



FRIENDS ANNUAL BOOK SALE

The Friends Annual Book Sale starts **March 3rd from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. with our Members ONLY Preview**. Explore our **new layout** with a **central checkout location** outside of the Auditorium so there will be **even more great finds** in the Auditorium and downstairs in the Youth Activity Room! Attend the preview and receive a \$2.00 coupon toward your next Friends Shop purchase. Not a member or your membership has lapsed? Join or renew Thursday night!

Not able to shop the preview? Public hours are Friday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 am to 3:00 p.m. Saturday is our \$5.00 bag sale. Purchase Hollywood Market bags for \$5.00 each and carry out as many books as the bags will hold! The Friends Shop is NOT included in the bag sale.

We are looking for volunteers to help prepare for the book sale and to work during the sale. **If you are interested in volunteering, please email your name and telephone number to friendsbooksale@ropl.org or telephone Roxanne Plater at (248) 435-2011.** A sign-up sheet is available in the Friends Shop.

ADOPT A SIGN: If you are interested in adopting a lawn sign to advertise the Book Sale, contact friendsbooksale@ropl.org for details.

Shop Hours

Mon & Wed: 10 am - 8 pm
Thur: noon - 8 pm
Sat: 10 am - 3 pm
 (5pm on Live Music dates)

FRIENDS SHOP NEWS

The Friends Shop had a busy fall and early winter with its most successful November and December in more than five (5) years. Our success is due not only to our great customers, but the wonderful quantity and quality of donations we receive. In early October of last year, we joined the city Scrap Metal, Electronics & Book Drive. Volunteers braved cold damp weather and accepted book donations for the Library and handed out thank you letters and other information. We received a large number of books that made their way to the Friends Shop. We plan to participate again this spring.

In preparation for the annual book sale, the shop will be closed all day Wednesday, March 2 and until 5:00 on Thursday, March 3. After the sale, it will be closed Monday through Friday, March 7-11. The shop will re-open Saturday, March 12 staying open until 5:00 for a Live Music Series Concert.

The Friends sponsor the **“Live Music @ Royal Oak Public Library.”** Join us in the Friends Auditorium on **select Saturdays at 3pm** throughout the year for these free performances. The shop stays open until 5:00 pm to accommodate attendees of the program. **Enjoy great music and shop with us before or after the program.**



- February 13, 2015 - Metro Jazz Voices
- March 12, 2015 – Acoustic Trio Fable, Grable & Bearly Able
- April 2, 2015 – Pianist Martin Mandelbaum and friends will perform the Best of Disney
- April 23, 2015 – Windscares: Wind Instrumental Music

In addition to a wide selection of gently used (and occasionally new) books, DVDs, CDs, and VHS tapes at great prices, the **ROPL**

Friends Shop is the exclusive seller of Royal Oak logo wear! Show your Royal Oak pride with hats, t-shirts (adult and youth sizes), and lapel pins with the new city logo.



In Memory of Mary Lou Guida

We sadly announce that long-time volunteer Mary Lou Guida passed away in December. Mary Lou volunteered in the Friends Shop on the first Saturday of the month. She frequently discussed a trip she had recently taken or the mystery she was currently reading. Her beaming smile will be greatly missed. The Friends have donated to the library for the purchase of books in her memory.



Friends Shop February Specials

In February, the Friends shop will be featuring **gardening and vintage books**. The regular price gardening book will be **50% off** and **select vintage books will be 25¢**, including some Nancy Drew and Hardy Boys.

JOYCE ANN MAIERLE AWARD

The Joyce Ann Maierle Award was created by the Friends of the Royal Oak Library to recognize the exceptional contributions of Joyce Ann Maierle, a long-time supporter of the Royal Oak Public Library and the Friends.

Friends Members, Volunteers, Board Members, Library Staff, and Library Patrons can nominate volunteers to receive the award. **Nominate a volunteer today!**



Award Criteria

- A recipient must be a member of the Friends of the Royal Oak Public Library. The member may also be an employee of the Library, but can be recognized only for volunteer activities.
- A recipient must have volunteered for a minimum of five years and, during those years, shown exceptional dedication and commitment to the Friends and the Library.
 - Exceptional dedication is demonstrated by volunteering significantly more hours than the average hours worked in one year by most volunteers in the shop and sorting room.
 - Exceptional commitment is demonstrated by volunteering for special projects, being available to assist and fill-in when needed, working with a positive attitude, and otherwise putting the Library's interests first.
- Recipients are eligible to receive this award more than once, in non-consecutive years, when service to the Library merits.

JOYCE ANN MAIERLE AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Nominee Name _____

Nominated By (optional) _____

How does the nominee exemplify the dedication and commitment this award represents?

To be considered for 2016, nominations must be received by June 1, 2016.

Drop this form off at the ROPL Circulation Desk, email to friends@ropl.org, or mail it to: Friends of the Royal Oak Public Library, 222 East 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI 48067

Tea & TED: Talks on Tuesdays

Gather at the library for Tea & TED on select Tuesdays from 12:15 to 1:15pm. These "brown bag lunch" events will include a TED video presentation (18 minutes or less) followed by a moderated, open discussion on the presented topic.



Tuesday, February 16 at 12:15-12:45 pm or 12:45-1:15 pm for "The Brain in Love." Helen Fisher discusses our very real, very physical need for romantic love.

Tuesday, March 15, 2015 at 12:15-12:45 pm or 12:45-1:15 pm for "Could the Sun be Good for your Heart." Dermatologist Richard Weller explains how UV light can lead to great benefit for blood pressure and the cardiovascular system.

Tea & TED is sponsored by the City of Royal Oak Health and Wellness Committee and ROPL. Refreshments provided by the Royal Oak Community Coalition. All programs are free and open to the public.

ROPL THIRD THURSDAY BOOK DISCUSSIONS



Join us for spirited discussions about the following titles on the **third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm** in Meeting Rooms C-D. Registration is suggested. Titles are provided for each session. For more information, contact Librarian Rosemary Mirsky at 248-246-3715 or rosemary@ropl.org.

February 18, 2016 – *The Martian* by Andy Weir; An astronaut fights to survive on Mars without food, shelter, air or water -- after his mission is cut short by a dust storm and his crew leaves him behind, thinking he is dead.

March 17, 2016 – *Duel with the Devil: the True Story of How Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr Teamed Up to Take on America's First Sensational Murder Mystery* by Paul Collins; An account of a Quaker woman whose dead, mutilated body turned up in the well of Aaron Burr's Manhattan home in 1779, and how lawyers and political rivals Burr and Hamilton teamed up to defend the young man accused of the slaying.

April 21, 2016 – *Norah Webster: A Novel* by Colm Toibin; The story of a widow in an Irish village trying to remake her life after the death of her husband.



Gale Courses

ROPL patrons have free online access to Gale Courses. Gale Courses offers patrons access to hundreds of instructor-led online courses covering everything from health and wellness to creative writing, computer programming, GED test preparation and much more. These courses are developed by expert instructors and have continuous enrollment dates. This resource offers patrons continuing education opportunities that they can access from their home or the library's public computers.



Since the program became available to ROPL patrons mid-2014, there have been 393 total enrollments. Currently the most popular courses include Beginning Writer's Workshop, Medical Terminology: A Word Association Approach, and PMP® Certification Prep 1.

Visit ropl.org or call the Adult Reference Desk at (248) 246-3727 for more information about online services.



NEW PATRON AND LIFETIME MEMBERS

Welcome our newest Friends of the ROPL Patron and Lifetime Members

Gloria Parsons

Membership Renewal Alert:

Please check the date on the address label of this newsletter, if it says **2/2016 or before, your membership has expired.**

Renewal is easy! Simply fill out the form on the back of this newsletter, attach your check, and bring or mail to the library.



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Membership Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

- Life \$200
- Patron \$100 annual
- Business/Organization \$50 annual
- Single \$10 annual
- Family \$20 annual

Yes, I've included a one-time donation of \$_____

Yes, I want to be an active member. Please contact me.

Drop this form and your check off at the ROPL Circulation Desk, or mail it to:
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