

# FRIENDS OF THE MENOMINEE COUNTY LIBRARY

Summer 2018

## Focus: Friends of Menominee County Library

Friends of Menominee County Library have a single purpose: to help the library in carrying out its activities and projects. Sometimes this takes the form of monetary assistance. Over the last several years, we have financed technology equipment, supplies and programs for summer reading programs, and refreshments for various events at which residents of Menominee County expand their knowledge base.

The Friends' major fund-raising has taken three main forms: a Memorial Day weekend plant sale, a summer used book sale, and a fall raffle. Each of these has been successful, although this year's plant sale was cancelled for reasons we explored in the spring 2018 newsletter.

We have been considering new forms of fund raising in case we decide next spring not to return the plant sale to our calendar of activities. If you have ideas, please call the library at 906-753-6923 or Gerri Newnum at 906-863-1057. Call the same numbers or drop a note to Friends of Menominee County Library if you'd like to assist us with our projects. The next major activity is the annual book sale on July 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. We can always use setup workers on July 26<sup>th</sup> and book and raffle ticket sellers on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Director's Report

Library director Amanda Winnicki reported at the Friends' meetings on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Key points from her report:

- We've been awarded a Marinette & Menominee Community Foundation Grant for a Story Trail. We will receive the award in June, and any suggestions for titles to use are appreciated.
- The new bookmobile will arrive in June, but we do not have an exact date yet.
- The Summer Reading schedule is set. Kick-off is June 12-14, and the first program is June 21 at 1:30. The rest will be on Wednesdays through July, skipping the 4<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome at the programs.
- We will be running an adult Book Bingo challenge from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Forms are available at the library, the bookmobile, and the Hermansville branch.
- The library has received a donation of specialty cake pans will be working on promoting those. There are lots of fun ones available to check out.
- We are partnering with the Intermediate School District to combine their biweekly play group with our Toddler Storytime. We will be running Storytime through the summer and the toddler crafts will be "bagged" and available for adult caregivers to "Take and Make."
- We have added a puzzle table in the adult side and will be working on re-arranging the shelves this summer to make a better space for periodical reading.

## Election of Officers

We are holding our elections a month later than usual this year: June 28 at 2:30 p.m. We have a slate of candidates for the ballot, but we also welcome nominations from the membership. These positions are excellent pathways to the heart of the Friends' organization.

### Possible Ballot

Present Office Holder	Nominee	Nominee
President: Joan Brown	Joan Brown	?
Vice President: John Routhier	Ruth Kranberg	?
Secretary: Ruth Kranberg	Karen Kovach	?
Treasurer: Gerri Newnum	Gerri Newnum	?
Deputy Treasurer: Carol Kuntze	Carol Kuntze	?
Director: Ruth Kranberg	John Routhier	?

## By-law Review

In the last few years, we have made some changes in the organization's procedures and structure. We added a deputy treasurer so the treasurer has a backup person to deposit money and write checks approved by the membership at a meeting or by the president within the allowable monetary level, and we added directors as required. Our by-laws have not always kept up with these changes, and we are initiating a review of the old paper copy, updating it to the digital world and making it easier to make changes as they occur in our meetings. If this sounds interesting to you—or if you just find satisfaction in completing a task such as this, call the library at 906-753-6923 to offer your help.

## Garden Project

Although the library staff members are accustomed to positive comments on the library garden, we are fighting a serious battle with quack grass, which persists in attacking the garden with a willful determination. The gardening crew seems to grow a bit less hearty each year as age and arthritis enter the game. In response, we have initiated a garden study with two main goals: (1) revise the garden plan to make the garden easier to maintain and (2) retain the visual appeal that library patrons have appreciated in the years since our last restyling of the garden.



Gina Thompson, the library's new bookmobile assistant, has agreed to help us with the garden project. Gina has an associate's degree in horticulture, and she has performed landscape maintenance, installations, and renovations for several years. She also managed a native plant nursery in Door County. In other words, she's had considerable experience in gardening, and we look forward to hearing her ideas. The first meeting to explore possibilities will take place on June 7th at 10:00 a.m. in the Hayward Room at the library. Interested members and library patrons are welcome. The Friends members who plan to attend the meeting are Glenda Keiran, Karen Kovach, and Ruth Kranberg. Gina Thompson will attend as well.

## Annual Raffle

The process of gathering prizes for our annual raffle has begun. Quilting Friends have a lovely blue and white quilt with coordinating decorative pillows. Other donations so far include an Instant Pot pressure cooker from a Friends member and a rustic cedar bench from Cedar Creek Rustic Furniture of Ingalls, one of our strongest supporters. Saz's restaurant and the Menominee County Journal office, two other loyal supporters, have donated two gift certificates each that will provide tasty meals and high-interest local reading for our winning ticket holders.

If you know of a local business that might donate a raffle prize, or if you would like to donate one yourself, call the library at 906-753-6923 or Gerri Newnum at 906-863-1057. You can be identified on our promotional materials, or you can appear as an anonymous donor. Members are out gathering prizes, but we welcome other donations of prizes and gift baskets from members and area businesses.

We also give our hearty thanks to the owners of Anderson-Diehm Funeral Home, who have agreed again to pay for the ticket printing. With such wonderful assistance from area businesses, our mission of supporting library projects and activities becomes far easier.

## Book Sale Expansion

Don't forget to review your books, CD's, and DVD's to find those you might donate to the library book sale. The earlier you can get them to the library, the better it is, as Library Director Winnicki reviews them for potential additions to the library collection.

We are trying a craft table at the book sale on Friday and Saturday July 27-28. If you have a favorite craft and are willing to donate a few items to the sale table, please call the library (906-753-6923) or Gerri Newnum (906-863-1057). Immerfrost Farm has offered lovely metal bookmarks at their cost for us to sell, and President Joan has shown her usual incredible artistic talent in re-purposing a wooden rocker as a planter and repainting a side table. We welcome additional items—whether it be knitting or crocheting, woodworking, sewing/quilting, painting—whatever creations you might have to offer. We will appreciate your help in pricing your items. We do not want to over- or under-charge.

We also will take a few “white elephants,” items that are clean, in good working order, and likely to attract interest. No overly large items, please, as we simply do not have the room for them.

We will be calling for workers in a few weeks. We need people to move the books from the library to the township hall and sort them by author and type from **8:00 to 11:45 on Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup> and possibly 1:00 to 3:00**. We also need to cover the township hall **8:00 to 5:00 on Friday July 27<sup>th</sup> and 9:00 to 1:00 on July 28<sup>th</sup>**. We will be in the township hall only again this year, but we will be selling raffle tickets and craft table items.

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## 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—SUMMER 2018

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tues-Thurs	June 12-14, 2018	10:00 – 2:00	Summer Reading Kick-off	Menominee Cnty Lib.
Thursday	June 21, 2018	1:30	“Upcycled Crafts,” Kelcey Kalumbula, Cloud 9 Workshop	Township Hall*
Wednesday	June 27, 2018	1:30	Rock Painting, Library Staff and Friends	Township Hall*
Wednesday	July 11, 2018	1:30	“Science Rocks,” Mich Science Center	Township Hall*
Wednesday	July 18, 2018	1:30	“Dancing to the Beat,” Deb Grinsteiner	Township Hall*
Wednesday	July 28, 2018	1:30	“Edible Rocks,” Frank Best	Township Hall*
Thursday	June 28, 2018	1:00 – 2:30	Turning Leaves Book Club- <i>Goodbye, Mr. Chips</i> , James Hilton	MCL Hayward Room
Thursday	July 26, 2018	1:00 – 2:30	Book Club- <i>I Am Malala</i> , Malala Yousafzai	MCL Hayward Room
Thursday	August 23, 2018	1:00 – 2:30	Book Club- <i>My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She’s Sorry</i> , Fredrik Backman	MCL Hayward Room
Wednesday	July 26, 2018	8:00 – 11:45** & 1:00 – 3:00**	Organizing Sessions for Book Sale	Township Hall
Friday	July 27, 2018	8:00 – 5:00**	Friends’ Book Sale	Township Hall
Saturday	July 28, 2018	9:00 – 1:00**	Friends’ Book Sale	Township Hall
Saturday	November 3, 2018	To be announced.	Raffle Drawing	Menominee Cnty Lib.

- **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.**
- **\*Summer Reading activities will take place at the township hall or on the library lawn.**
- **\*\*Setup and cleanup work may extend beyond these times.**

## LOCATION



**Where to Find Us:**

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