



BOOK SALE NEWS

The Friends held a special book sale October 13–14. We brought in \$1,354.56 at the sale and an additional \$393.45 in the Shop during those two days. **Thanks to all who attended that sale and bought books, thereby helping to fund library programs!**

Coming up is the big **Friends Annual Book Sale!** It starts **Thursday, March 7, from 5 to 8pm, with our Members-ONLY Preview.** Friends members can attend the preview and receive a \$2 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 8, from 10am to 5pm; Saturday, March 9, from 10am to 3pm; and Sunday, March 10, 1 to 4pm.** We will again feature our popular **\$5 bag sale on Saturday and Sunday.** Purchase Hollywood Market bags for \$5 each and carry out as many books as the bags will hold! Please note that media (CDs, DVDs, etc.) and purchases from the Friends Shop are 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 contact **Larry Baker at Larbaker4@gmail.com or (248) 515-4560** with your name and email address/phone number. A sign-up sheet will also be available in the Friends Shop and Sorting Room.

FREE PARKING: In cooperation with the Farmer's Market, when you visit the market, free valet parking will be available on Saturday. The valet parking will extend beyond the Market's hours and stay open til 3pm to accommodate Book Sale attendees. **Need help taking books to your car?** Notify a Book Sale volunteer, we'll be happy to help you out! **ADOPT A SIGN:** Host a lawn sign to advertise the Book Sale! Contact friendsbooksale@ropl.org.



LIBRARY DIRECTOR RETIRING MARCH 1

Join us **Thursday, February 28, from 4 to 7pm** in the Friends Auditorium to **celebrate Mary Karshner** and wish her well as she retires! Refreshments will be available.

Emily Dumas, the current head of youth and teen services for the library will become director when Mary retires.

As a member of the Friends Board for over 25 years, one of the finest and nicest people I have worked with is Mary Karshner. Beginning as a member of the staff and progressing to Library Director, she has been a great asset to the Library, the Friends' Board and the community. Mary has assisted the Friends Board in many ways, working with us for the benefit of the Library and the community.

Mary always shows the best side of the Library in her job as Director and is a role model for staff and volunteers. In the community she actively participates in activities such as the Farmer's Market Community events, Friends Book Sales, and working with the Interclub Council.

We will all miss Mary with her great smile and winning personality but know that whatever she embarks on next, she will show that same willing spirit to work with others for the benefit of the community and the Library.

Margaret Blount, Friends of the ROPL President

October Volunteer Appreciation Tea

On Sunday, October 21st, the Friends hosted our annual Volunteer Appreciation Tea. Many got into the Halloween spirit and came dressed as their favorite literary characters. Everyone enjoyed good food and beverages, and socializing with fellow volunteers. There was a raffle and everyone left a winner! If you couldn't go last year, mark your calendar for this year's Appreciation Tea. You will have a good time.



JOYCE ANN MAIERLE AWARD

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

- 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 (5) years and, during those years, shown exceptional dedication and commitment to the Friends and the Library.
 - Exceptional dedication is demonstrated by volunteering more than 120 hours in one year in the shop and/or 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.
- A past recipient is eligible to receive this award more than once, in non-consecutive years, when service to the Library proves they meet the requirements. There may be more than one recipient per year.

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 2019, nominations must be received by December 31, 2019.

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



Meet our Newest Friends Board Members

In September, we had two long term board members step down. **Thank you to Ann Barbour and Jenni Beljak for their years of service.** Mitzi Hoffman and Kevin Pierson were elected to the board at the Friends Annual Meeting September 17, 2018.

Mitzi Hoffman has been a Royal Oak resident for 20 years and has volunteered for a number of local organizations, including the Royal Oak Nature Society and the Royal Oak Historical Society. She recently finished 9 years on the Board of Trustees for the Royal Oak Public Library. Mitzi volunteers for the friends not only on the Friends Board as our Vice President, but also by scanning and working some events.

Kevin Pierson, a native Michigander has been a resident of Royal Oak for the last 6 years. Kevin now works as The District Sales Manager for Sam Adams and The Boston Beer Company. In his free time he is an amateur triathlete, marathon runner, and volunteers with The Miracle League of Michigan. Kevin looks forward to being an active advocate for the continued support that The Friends of the Royal Oak Public Library provides.



Friends Join Kroger Community Rewards

The Friends are very excited to be a part of the Kroger Community Rewards Program! Register your rewards card at the Kroger Community Rewards site <https://www.kroger.com/account/communityrewards/> and the Friends will be rewarded when you shop! Simply go to the site, sign in, and search for "Friends of the Royal Oak Public Library" or our assigned number - GH685. Kroger Rewards cards are available at the customer service desk.

If your membership has expired (address label 2/1/2019 or earlier), PLEASE RENEW NOW!

Volunteer Spotlight: Friends' Stockers

Qualities: Able to work independently; good decision-making skills; able to bend and lift; and able to push library cart.

As books are sold through the Friends Shop, the stocker replenishes the stock, as well as the sale carts located outside the Shop and in the children's department. Using a check sheet listing the numerous topic shelves in the Shop and areas outside the Shop, the stocker notes which areas need to be replenished. Stock is then selected from available inventory stored in the Sorting Room. Color-coded inventory dots are affixed to the spines of the books selected to be shelved.

Good quality, popular trending books (when available) are selected for restocking the Shop. The Friends Shop is re-stocked 3-4 times each week, so the inventory is constantly refreshed. Each stocker has an assigned day(s) to replenish the stock for the Friends Shop. Every 4 months the shelves in the Friends Shop are culled and books that have remained unsold for a period of time are removed and repurposed, often included in our book sales.

We have a wonderfully dedicated, energetic, and motivated staff of stockers: Carol Bradshaw, Yvonne Busby-Dean, Cathy Carter, Mary Lanphier, Karen Thomson, and Sylvia Simon. And a special "thank you" to those who not too long ago helped with restocking: Joanne Kemp, Sue Trolinger and Beth Sowulewski.



**THANKS TO OUR
NEWEST PATRON AND
LIFETIME MEMBERS**
Evelyn Flynn
Mark Walton
Mary and David Wood



New Digital Services - Kanopy

Classic, indie, documentary and DIY films are now available from Kanopy. Access Kanopy's impressive variety of films from silent-era shorts to ground-breaking documentaries for free with your Royal Oak Public Library card. Check ropl.org or phone 248-246-3727 for details.



MUSIC & MORE @ ROPL

Our **Live Music series** continues on through the spring: all music programs are **Saturdays at 3 pm**. February 23rd is **MO-MO-Motown and 70s Soul with Sheila Landis**; April 6th is **A Wee Bit of Scotland** and April 13th is **Wind Quintet & Cello Quartet: Stories in Music**.

Thursday **March 14 at 7:30 pm** join us for **Peter Bergin's Ragtime St. Patrick's Day Concert**.

Explore Women's History in **March at 7 pm**! March 12: **Rosie the Riveter**; March 18: **Women in the Fight Against Slavery** and March 28: **Michigan Women and the Civil War**

ROPL is featuring **MI True Crime Series** on these dates at **7pm**: **MI Bad** – March 20; **Terror in the City of Champions** – April 3 and **When Evil Came to Good Hart** – May 6.

Friends Shop News

In addition to always having a varied choice of books on many topics, the Friends Shop will have **monthly themed books on the "Feature Shelf"** in the shop - February: **African-American History Month**; March: **Women's History Month**; and April: **Poetry Month**. Great deals available on the patio: 2/25¢ library discards, 25¢ hard cover fiction, 5¢ assorted cards, and assorted media items and puzzles!

The Shop will be closed prior to the book sale on Thursday March 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m and will reopen for the Members Only Book Sale Preview that evening from 5-8pm. The Shop will be closed following the sale on Monday, March 11 only; reopening on Wednesday, March 13.

We **need new volunteers** to continue all that the Friends do, share your volunteer experience with or pass this newsletter on to someone who would be a good fit! **Ongoing OPEN Shop Shifts need volunteers!** Contact Vanessa at vanessa.salliotte@gmail.com or 814.571.3731

- 1st Thursday of the month (5:30 - 8pm)
- 2nd Thursday of the month (3 - 5:30pm)
- 3rd Wednesday of the month (10am - 12:30pm)
- 2nd Saturday of the month (12:30 - 3pm)
- 3rd Monday of the month (5:30pm - 8:00pm)

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Book Sale: March 7 - 10

Contact the Friends Board and newsletter editor at friends@ropl.org or in person at our monthly board meeting 7pm in the ROPL Friends Auditorium. 2019 Dates: Mar 18, Apr 15, May 20, Jun 17, Aug 19, Sep 16 (Annual Meeting), Oct 21, Nov 18

More ways to support the Friends of the ROPL...

- Share this newsletter. Ask a friend to join a growing organization – **147** strong – dedicated to supporting the Royal Oak Public Library!
- Leave a legacy by naming the Friends of the ROPL in your estate.
- Donate your gently-used books, CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, games, and puzzles at ROPL.
- Make a purchase in the Friends Shop or Children's area.
- Volunteer! Fill out a volunteer form and return to the circulation desk at the Library.

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.

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