

# AMONG FRIENDS

Friends of the Novi Library Newsletter

## Friends Annual Meeting

### Friends Board of Directors, 2014-15

Sue Johnson, President  
 Carol Bauer, Vice President  
 Julie Abrams, Secretary  
 Marilyn Amberger, Treasurer  
 Patrick Brunett  
 Barbara Brunett  
 Evelyn Cadicamo  
 Robert Cutler  
 Gale Ford  
 Carol Hoffman  
 Evelyn Young

The 55th Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Novi Library will be held **July 8, 2015, @ 7pm** in the Library's Board Room. Several important items are on the agenda.

**Bylaws Changes:** These changes are outlined in another section of the newsletter.

**2015 Budget:** This budget anticipates more than \$36,000 in expenditures most of which will be for library programs and equipment which directly benefit library patrons. Among the programs to be fully or partially funded by the Friends are the Community Reads, Youth Summer Reading, Listen @ the Library, the Morning Arts Series and the Kaleidoscope Adult Series. Planned purchases include digital equipment for the Youth Activity Room, thermal leak detectors, and 2 Blu-Ray players. We will also continue to fund a scholarship for a high school senior residing in the city and interns serving in the library. In the past year, these programs directly reached more than **9,000** library users.

**Election:** Each year up to thirteen candidates for membership on the Friends Board of Directors are elected, four of whom will serve as officers. This year all of the current members of the Board, with the exception of Bob Cutler and Gale Ford will be on the slate. Bob is one of the longest serving members of the current Board and we thank him for his service. Carol Neumann is joining the Friends Board as a trustee. Nominees for officer positions are Sue Johnson, President; Carol Hoffman, Vice-President; Barb Brunett, Secretary; and Carol Bauer, Treasurer.

All current members of the Friends are invited to participate in the Annual Meeting. Light refreshments will be served.



## Friends Year in Review 2014-2015

Thanks to all involved in the Book Nook: a tremendous team of sorters, shelvers and sellers

- The Book Nook made over \$24,000 in the last 12 months.

Thanks to all of our loyal Friends members

- Memberships brought in over \$5600 in the last 12 months.

Toward our goal to include - bringing the community together through reading

- We won the Elaine R. Irvin Grant from the Detroit Metro Book and Author Society for \$1000 allowing us to participate in "Students for Success" and team with the Novi School District and the Novi Library to bring Dr. John Ratey author of Spark to speak to the community about the positive influence of exercise and the brain.

Toward our goal to inform

- We sponsored five evening Kaleidoscope programs on topics from running a restaurant to bird migration.
- We started a monthly newsletter for all our members with email just to keep in touch.

Toward our goal to inspire

- We supported Listen @ the Library on Sunday afternoon, Morning Music during the week and Community Read.
- We awarded a \$1000 scholarship to Olivia Regnier, a Novi High School Senior.

Toward furthering reading

- We were part of the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Book and Author Luncheon with Michigan author Chris Zimmerman.
- We supported Battle of the Books.
- And Summer Reading which is open to anyone in the community.

And finally because life needs some fun



## Friends By-Laws

**The Friends Board of Directors, at their September 10, 2014 meeting voted to recommend amendments to the By-Laws. These proposals will be presented to the membership for approval at the Friends Annual Meeting on July 8, 2015. The proposed changes include both wording and grammatical changes for consistency and clarity. Several substantive changes are described below:**

**Article II. Mission:** "Library" is changing to "Library Board and Library Director." The Friends shall advocate for the Library and support and cooperate with the Library Board and Library Director in developing services for the benefit of the community.

**Article IV. Fiscal Year:** The fiscal year is changed to July 1 to June 30. The Fiscal year begins July 1 and ends the following year on June 30. This will align with the Library's fiscal year of July 1 through June 30.

**Article V.** Board of Directors: Adding; Nominations from the floor may be made at the Annual Meeting.

**Article VI. Officers:** The President shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.

**Article VII. Meetings:** Annual Meetings shall be held within 30 days of the end of each fiscal year. Notice of Annual Meetings and of Board business may be delivered in person or via U.S. Mail, e-mail or other electronic methods.

**Article VIII. Amendments:** The By-Laws may be amended at any membership meeting. Approval of the membership is required for these amendments to the Friends By-Laws.

## 2015-2016 Kaleidoscope Lecture Series

### “Polar Bear Expedition of 1918”

**Thursday, September 17, 2015, 7-8:30pm**

President Wilson sent an infantry regiment to North Russia to fight the Bolsheviks and 75% of the Americans who made up the forces were from Michigan. Partnering with the Novi Historical Commission, Dr. Roger Crownover will be our presenter to share his expertise on this historic expedition. Dr. Crownover holds a PhD in military history and just retired as Chairman of the Dept. of History at Madonna University.

You won't want to miss this one!

### “Story Behind Victorian Cemeteries”

**Monday, October 12, 2015, 7-8:30pm**

Cemeteries and the way we honor our dead help tell our history. Where and how our loved ones were buried has evolved from the customs of the Native Americans and Puritans to the beginning of the Victorian Era in the 1830's. The Friends of NPL and the Novi Historical Commission partner to bring you speaker/historian Bill Grandstaff.

### “Identity Theft and Financial Crimes/Scams”

**Tuesday, November 10, 2015, 7-8:30pm**

Financial Crimes Investigator, Detective Jeremy Stempien of the Novi Police Department, is our expert tonight. Scams will continue to change as trends in society do. Join us as Detective Stempien shares his knowledge and helpful tips so you can avoid becoming a victim.

### “Priceless Photo Preservation”

**Thursday, February 11, 2016, 11am-1:00pm**

Ever wonder what to do with all of your treasured photographs? Priceless Photo Preservation of Ann Arbor is our special presenter who will teach us the do's and don'ts of preserving family pictures, films, slides, videos and scrapbooks. The Friends of the Novi Library will also provide a light lunch after the presentation.

**Registration is required for all programs.**

*All of the above programs are held at the Novi Public Library. Please register for them at [novilibrary.org](http://novilibrary.org) or call 248-349-0720. Find these and other programs for both children and adults described in the Library's monthly e-newsletter and its continuously updated online calendar at [novilibrary.org](http://novilibrary.org).*

## Scholarship Awarded

Each year the Friends award a \$1000 scholarship, based on scholastic achievement and community service, to a high school senior residing in Novi. The scholarship committee agreed unanimously that Olivia Regnier submitted an outstanding application. Olivia is a senior at Novi High School. The scholarship will support her studies at the University of Michigan to become an English teacher. Olivia and her family attended the May meeting of the Friends Board for the scholarship presentation.



## Mark Your Calendars!

Throughout the year, the Friends and many community businesses and individuals help support the Library through memberships, volunteerism and financial and in-kind donations. To show our appreciation, the Friends and the Novi Library are currently planning an invitation-only gala to be held on Friday, October 23.

We thank you for your contribution in making our Library a gem of Novi.

Mark your calendars and watch for your invitation in mid-September.