



BOOK SALE NEWS

The Friends held a special book sale September 14–15. We brought in \$1,322.41 at the sale and an additional \$237.10 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 5th, from 5 to 8 pm**, with our **Members-ONLY Preview**. **Friends members can attend the preview and receive a sheet of 12 coupons to use throughout the year, including one for \$2 off in March!** It's never been a more rewarding time to be a Friends Member! Not a member or your membership has lapsed? **Join or renew Thursday night!**

Not able to shop the preview? **Public hours are Friday, March 6, from 10 am to 5 pm; Saturday, March 7, from 10 am to 3 pm; and Sunday, March 8, 1 to 4 pm.** We will again feature our popular **\$5 bag sale on Saturday and Sunday**. Purchase paper grocery bags (generously donated by Hollywood Market) 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. **Need help taking books to your car? Notify a Book Sale volunteer; we'll be happy to help you out!**

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.

ADOPT A SIGN: Host a lawn sign to advertise the Book Sale! Contact friendsbooksale@ropl.org.

Updates From the Library Director

I am proud to announce that **Royal Oak Public Library** has attained the Enhanced level of the **QSAC standards**. **Created by the Library of Michigan**, QSAC stands for Quality Service Audit Checklist and creates benchmarks for excellence in seven areas: Governance & Administration, Human Resources, Services, Collection Development, Technology, Facilities & Equipment, and Public Relations. Currently only six libraries including ROPL hold the Enhanced title. The library board and staff worked tirelessly to achieve this level, and it is quite an honor.

In September the staff honored the Friends and other volunteers with a special luncheon. We are so very appreciative of the efforts of our wonderful Friends group and all of our volunteers, and the staff expressed this gratitude with heartfelt speeches. The Friends president at the time, Margaret Blount, was in attendance and also spoke on behalf of the Friends. Lunch and cake were then served. I look forward to holding this event every year, as it is the least we can do for our Friends and volunteers who give so much to support the library.

The Friends of the Library were the beneficiaries of proceeds from the sales of city t-shirts in the fall. These shirts were on sale for about \$20 and featured the pROud logo recently created by the city. All sales supported the Friends, and nearly \$700 was raised. I was very grateful that the Friends were considered for this drive, and glad to see it was successful.

Emily Dumas
Library Director



The Good Roads Movement in Michigan, 1888-1926

In 1890, the United States perhaps had the worst road system of any developed country in the world. Impassable three or four months a year due to muddy conditions, the balance of the early roads in America were dusty, rutted and disjointed, serving only very local functions.

What steps were taken? On **Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 pm**, Jim Craft will discuss the importance of the bicycle, the Model T and the Liberty truck. Among other things he will explain why Van Dyke is named the Earle Memorial Highway, and the role American farmers played in the Good Roads Movement.

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?

Nominations must be received by December 31, 2020. Drop this form off at the ROPL Circulation Desk, email to friends@rop.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 Vanessa Salliotte and Lyndsay Sloan for their years of service.** We are pleased to welcome Kathryn Ribant Payne and Nina Walker to the Friends' Board.



Kathryn Ribant Payne grew up in Royal Oak, frequenting the Royal Oak Public Library, and moved back to the city three years ago with her husband and two sons. She is Director of Marketing and Communications for Oakland Family Services, a human services non-profit organization with multiple locations throughout the county. In addition, she is a trustee on the Royal Oak Public Library Board and does volunteer work for Read to a Child and University of Detroit Mercy.

Nina Walker grew up in Warren, Michigan, however has been a resident of Royal Oak for 35 years. She has 3 grown children, seven grandchildren and is expecting her 8th grandchild in late April. She is a nurse by trade, working for 40 years in a variety of areas, in the field of nursing. She retired in August, 2018 and is enjoying this time of her life immensely. Her and her husband are active members of the Friends of the Library and Nina volunteers in the Library Shop a couple of times per month. She loves reading, gardening and being with her family.



Check out the Environmental Sunday Series Sundays, 2pm @ ROPL!

Recycling Demystified: 3/1; Residential Stormwater Project: 3/15; Bees, Plant & Climate Change: 3/22; Reduce Energy Consumption & Save Money: 3/29



If your membership has expired (address label Exp: 2/1/2020 or earlier), PLEASE RENEW NOW!

Kroger Rewards

This is a very generous program that has the potential to help the Friends significantly.

Follow these easy steps to register:

Step 1: Grab a Kroger Plus Card and register online at
<https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>

Step 2: Link your Kroger Plus Card with group #GH685 - Friends of the Royal Oak Public Library

Step 3: Shop at Kroger, use your Kroger Plus Card and earn money for the Friends of the ROPL!

Purchases will not count for the Friends until after you have registered your card and linked it to the Friends group. You must swipe your registered Kroger Plus card (or use the alternate ID that is associated with your registered Kroger Plus card) when shopping for each purchase to count.

Springfed Writers & Music Series at ROPL

Organized and hosted by John D. Lamb, Springfed Arts' mission since its founding over 20 years ago is, "To educate and inspire folks in the craft of writing, be it prose or song, the performance of works, spoken or sung." Each month Lamb will present a variety of poets, writers and songwriters. Perfect for teens to older adults!

Wednesday, February 26, at 7:00 pm, featuring poets **M.L. Liebler** and **Alex Morgan**; founder of The Detroit Writing Room/reporter/editor **Stephanie Steinberg**; and senior writer at American Greetings, songwriter **Joe Shields**.

Wednesday, March 25, at 7:00 pm, featuring poets **Zilka Joseph**, **Christine Rhein**, and **Dennis Hinrichsen**; author **Linda Sienkiewicz**; and songwriter **Amy Petty**.

Wednesday, April 22, at 7:00 pm, featuring novelist **Michael Zadoorian**; authors **Bill Vlasic** and **Susan Whitall**; and songwriter **Jim Bizer**.



LIVE MUSIC @ ROPL

Programs run about 90 minutes, perfect for all ages!

Tuesday, March 10 @ 7pm: The Dugouts St. Patrick's Day Irish Concert - traditional Irish music on the fiddle, drum, keyboard and guitar.

Saturday, April 18 @ 3pm: **Tony by Tony**, the Tony Camilletti Quartet - This special presentation features a collection of iconic songs associated with the distinctive voice of Tony Bennett.

Sunday, April 19 @ 3:00 pm: **Wind and Rhythm**, presented by Quintet Cantabile and the Motor City Saxophone Quartet, includes varied chamber music selections including classical and romantic-era pieces as well as jazz and popular selections.

Friends Shop News

In addition to always having a varied choice of books on many topics, the Friends Shop has monthly themed books on the "Feature Shelf" in the shop - **Great deals available on the patio:** 2/25¢ library discards, 25¢ hard cover fiction, 5¢ assorted cards, assorted media items including LP's, puzzles and miscellaneous surprise items!

The Shop will be closed prior to the book sale on Thursday March 5, 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 9 only; reopening on Wednesday, March 11.

"One of my favorite times growing up was when my mother took us on our walk to the library. There were times when I really liked a book and didn't want to return it when it was due! Having the Friends Shop provides the opportunity to buy a book to keep or pass on to someone else. Volunteers make it possible to keep the Shop available for everyone. As a volunteer you get to meet and talk to some interesting people. In addition to that, I usually manage to find a book to buy for myself." ~Sylvia Barra

Ongoing OPEN Shop Shifts need volunteers! Contact Mitzi at tigermitz@yahoo.com or 248-219-3163.

- 4th Saturday of the month (10:00am - 12:30pm)
- Interested in trying a Sunday Shift once or more (1:00pm – 4:00pm)? Contact Mitzi!

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- Mitzi Hoffman, President (9/2021)
- Margaret Blount, Vice President (9/2021)
- Larry Baker, Treasurer (9/2022)
- Joan Koelsch, Recording Secretary (9/2021)
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- Pam Lindell (9/2020)
- Kevin Pierson (9/2021)
- Kathryn Ribant Payne (9/2022)
- Nina Walker (9/2022)

Book Sale: March 5 – 8

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. 2020 Dates: Feb 17, Mar 16, Apr 20, May 18, June 15, Aug 17, Sep 21, Oct 19, Nov 16

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

- Share this newsletter. Ask a friend to join a growing organization – **127** 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.

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