

Bat Conservation

**Friends of the Library Program
Livonia Civic Center Library**

Sunday, February 18, 2018, 2:00 p.m.



A specially trained and skilled presenter from the 'Organization for Bat Conservation' International Headquarters will provide an entertaining and informative program. The presenters are very passionate about animals and the conservation issues faced by them so all ages will enjoy learning the natural history of these amazing creatures.

They have bats to display: one in a plexi-glass animal habitat and others to actually come out of their travel crate. We will learn about our native bats as well as bat houses. The beneficial roles bats play in their ecosystems will be explained, as well as conservation issues, such as habitat loss and the White Nose Syndrome. The speaker will also share ways people can help save bats.

Come join the Friends of the Livonia Library for a free and an enlightening afternoon followed by refreshments in the Michigan Room of the library.



Sustainable Gardening

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Sunday, March 11, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

"Two Women and a Hoe" will present a program on gardening that should help us get ready and inspired for the upcoming gardening season. Learning how to sustainably garden includes a variety of simple, low maintenance, affordable and practical principles in our gardens.

Harmony Town Chorus

Sunday, May 6, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

The Chorus will entertain with some favorite songs and possibly some new musical numbers that we may not have heard yet. In either case, this will be a pleasant way to spend an hour on a Sunday afternoon.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

MAY BOOK SALE PROCEEDS

\$19,465.77

OCT. BOOK SALE PROCEEDS

\$26,331.17

After eighty book sales over a 27 year period, Friends have achieved an astounding \$2,000,000 in sales! It is unknown how many volunteers worked at the sales, or how many people have donated books, but we thank each and every one of you for making this impossible goal some 20+ years ago a reality! And ... it is the customers who made all this possible!

Thank you for supporting your Livonia Libraries.

Dick Zimmerman

FRIEND'S NEW BOARD MEMBER

Diane Edwards



Diane Edwards was born and raised in Canada. At 15, Diane's family moved to Westland, Michigan. Approximately 20 years ago, Diane moved to Livonia. She is a retired nurse, is married and has two children and two grandchildren.

Diane loves books and is an avid reader. About a year and a half ago, she walked into the library bookstore, got some information about volunteering and has been with us ever since. Diane works downstairs and is the go-to person regarding special books.

Ways to help, contribute ...

A very big THANK YOU to Sue Sherbarth and Joan Onkka who have been decorating the bookstore so beautifully. They have retired which means we are in need of a decorator! Do you have a creative streak? An artistic *flair*? (Or perhaps your strength is following directions and you would prefer to assist someone). Think about it and call Barb: (734) 612-9207 or Vicki: (734) 462-6025

Thanks to Patricia Chernow for her Newsletter skills in producing the Friends Newsletter for the last 6.5 years. (And for assisting so greatly with this one).

Next Book Sale Dates:

Fri., Feb. 2, 2018 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 3, 2018 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 4, 2018 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
(Sunday is the bag sale in the atrium)

Thank you, Mary!



Our sincere thanks to departing Board member Mary Spongberg. Mary was the former newsletter editor for many years. She has been the Membership Chairperson for a number of years and has also helped Chuck Chandler with the online book sales. Mary will still continue to assist with our book production process and the book sales.

Friends of the Livonia Library Scholarship winner



Nathan Shaw, a page at the Livonia Library, is congratulated by Dick Zimmerman, President of the Friends of the Livonia Library, on winning a \$1,000 scholarship from the Friends of the Livonia Library. This scholarship was awarded at the Annual May meeting of the Friends.

This scholarship helps defray costs for his graduate degree and helps him enter the library community in a more professional way. Nathan has already pursued a B.A. degree from the University of Michigan in Dearborn with a major in Anthropology and a minor in Medieval and Renaissance Studies.

Despite his busy life, which has included working in the auto industry, he also volunteered his time in the community by helping in pediatrics, and participating in theater productions. While working at the library he created ongoing board and video games, library displays, and produced a commercial that was featured on national television. Well done, Nathan!

Friends Library Book Store Volunteer Luncheon

In May a luncheon was held to honor and thank the volunteers of the Bookstore. They consistently and cheerfully serve customers while keeping the shelves and carts fully stocked.

One of the managers, Vicky Shelley, brings her prescient knowledge – not just of book authors, but also, what is new, popular and in demand. She peruses thousands of books during our downstairs production process to make the best choices for our store. Thanks to her and her assistant, Norene Divens, for facilitating this work.

The Scheduling Manager, Barbara Fried, once again ensured that the bookstore is constantly staffed and we thank her also. We can't forget Ruth Kibler for her record keeping and care of the monies, Patricia Chernow for assisting the Saturday scheduling and Karen Grenshaw who makes all the price labels. Thank you all!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

Is it time to renew your membership? If you receive your newsletter by postal mail, the top of the address label lists your membership expiration date. If your renewal date is near or has passed, it will be highlighted in green. Current members receiving a Friends newsletter by email will receive an email notice to renew before your membership expires. To renew your membership, please use the form on the back of this newsletter and mail it to the library. **You may be allowed 6 months grace, then your name will be dropped from the membership list, paper or email.**

We appreciate your support of the Friends and remember – all membership dues and donations are TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

For any questions, concerns, and/or change of address, please contact Diane Bergendahl at 248-486-9676 or dbergend@gmail.com.

Some Further Dates for Your Calendar

The Friends of the Library Board meetings for 2018 are as follows, and open to the public:

January 10, 2018	Jenkins Room
March 14, 2018	Jenkins Room
May 6, 2018	<i>Annual Meeting & Program,</i> Auditorium
June 6, 2018	Jenkins Room

Other Items of Interest ...

Did you notice the landscaping around the library during the summer? There is quite a tale about what has gone on. Several years ago, Liz Dougherty and some other green-thumbed volunteers (as well as Liz's garden club cohorts), designed and planted a beautiful plan.

Subsequently the City laid down mulch which unfortunately contained some "bind weed" (a noxious weed if ever there was one!) Bind weed insinuates itself around every plant. Its roots are particularly insidious as any particle left in the ground perpetuates itself. After a lengthy battle the City had to remove all the plants and topsoil and went through a process of a series of commercially applied pesticides. Once the sites (the Veterans Memorial was also infected) were "clean" the City replanted.

Now, some "housekeeping details". Patricia Chernow has kindly recently trained the current writer (Rebecca) to work towards assuming the mantle of editor. Thank you, Patricia.

Some past news that needs to be shared in regards to an article in the Spring Newsletter of 2017, "Dismantling a home library." Patricia Chernow found out that the name of the author was Lori Rariden, Harriet Larsen's daughter. Lori had to mull through Harriet's vast library following her passing.

As there wasn't a Summer or Fall Newsletter, this edition is trying to compensate. Please bear with us considering the learning curve. If we have missed the opportunity to share your library news, please forgive and let us know. *Rebecca*

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Please recycle your clean paper or plastic bags to the book donation bin in the atrium for use at our future book sales. We also use these bags in the book store.



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