

FRIENDS OF THE MENOMINEE COUNTY LIBRARY

Winter 2014

Pajama Story Time

This year's Pajama Story Time will be held on March 21st at 6:30 PM. Stephenson's National Honor Society students will read stories to students in a round-robin event that proves to be a delightful celebration of literacy. We welcome a return visit from the N.H.S. members.

**Come to the Pajama Party at
Menominee County Library.
March 21, 2014, 6:30-7:30 PM
Hear stories read by
National Honor Society members.
Wear your pj's and bring your
favorite stuffed animal to show!
Snacks to follow.**



Last year's Pajama Story Time was a success, thanks to Stephenson National Honor Society students, the library staff, and Friends of the Library who attended to help. Many children gathered to listen to the N.H.S. students read stories, enjoy donuts and juice, and carry good memories home. What a wonderful time we had!

We hope to see even more students this year—and even more Friends out to help. Slip on your pajamas, robe, or any comfortable clothing and join us for story time.

Open House and Staff Appreciation Reception

Friends of Menominee County Library held an open house and staff appreciation day on September 21, 2013, from 9:00 to 1:00.

Visitors viewed the newly landscaped garden areas in front of the building, voted on entries in a photography contest, joined Friends members in deeply sincere thanks extended to library staff members, munched donuts, and sipped cider.

Be sure to look for the staff appreciation page appearing later in this issue.



Read for Fun and Prizes

Friends of the Menominee County Library are having a reading contest with monthly prizes for patrons of the Stephenson and Hermansville locations. This is open to anyone who is 18 years of age or older and holds a valid Menominee County library card. All books, audio books, and eBooks from the adult and young adult level are acceptable. Ebook patrons will need to stop into the library to fill out entries and deposit them.



When items are checked out, the patron will receive an entry slip to be filled out and turned in when the book is read and returned. The drawing will be held the last day of each month. The more books you read the more entries you can submit! If you have any questions call the Library at (906) 753-6923. Prizes will be \$20 gift certificates from the following businesses:

- March: Art and Garden Gallery and Bella Fiore Greenhouse and Gifts
 - April: DeBacker Family Farm and Gary's IGA
 - May: Menominee County Journal and Paidl's True Value
 - June: Rise-n-Shine Bakery and Same Soul Studio
 - July: Saz's Pizza and Ice Cream and Sue's Two Diner
- GRAND PRIZE: \$100 Gift Certificate LaPointe Cedar Creek Furniture**

Letter from the President



Hello Everyone,

It's time for us Friends members to start thinking about something besides the weather, I know I'm tired of it! We have started planning activities for the coming year. The first one is our Pajama Party for the young children. If you haven't helped with it, you are missing a fun time. The little ones are so cute in PJ and their teddy bears. It will lift your spirits and get you out of the house, and we can use more help. I will be there and hope some of you are too.

Looking forward to seeing you,
Joan Brown, President

MEMBERSHIP—NEW OR RENEWAL

Use the short membership form at the bottom of this page, 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.

- 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

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

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Friendly Focus—Barb Cornett

Our Friendly Focus member for winter of 2014 is Barb Cornett. Her gentle friendliness and consistently enthusiastic support of our projects combine to make her a treasured member of the Friends of Menominee County Library. Her hobbies of reading and gardening, her dedication to libraries, and her commitment to help others have resulted in her regular involvement in Friends' projects.



Barb lived in Waukegan, IL, until the end of March of 1969, when she moved to Daggett, and she has been here ever since. Her roots are in this area, as her mother was born in Talbot, and her grandfather farmed here.

She and her husband, a journeyman fitter at Marinette Marine, whom she lost in August of 1994, had four children, two boys and two girls. Barb has eight grandchildren, four who were born to her children, and four who are grandchildren "by claiming." The loving nature that anyone meeting Barb soon discovers has led her to become grandmother to four other children who all call her "Grandma."

Barb is an active member of Turning Leaves Book Club, which expands her horizon as she reads things she would not necessarily pick up otherwise. Her heavy involvement in Friends of the Library arises from a commitment to books and reading that shows in her summary statement: "I believe in libraries."

Donations



Thanks to the enthusiastic support of our hard-working members and the many contributors at our fund-raising activities, Friends of M.C. Library have been able to buy much-needed items for the library. When you have time during a stop at the library, notice the two new laser printers purchased in January when the library's previous printers decided they just didn't want to work reliably any more. The new printers will serve library patrons and staff well.

Those who have worked "kitchen duty" at any library events know the challenges raised by lack of refrigeration. Library staff and Friends members resorted to coolers and ice in order to have cold treats and drinks for hot weather activities. The library's dorm-room style refrigerator just did not have the capacity needed for events. The new refrigerator offers sufficient space for both refrigerated and frozen items for library and Friends' activities. No more hauling heavy coolers to library projects!



Spring Plant Sale

Friends of the Menominee County Library will hold their third annual spring plant sale on Saturday, May 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the main library in Stephenson.

Any plant division and/or propagation donations are welcome and would be much appreciated, said Friends. All plants are needed—perennials, annuals, seedlings, house plants, vegetables—especially tomatoes and vegetables. Gardening books and magazines are also sought. Donations last year made the plant sale a huge success, said members of the Friends' Garden Committee.

The Friends' Garden Committee members encourage those who would like to recycle pots to bring them to the library for use for this and future plant sales. Donated garden art and/or any kind of nature crafts are also welcome items for the sale.

The Friends' Garden Committee always welcomes new members, especially those who are interested in helping with the plant sale and/or the library gardens. Garden Committee activities not only beautify the library surroundings. They also provide funds for garden development as well as other library purchases and activities. For more information call the library at 906-753-6923.

Staff Appreciation



Pat Cheski, Library Director

As those who frequent the library know, Pat is the heart of Menominee County Library. Her sound judgment, meticulous accounting, careful organization, and attention to detail sustain the library's operations. Supporting all of her awesome administrative capabilities, however, are the winning personality traits she brings to her work. Her thoughtfulness, cheerful smile, friendly greetings, and constant willingness to help make every library patron's experience at M.C.L. pleasant and rewarding. We thank you, Mrs. Cheski, for making our library a wonderful place to be. We are very glad that you take such pride in your position and doing it so very well.

Ann Best, Bookmobile Assistant

Mrs. Best has a dual role at Menominee County Library: assistant for both library and bookmobile. For the bookmobile patrons, she and Mrs. Harris *are* the library. Ann's cheery good humor, ready willingness to come to help, and constant desire to open the doors of reading for every library user contribute positive qualities to every library visit. Her dedication to finding just the right books for the bookmobile and to reading the most engaging ones to children at her stops leaves dozens of wide-eyed children in her wake. Thank you, Ann, for helping to foster a love for reading in all Menominee County youth.



Sally Harris, Outreach Coordinator

Mrs. Harris carries the library's services out to the community in her role as outreach coordinator. For some of the library's patrons Sally and Mrs. Best are the library, as the outreach program provides services for those people who find it difficult or impossible to drive to the library's main site. Her friendly greetings, cheerful assistance for those seeking just the "right" book to read, and willingness to follow through on requests makes the outreach program a success for those involved. During the time Sally spends at the M.C.L. central site, library patrons learn what outreach participants already know: she plays a key role in the library's operations. We thank you, Sally.

Carolyn Laurin, Cataloger/Technical Services

Mrs. Laurin wears more than one hat in Menominee County Library. She has primary responsibility for cataloging the library's acquisitions, and she also deals with technical service issues as they arise. Patrons who have found themselves stymied by a computer screen, a printer, or an e-reader receive patient assistance while they maneuver themselves out of whatever rut they have found themselves in. Carolyn's quiet smile and friendly nature help to make M.C.L. a pleasant source of knowledge and entertainment as she guides us through the dark waters of new technology. We thank you, Carolyn, for all you do for M.C.L.



Laurie Riedy, Hermansville

Mrs. Riedy carries the services of Menominee County Library to the citizens who live in the north end of Menominee County. For the patrons of the Hermansville branch, Laurie *is* the library. She carefully oversees branch operations, watching always for ways to make the library experience better for every person who walks through the doors. Her constant attention to details around the branch library shows it to its best advantage every day in every way. We thank you, Laurie, for making Hermansville such a valued part of the Menominee County Library system.

Mike Zemba, Custodian

Although most library users do not see Mr. Zemba and therefore are not immediately aware of his importance to the library's operations, his is a vital role. When a patron walks across a carpet, uses any of the public facilities, or looks through a window, that experience is better as a result of Mike's work. If he ignored his responsibilities, problems would soon become obvious. Although patrons rarely encounter him, we can deduce many of his personality traits by observing the results of his work: responsibility, carefulness, and persistence to name a few. We thank you, Mike, for making the library experience a more positive one.



NEW ADDITIONS

DVD's
Disconnect
Downton Abbey: Season 4
Fast & Furious 6
Gravity
Hidden Away
The Heat
Killing Kennedy
Man of Steel
White House Down



ADULT FICTION

- Concealed in Death*J.D. Robb (Audio CD)
- Moving Target*J.A. Jance (Audio CD)
- The Chase*Janet Evanovich
- Ripper*Isabel Allende
- Cell*.....Robin Cook
- Killer*.....Jonathan Kellerman
- Kiss and Tell* Fern Michaels (Audio CD)

ADULT NON-FICTION

- The Monuments Men*.....Robert Edsel
- Twelve Years a Slave*Solomen Northup
- The Secret Rooms* Catherine Bailey
- Out of the Woods*.....Lynn Darling
- Stringer*.....Anjan Sundaram
- Badluck Way*.....Bryce Andrews

LARGE PRINT FICTION

- The Hunted*Matthew Mayo
- Home to Whiskey Creek*Brenda Novak
- Riders of Buck River*.....William M. Raine

LARGE PRINT NON-FICTION

- Wonder of Aging*.....Michael Gurian
- Day of Battle*.....Rick Atkinson
- What Are You Hungry for?*.....Deepak Chopra

JUVENILE EASY

- Taking Care of Mama Rabbit*..... Anita Lobel
- Here Comes the Easter Cat*.....Deborah Underwood
- The Watermelon Seed*.....Greg Pizzoli

JUVENILE FICTION

- Adventures of Tintin (Series)*.....Herge
- Horses of the Dawn*.....Kathryn Lasky
- Travel Team*.....Mike Lupica

JUVENILE NON-FICTION

- Clara and Davie* Patricia Polacco
- A Splendid Red* Jen Bryant
- Volunteering* Audrey Borus
- Enchantments of the World*

2014 John Newbery Medal and Honor books for outstanding contribution to children’s literature



2014 Randolph Caldecott Medal and Honor books for the most distinguished American picture books for children



CALENDAR

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Friday	March 21, 2014	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Pajama Story Time	MC Library
Tuesday	March 25, 2014	1:30 PM	Writers' Group	MCL Hayward Room
Thursday	March 27, 2014	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Turning Leaves Book Club- <i>From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail, Strayed</i>	MCL Hayward Room
Thursday	March 27, 2014	3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Friends of MCL*	MCL Hayward Room
Tuesday	April 8, 2014	1:30 PM	Writers' Group	MCL Hayward Room
Friday	April 18, 2014	All Day	Library closed for Good Friday.	
Tuesday	April 22, 2014	1:30 PM	Writers' Group	MCL Hayward Room
Thursday	April 24, 2014	1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Turning Leaves Book Club- Agatha Christie biography	MCL Hayward Room
Tuesday	May 13, 2014	To be determined.	Writers' Group	MCL Hayward Room
Thursday	May 22, 2014	1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Turning Leaves Book Club- <i>Raising Hope, Kate Willard</i>	MCL Hayward Room
Saturday	May 24, 2014	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Spring Plant Sale	MC Library Lawn
Monday	May 26, 2014	All Day	Library closed for Memorial Day.	
Tuesday	May 27, 2014	To be determined.	Writers' Group	MCL Hayward Room
Thursday	June 26, 2014	1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Turning Leaves Book Club- <i>Ex Libris, Anne Fadiman</i>	To be determined.
Thursday	July 24, 2014	1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Turning Leaves Book Club- <i>Book Thief, Markus Zusak</i>	To be determined.
Thursday	August 28, 2014	1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Turning Leaves Book Club- <i>An Invisible Thread, Laura Schroff</i>	To be determined.

- 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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