

## Friends of the Novi Library Year-in-Review – 2021/2022

It has been a year of anticipation to see what post Covid would bring to the Friends of the Novi Library. Our projected budget for the year was back to pre-Covid levels, but we were still cautious. We launched our year with the annual meeting at Lakeshore Park where we viewed first-hand the new Lakeshore Lending Library. Labor Day brought sellers back to the Book Nook and donations are again dropped off in the library entry way.

Support for the Book Nook had been steady all during the pandemic and grew stronger as more patrons came back to the library. For the 2020/2021 year the Book Nook made \$25,480, internet sales were \$1096 and other books sales were \$103 for a total of \$26,679. As of late our donations have fluctuated. We have used most of the stock that we accumulated during the pandemic when we were one of the few libraries accepting donations. We are working with Tim Yakubov who is selling selected higher priced books from donations on the internet.

Our Friends members have been generous as always. Membership income for 2020/2021 is \$7,675 and 276 members. Our actual number of memberships is down 10% but revenue is the highest it has been in the last 9 years. Our sincere thanks to longtime Friends member, Joyce Cherf, for her donation of \$5000 in August, 2021.

In April we voted to purchase a new HP laptop to replace the one we got in 2010. It is lighter, faster and has many more features!

Here are a few of the highlights for the year.

### Toward our goal to include - bringing the library to the community

- Supported NPL @ Your Door, a materials-by-mail service for Novi residents.
- Brought four musical performances by Tola Lewis to area senior facilities including Fox Run, Anthology, Meadowbrook and Rose Senior Living,
- Partnered with Novi Woods providing books for their book swap for "March is Reading Month".
- Funded the music for Summer of Music at Paradise Park for the second year. This was a free event for the community that was again very well attended.
- We mailed two newsletters to our members and sent e-newsletters periodically to share what we were doing with our Friends.



### Toward our goal to inform

- Sponsored five evening Kaleidoscope programs on various topics including Brighton Garden Lake Colony, Yamasaki in Detroit, Pewabic Pottery, essayist and poet Thomas Lynch and Alex Hill on his book, *50 Maps*.
- Supported Community Read, which gave over 300 guests the opportunity to hear from *Firekeeper's Daughter* author Angeline Boulley as she presented at the Novi Library on May 9. *Firekeeper's Daughter* is soon to be adapted for TV by Netflix.



### Toward our goal to inspire



- Supported Listen @ the Library with performances on Sunday afternoons.
- Purchased new equipment to spark creativity in the iCube Makerspace, including a new sublimation, large format printer and related ink and paper.

### Toward furthering reading



- Supported Summer Reading which is open to anyone in the community.
- Supported Raising a Reader to encourage our youngest friends to love books as we do.



- Supported Battle of the Books.

### Fundraising Events

- Participated with Vera Bradley in Twelve Oaks Mall. For a \$5 donation, shoppers received a discount coupon toward their purchase. We made \$80.



- Carol Neumann supplied a basket of elegant Downton Abbey items for a drawing. For a \$10 donation, an individual received an entry into the basket drawing. We made \$200.

- Several Friends made holiday items and held a Holiday Sale in November in conjunction with the Book Nook putting out their Holiday Books. We made \$1250 and \$80 in donations.



- Our first Summer Songfest of 2022 was held on June 30. We had two \$500 sponsors: Obrien Sullivan Funeral Home and Hunter Pasteur Homes. We received a \$250 gift card from Meijer Northville and a \$150 gift card from Busch's Market. We held a basket raffle and made \$685. All-in-all a successful event!

