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FRIENDS ANNUAL BOOK SALE

The Friends Annual Book Sale starts **Thursday, March 9 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.** with our **Members ONLY Preview**. 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, March 10**, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and **Saturday, March 11**, from 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, please email your name and telephone number to friendsbooksale@ropl.org or call Larry Baker at (248) 515-4560.** 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.

New Shop Hours

Mon, Wed, Thurs: 10 am - 8 pm
Sat: 10 am - 3 pm (5pm on Live Music dates)

FRIENDS SHOP NEWS

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 25 – **Carl Cafagna and the Creole Kitchen** will be here for a Mardi Gras Music Celebration including: When the Saints Go Marchin’ In, Bourbon St. Parade, and Tiger Rag.
- March 4 – **Fable, Grable & Bearly Able** will return to perform many of your favorite Irish music favorites, as well as some lesser-known tunes from the Emerald Isle.
- April 29 – **Quintet Cantabile** will return to present a variation of chamber

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 tote bags hats, t-shirts (adult and youth sizes), and lapel pins.



New Writing Series Debuts in March

Growing Ideas: Generating & Developing Fiction and Non-Fiction, a three-part writing series offered by author and writing professor Alicia Schaeffer, will be offered Wednesday nights, starting **March 29 at 7 pm**.

The first session encourages participants to feed the imagination and pull from one’s experience to spark fiction and non-fiction material. As the sessions advance on **April 5 and April 12**, participants will be able to develop their ideas into more formal pieces, share, and revise.

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 2017, nominations must be received by June 1, 2017.

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



Volunteer Appreciation Tea

The annual Volunteer Appreciation Tea was held in October. Attendees enjoyed delicious food, raffle prizes and good company. The Friends of the Royal Oak Library honored retiring volunteer, Roxanne Plater, for her years of dedication and untiring service. **We thank Roxanne and all volunteers for their work.**

FRIENDS of the ROPL NEW PATRON AND LIFETIME MEMBERS

Thank you and welcome!

**Sophie Dobriansky
John Gryniewicz**



Why Am I a Friends of the ROPL Volunteer?

The Friends of the ROPL is an active organization that supports the Royal Oak Public Library by raising funds through sales of books and other items, memberships, donations, and grants. These monies directly fund library programs, materials, and technology. Our entire organization is fueled entirely by volunteers! We recently asked some of them why they volunteer.

Ann Barbour said she “enjoys the normal quiet atmosphere of the library, particularly when working in the Friend's Shop. I also enjoy the excitement of the big book sales. I appreciate what a fine public library system has meant to me since childhood, and later when raising my daughter. I want to support the resource of the Royal Oak library in my community, a place with so many benefits to all residents.”

Beth Sowulewski answered this way, “Over the years the library has been such a wonderful resource to me and my family. I wanted to give back to the place that has helped enrich our family life so much.

I enjoy meeting a variety of different people that come into the bookstore and observing what a thriving place the library is for our community. Countless times I see people greeting friends, neighbors, family at the library. I love to see all the great books/cd's/movies that have been donated and usually find one or two to purchase! I appreciate being able to donate used items back to help raise much needed money for library programs.

Serving on the Friends Board has been a pleasure and has opened other ways to volunteer for the library.”

Thank you to our many volunteers!

Current Volunteer Opportunities

In September, Roxanne Plater (recipient of the Joyce Ann Maierle Award, Library Board Member, former Friends' Board Member and Friends Shop Coordinator), stepped down from her former roles with the Friends. We thank her for all of her past involvement and continued support. **In this time of transition many volunteers have stepped in to assist, thank you to those volunteers!**

We are working to fill some roles that are still open. Some of these are on-going and some come up only a few times a year! We are flexible in terms of the role's content and breaking items up between individuals to get the right volunteer opportunity for you! These jobs are easy to learn with training available. For more information or to volunteer, contact Margaret Blount at mcblount@sbcglobal.net or 248-224-5228.

Shop Sales: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update communication team as needed Coordinate with book sale committee for Shop role in sales Maintain/reorder Royal Oak merchandise (t-shirts, etc) 	Communication: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate with shop sales Post sales and special events on social media or give to social media coordinator for posting Provide direction on shop events for newsletter
Sorting Room Planning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with sorters regularly to keep up to date/on track Organize sorting room to reflect current book stock situation (add/remove a category/shelf space) Communicate inventory with Shop Sales 	Scanning (Existing group seeks additional help): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retrieving books from carts Scanning books on computer through web sites Identifying potential buyers Choosing buyer based on price offer (mostly)
Selling (Existing group seeks additional help): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retrieve pile of books categorized by potential buyer Scan books into buyer's website Print packing slip and shipping label to complete sale Pack box Drop off at USPS, UPS, and/or FedEx 	Shop Logistics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retrieve sign-in sheets (sorting room and shop), deposit sheets, dealer logs at month end Stock shop with forms and office supplies Keep forms and job guidelines up to date and make sure they are available to volunteers
Community Outreach: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate table w/materials at outreach programs, i.e. RO Glass and Clay Show, library outdoor concerts Update communication team and board as needed. 	Sorting Room Inventory Maintenance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review sorting room shelves and ensure books are recycled that are in poor condition or outdated.

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Donations Needed for Clay, Glass & Metal Show Children's Mosaics!

- Small Plastic Containers, 3 inches or more
- Buttons, beads, and other small craft items

Please leave donations on the book donation cart in the library by June 1st 2017.

Please check the date on the address label of this newsletter. If it says 2/1/2017 or before, your membership has expired!

Friends of the Royal Oak Public Library Membership Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Life: \$200

Single: \$10 annual

Patron: \$100 annual

Family: \$20 annual

Business/Organization: \$50 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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