

# FRIENDS OF THE MENOMINEE COUNTY LIBRARY

Winter 2017-18

## Annual Dinner and Fund Raiser

Our fall dinner and fund raiser took place at Belgiumtown Restaurant on October 29<sup>th</sup>. We had an especially good afternoon this year, and response from those attending has been very positive. We even had one grateful attendee call the library to praise the program.

Mike Fornes shared his deep knowledge of the events surrounding the sinking of the *Edmund Fitzgerald*. He ended with a beautifully delivered song. We thank Mr. Fornes for making our annual get together one of the best we've had: "*Edmund Fitzgerald* The Stories—The Song," by Mike Fornes.

Another high point of the afternoon was the dinner. The Belgiumtown staff prepared delicious food for us, and having it as a served meal was especially nice. We extend hearty thanks to all who contributed time and effort and skill to an exceptional annual dinner.



## Bookmobile Fundraising Update

The library is close to reaching its goal for the bookmobile. If you'd like to donate money, send a check made out to Menominee County Library. The Friends of the Library organization has donated \$3,000 to the bookmobile fund.



**All** donations are deeply appreciated, and major donations have special recognition. Pick up a donation sheet at the library or call the library to have one sent to you. Make out checks to Menominee County Library. Categories for donations are:

- \$250 (memorial shelf purchase)
- \$500 (sponsor plaque)
- \$1,000 (sponsor plaque)
- \$2,500 (handicap lift sponsorship, sponsor plaque)

## Friendly Focus & Fond Farewell: Carolyn Laurin

The Friendly Focus for this issue is retiring cataloger Mrs. Carolyn Laurin. Her last day at Menominee County Library was January 19th, and Friends of the Library joined the staff and patrons in wishing her a very special and happy retirement. A reception with light refreshments was open to the public from 1:00 - 3:00 that afternoon. The Hayward Room teemed with staff, Friends, and patrons surrounding Mrs. Laurin with good will.



Such occasions offer many wonderful opportunities for reflection on a lifetime of events and activities that have brought us to where we are today. For Mrs. Laurin, such retrospection involves gazing back at 46 years of work and family history. She is a product of the Upper Peninsula, having grown up in the Carney Gourley Township area. Except for two years in Milwaukee working at Briggs and Stratton on an assembly line, she has spent her work life in this area. Her varied work years include time working at an IGA in Carney and a convenience store in Powers, serving as a waitress, packing cheese at Frigo, and working at Robinson Furniture. She started at the library as a bookmobile assistant and then moved to her present position as a cataloger. She learned on the job and worked while she was raising her children, so she was a busy mom!

Carolyn met her husband during an evening out after high school. He grew up in the Flint area but moved here to be with his parents in an area he liked better than the downstate location. They married in 1980, and he worked at Superior Cedar in Carney. They had three children—two boys and a girl. Their son Eric lives in Boston and works as a consultant in a computer software company. Son Ben is a civil engineer who works in Wales, Wisconsin. Daughter Molly works at Bellin as a lab scientist with a primary focus on blood. Ben and Molly are both married, and Eric is marrying in February.

Sadly, the family lost father and husband to cancer in 2004. Molly was involved in 4-H, and leaders in that organization asked if Carolyn would mind if they began a race as a memorial for her husband with profits going to the cancer society. She agreed, and Ted Jenkins did most of the organizing. The run still takes place each year, but she says it has expanded its focus and is now more for all who have been lost to cancer.

Carolyn says her decision to retire after 21 years of service was very difficult, as she truly loved her job and felt honored to have had the opportunity to work at the Menominee County Library. She has spent the last 46 years at various jobs, but she found that working at the library was the most rewarding, challenging, and fulfilling. In her years at the library she has met many wonderful people and will always treasure the memories.

But, she says, it is time to move on to the next chapter of her life and enjoy the activities and hobbies that she has not had time for before. Retirees tell her that it is a time for choosing what she wants to do each day, and that sounds very inviting to her. She plans to continue with her regular yoga hobby. She also likes to walk, read (particularly historical fiction and Stephen King), and garden both vegetables and flowers. She's hoping to have time for all of these in her retirement—and for a substantial portion of volunteering.

Carolyn wants to thank everyone from the bottom of her heart for the wonderful memories she will have forever. Library patrons who have gotten to know her over her years at M.C.L. have an equally special set of memories of a delightfully sincere and caring lady.

# Halloween Pajama Story Time

As usual, it was difficult to tell who was enjoying the evening the most—children dressed in their Halloween spookiest, parents watching the carefully selected costume components slide through an evening of stories, or the library staff members and Friends of the Library who were delighting in the roundhouse of smiles and laughter.

We thank the 4-H Leadership Council for another wonderful evening of reading. The students and their leaders do a fantastic job of planning and carrying out the reading and switching of locations to listen to yet another special book. We all had a great time, and we deeply and sincerely thank all who made it possible!



## Membership

The membership year for Friends extends from January 1 to December 31 each year. This differs from the organization’s bookkeeping year, which is May through April each year. Thus, we are in the first month of our 2018 membership year, and we will be sending out a dues statement with this newsletter.

If you have a life membership, you are current on your dues, as the \$100 pays them for life. See the life membership list on the “New Additions” page to check to see if your life membership has been properly recorded. If not, please call the library to let us know so we can search our records to find the error.

To see the year your membership expires, check the mailing label of the envelope that contained this newsletter. The year in parentheses shows the year in which your membership ends on December 31 (2017 for most of us). Life members should have “life” in the parentheses. A few paid-ahead people have “2018” or “2019” in the parentheses.

If you just became a member late in 2017, we should have extended your membership through 2018. Please call the library to let us know if we did not do so.

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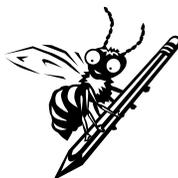
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## Membership—New or Renewal

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



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<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal

**I want to be a Friend of Menominee County Library.**

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### Life Members

Anderson, Alice A.  
Anderson, Mary Lou & Bob  
Bates, Kristin  
Cappaert, Ginnie  
Carrier, Peggi  
Cheski, Pat & Tom  
Cocco, Amanda  
Cody, Glenn  
Compton, Carol & John  
Cooley, Linda  
Cornett, Barbara  
Djupstrom, Linda  
Eagleton, David  
Folcik, Agnes  
Gardner, Anne  
Good, VOLLIE Hayward  
Harrand, Eileen  
Harris, Sharon  
Hemke, Junita & Fred  
Herman, Carol  
Horvath, Stella  
Ihander, Sally  
Jasper, Cynthia R.  
Johnson, Beverly & Bruce  
Johnson, David & Laura  
Koldos, Mary  
Kozma, Theresa  
Kuntze, Carol  
Leaf, Cheryl  
Malchow, John & Donna  
Meter, Patrick  
Nagorsen, Janis & Jim  
Newell, Stephanie & Robert  
Newnum, Gerri  
Nordin, Mark  
Parmeter, Barb  
Pfefferkorn, Carol  
Piche, Gerald & Mary  
Plutchak, Pat  
Porters, Jerry  
Raether, Karen  
Reyes, Emilio  
Salvatore, Cherylann & Bob  
Schrot, Sheryl  
Seitz, Barbara  
Selby, Kathleen  
Severinsen, Elizabeth

## New Additions

### Adult Fiction

*Origin* ----- Dan Brown  
*End Game* ----- David Baldacci  
*The Midnight Line* (Audio CD) ----- Lee Child  
*Little Fire Everywhere* ----- Celeste Ng

### Adult Non-Fiction

*Leonardo Da Vinci* ----- Walter Isaacson  
*Promise Me* ----- Joe Biden  
*Grant* ----- Ron Chernow

### Adult Large Print

*The Gift* ----- Shelley Shepard Gray  
*The Wrong Side of Paw* ----- Laurie Cass  
*The Austen Escape* ----- Katherine Reay  
*A Christmas Return* ----- Anne Perry

### Juvenile Easy

*Max and Bird* ----- Ed Vere  
*Somewhere Else* ----- Gus Gordon  
*La La La* ----- Kate DiCamillo

### Juvenile Non-Fiction

*Weird Frogs* ----- Chris Earley  
*How to Raise Monarch Butterflies* ----- Carol Pasternak  
*Cats* ----- Joan Galat  
*DC Super Friends Joke Book* ----- George Carmona III

### Life Members, Continued

Starzynski, Tom & Bev  
Steele, Bill & Barb  
Stepniak, Chuck  
Strohl, James  
Suvaizdis, Algirdas  
Thoune, Clyde  
Tuinstra, Marla  
Veaser, Lyn & Carole  
Wood, Lorraine

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# CALENDAR

## 2018

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Friday	January 19, 2018	1:00-3:00	Retirement Reception for Carolyn Laurin	M.C.L. Hayward Room
Thursday	January 25, 2018	1:00-2:30	Turning Leaves Book Club- <i>Remains of the Day</i> , Kazuo Ishiguro	M.C.L. Hayward Room
Thursday	February 22, 2018	1:00-2:30	Turning Leaves Book Club- <i>Hillbilly Elogy</i> , J.D. Vance	M.C.L. Hayward Room
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 22, 2018</b>	<b>3:00-4:00</b>	<b>Friends of the Library Meeting</b>	<b>M.C.L. Hayward Rm.</b>
Saturday	May 28, 2018	To be announced.	Friends' Plant Sale	M.C.L. Library Lawn
Saturday	November ?, 2018	To be announced.	Raffle Drawing	To be announced.

- **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.**

## LOCATION

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