

# FRIENDS OF THE MENOMINEE COUNTY LIBRARY

Winter 2019-20



## Letter from the President

First, I want to thank the library patrons, the community, the volunteers, the library staff, and Friends members for their continued support of the library. The positive response from everyone has been amazing.

We have two big challenges ahead of us for the year 2020. Fundraising will be ongoing to help with the purchase of books/media, equipment, and children and adult programs. Please mark your calendar for “Library in Bloom” (plant sale) Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Other events are in the early planning stages.

The second item is to have the millage for the library pass. The millage for the library will be brought to the Menominee County voters in the March 10<sup>th</sup> election. This millage would support the county library in Stephenson, the Hermansville Branch, and the bookmobile for a period of five (5) years, 2020 to 2024. If you would like more information, please call or stop by the Stephenson Library or the Hermansville Branch. Please vote and encourage your family and friends to vote. The libraries and the services they provide are important to the communities!

We are always looking for volunteers to help with events. If you are interested in helping, please call the library at 906-753-6923. Mark your calendars for March 10<sup>th</sup>. Please get out and vote!

Happy New Year,  
Nancy Tuinstra, President

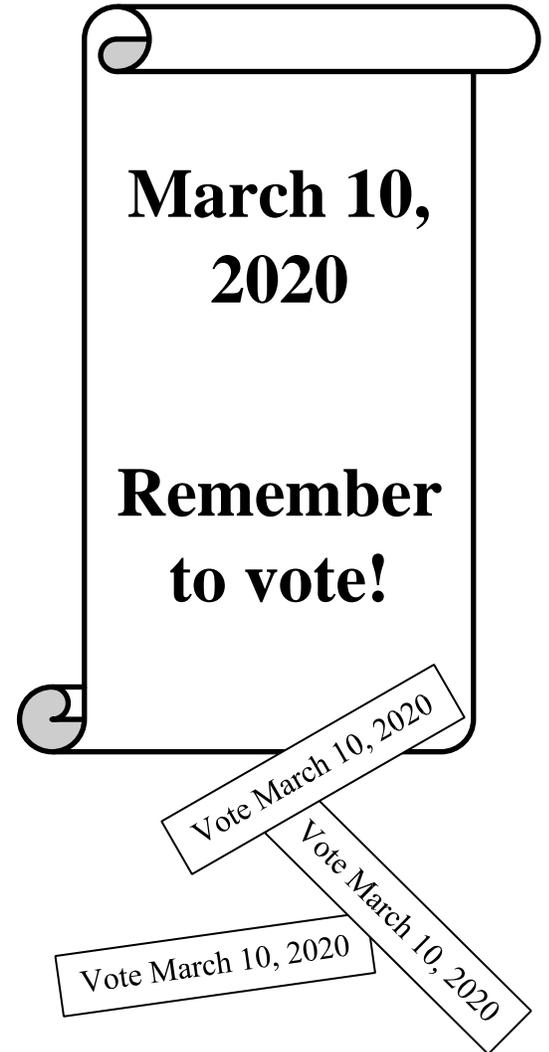
## Millage Election Information

The millage for the library is 0.375 (0.000375 on taxable value) for five (5) years. This will be brought to the voters on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. The millage would support the county library in Stephenson, the Hermansville branch, and the bookmobile for a period of five (5) years, 2020 to 2024. This would bring the library budget back to what it was before the cuts to the budget were made the last two years. If you have questions or would like more information, please call or stop by the library in Stephenson or the Hermansville branch.

**Your vote is important to keeping our library services to the northern half of Menominee County.  
Please vote YES on March 10th**

# Sample Library Millage Ballot

Proposal Section	County
Menominee County and Central Dispatch Millage Proposal	Menominee County Library Millage Proposal
<p>Shall the County of Menominee be authorized to levy up to 0.375 mills (\$.375 for each \$1,000 of taxable value), against all taxable property within Menominee County for a period of five (5) years, 2020 to 2024, inclusive, for the purpose of continuing funding to operate the County Library, purchase and maintenance of equipment at the County Library, and building/ground maintenance at the County Library?</p> <p>(If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$299,581.96 for the Menominee County Library in the first calendar year. In accordance with State law, a portion of the millage may be disbursed to the City of Menominee Downtown Development and Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities)</p>	<p>Yes <input type="radio"/></p> <p>No <input type="radio"/></p>



## Millage Absent Voter Ballot Application

Voters may get an application for absentee voting from the clerk in their township. The request must be in writing. **The library has a copy of the application**, and it is also available online. A Google search for “Michigan absent voter ballot application” supplies a list of potential sources. One that has “gov” in the address will most likely be a site that is provided by the government. Print the application form (**or get one at the library**) and mail or hand deliver it to your township clerk. The application does not list a deadline, but it may be wise to do it as soon as possible to be sure to allow time to vote.

## Library in Bloom

Our annual plant sale, Library in Bloom, will return this year on June 5<sup>th</sup> (Friday) and June 6<sup>th</sup> (Saturday). Mark your calendar so you don’t miss it! We will have a variety of family-friendly activities in addition to our popular plant sale. Plants for the sale may again be dropped off on the Thursday before the sale, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Do you have time to plant seeds for plants to share at Library in Bloom? You still have time to plant a few seeds to nurture into saleable plants for the Friends' annual plant sale. Our focus is on attractive-but lowmaintenance decorative plants as well as popular fruits and vegetables. We welcome your contributions to our sale items. Garden tools, dug-up-and-divided plants, outdoor art pieces, etc., are all welcome additions to our sale. Help the library bloom again this year!



## Willing to help?

If you are interested in helping to plan Library in Bloom, call Nancy Tuinstra at 715-923-4914, email the Friends at [mcfriends@uproc.lib.mi.us](mailto:mcfriends@uproc.lib.mi.us), or leave your name and phone number at the library desk.

## Fall Dinner/Fund Raiser

The Friends' annual dinner took place on September 29<sup>th</sup>, with a social session beginning at 12:30 p.m. and dinner at 1:00. The program began after dinner when Mike Fornes, the *Edmund Fitzgerald* speaker, returned to Belgiumtown with a new focus, "Mike Fornes Presents the Mackinac Bridge." Members of the public joined the Friends in the audience, and response was very positive.

The informative yet highly entertaining session on Michigan's beloved five-mile span covered "historic, tragic, and hilarious events." Mr. Fornes took us on a trip through the first six decades of the bridge's history, engaging his audience with a talk that clearly showed the speaker's vast storehouse of Mackinac Bridge information as well as his fondness for his subject.

A resident of Mackinaw City, Fornes is the author of *Mackinac Bridge—A 50 Year Chronicle 1957-2007* and *Mackinac Bridge* for Arcadia Publishing, both published in 2007, *USCGC Mackinaw (WAGB-83)*, published in 2005, and *USCGC Mackinaw (WLBB-30)*, published by Arcadia in 2015. He had copies available and cheerfully signed all he sold.

## Note

If you know of any speakers you think the Friends and the rest of our community would enjoy hearing, stop at the library desk and leave contact information for the speaker if you have it. If not, the name and area of specialty would be helpful. If there's a subject of interest to you but you don't have a suggestion for a speaker, tell us that, and we'll look for an enthusiast/expert in that subject.

# OPEN HOUSE/STAFF APPRECIATION Oh, what a wonderful time we had!



The musicians and singers were wonderful. From hauntingly beautiful medieval songs to much-loved traditional carols, the evening's entertainment focus on song pleased all who attended.

The new library arrangement was the perfect setting for the pleasing sound of musicians sharing their joy.

The food was delicious and beautifully presented, the new library arrangement is spacious and attractive, and the decorations were lovely. In all, another truly special event at the library.

## Newsletter Delivery

Our membership is growing to a size that has brought our attention to our newsletter mailing procedures. We would like to economize a bit and email the newsletter to those who wouldn't mind receiving it that way. When we mail electronically, you get the newsletter a few days earlier—and in color!

**If you would be willing to receive the newsletter by email, please turn in your name and email address at the library desk OR send us an email at [mcfriends@uproc.lib.mi.us](mailto:mcfriends@uproc.lib.mi.us) .** We may still do at least one annual hard-copy mailing, but generally we will be sending your newsletter as a pdf file in an email attachment. If you prefer a hard copy of the newsletter, we will continue to mail it to you as we have in the past. Copies of the current newsletter are generally available on the library web page and at the library desk.

## New Books

### Fiction

*Finding Chika: A Little Girl, an Earthquake, and the Making of a Family*, Mitch Albom  
*The Testaments*, Margaret Atwood  
*A Minute to Midnight*, David Baldacci  
*One Good Deed*, David Baldacci  
*The Story of Arthur Truluv*, Elizabeth Berg  
*Outfox*, Sandra Brown  
*Blue Moon*, Lee Child  
*Code of Honor*, Tom Clancey  
*The Water Dancer*, Ta-Nehisi Coates  
*The Night Fire*, Michael Connelly  
*Quantum*, Patricia Cornwell  
*Final Option*, Clive Cussler  
*The Deserter*, Nelson DeMille  
*Twisted Twenty-Six*, Janet Evanovich  
*Belgravia*, Julian Fellowes  
*Siege of Stone*, Terry Goodkind  
*The Guardians*, John Grisham  
*Then She Was Gone*, Lisa Jewell  
*The Highwayman*, Craig Johnson  
*The Institute*, Stephen King     *The Starless Sea* Erin Morgenstern  
*Cilka's Journey: A Novel*, Heather Morris  
  
*The Giver of Stars*, Jojo Moyes

*Where the Crawdads Sing*, Delia Owens  
*Criss Cross* , James Patterson

*The Dutch House*, Ann Patchett

*Death in Focus*, Anne Perry

*The Secret Orphan*, Glynis Peters

*The Rise of Magicks*, Nora Roberts

*Bloody Genius* , John Sandford

*To the Land of Long -Lost Friends*, A. McCall Smith  
*Spy*, Danielle Steel

*Olive, Again* , Elizabeth Strout

*The Oysterville Sewing Circle*, Susan Wiggs  
*Stealth*, Stuart Woods

### Nonfiction

*Three Days at the Brink* , Bret Brier  
*Trump vs. China* , Newt Gingrich  
  
*Triggered* , Donald Trump Jr.  
  
*Climbing Is Ageless: Life Lessons on Colorado's Fourteeners*, Tom Wilke

# CALENDAR—WINTER 2020

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thursday	2/27/2020	1:00-2:30	Turning Leaves Book Club-Abraham Lincoln Biography of Reader's Choice	*MCL Hayward Room
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3/10/2020</b>	<b>Men. County Polling Hours</b>	<b>Library Millage Election</b>	<b>Men. County Polling Places</b>
Thursday	3/26/2020	1:00-2:30	Turning Leaves Book Club- <i>Little Paris Bookshop</i> , Nina George	MCL Hayward Room
Thursday	4/23/2020	1:00-2:30	Turning Leaves Book Club- <i>The Great Alone</i> , Kristin Hannah	MCL Hayward Room
Thursday	5/14/2020	2:30-4:00	<b>Friends of MCL Annual Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election of Officers</li> <li>• Revision of by-laws</li> </ul>	MCL Hayward Room
Thursday	6/4/2020	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	Drop off plant sale items (plants, garden tools, etc.) the day <i>before</i> the sale.	MCL Garage
Friday Saturday	6/5, 2020 6/6, 2020	To be determined.	<b>Library in Bloom Plant Sale</b>	MCL Garage

MCL - Menominee County Library

HB - Hermansville Branch

Hayward Room - Meeting room at Menominee County Library

## Membership—New or Renewal

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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make checks payable to <b>Friends MCL</b>.</li> <li>• Provide an email if you would like a receipt.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
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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. Donations may be tax deductible. MCFriends@uproc.lib.mi.us*