LP)

DVD's

- Concussion*
- Downton Abbey Season 6*
- Martian*
- Minions*
- Mockingjay Part 2*



2016 Caldecott Award and Honor

- Finding Winnie* -----Lindsay Mattick
- Trombone Shorty* -----Troy Andrews
- Waiting*-----Kevin Henkes

2016 Newberry Award

- Last Stop on Market Street*-----Matt de la Pena
- Roller Girl*-----Victoria Jamieson
- The War That Saved My Life* -----Kimberly Bradley

2016 Michigan Notable

- Great Girls in Michigan History* -----Patricia Majher
- Making Waves* ----- Scott M. Peters
- My Near-Death Adventures (99% True)* -----Alison DeCamp
- X: a novel*-----Ilyasah Shabazz



CALENDAR

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Wednesday	April 27, 2016	1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Staff Appreciation Public Reception	Hayward Room, M.C.L. AND Hermansville Library
Thursday	April 28, 2016	1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Turning Leaves Book Club- <i>Life After Life</i> , Kay Atkinson & <i>A Spool of Blue Thread</i> , Anne Tyler	Hayward Room, M.C.L.
Thursday	April 28, 2016	3:00 PM-4:00 PM	Friends' Meeting	Hayward Room, M.C.L.
Tuesday	May 17, 2016	1:30 PM-3:00 PM	Friends' Annual Meeting, & Election of Officers, & Vote on New Office	Hayward Room, M.C.L.
Thursday	May 26, 2016	1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Turning Leaves Book Club- <i>Name of the Rose</i> , Umberto Eco	Hayward Room, M.C.L.
Saturday	May 28, 2016	9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Friends of the Library Plant Sale	M.C. Library Lawn
Monday	May 30, 2016	Menominee County Library closed all day for Memorial Day.		
Thursday	June 23, 2016	1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Turning Leaves Book Club- <i>Dove Keepers</i> , Alice Hoffman	Hayward Room, M.C.L.
Thursday	July 28, 2016	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Turning Leaves Book Club- <i>Scarlet Letter</i> , Nathaniel Hawthorne	Hayward Room, M.C.L.

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

LOCATION

Where to Find Us:

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