

AMONG FRIENDS

Friends of the Novi Library Newsletter

Friends Annual Meeting

Friends Board of Directors, 2015-16

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The Friends of the Novi Library Annual Meeting will be held at the Library at 7pm on July 13, 2016. At this meeting, which is open to all Friends members (persons, families or businesses who pay dues), decisions will be made which guide Friends activities for the coming year.

The agenda will include adoption of the annual budget, election of trustees and officers of the Friends Board and the presentation of the annual report for the fiscal year 2015-2016.

The budget will include purchases of equipment for the Library, funding of Library programs for youth, teens and adults and a scholarships for a graduating high school senior and Library interns.

Programs to be paid for all or in part by the Friends include the Battle of the Books, Community Reads, the Morning Arts program, the Kaleidoscope Adult Lecture Series and Listen @the Library Sunday Classical Music presentations.

Current trustees have indicated a desire to remain on the Friends Board, but several vacancies remain. Persons interested in serving on the Board should contact Sue Johnson at friends@novilibrary.org. Nominations from the floor may be made at the meeting.

Friends Year in Review 2015-2016

The Friends of the Novi Library 2015/2016 year was full of highlights. Here is a summary of our accomplishments:

- Record book sales in the Book Nook in July - \$2800.
- Summer Reading program - Every Hero has a Story had a record 2584 Library patrons participating. Funding \$2500.
- Additionally funded 2 scholarships of \$500 each to support the Summer Reading Program.

SEPTEMBER

- Community Financial donated \$1000 to the Friends as part of their Summer Of Sharing program to start a Teen Book Club.
- Launched the 2015/2016 Kaleidoscope series.

OCTOBER

- Held our Gala – Thanks for 55 Great Years with music by Dueling Pianos, wine tasting and refreshments, a drawing for 12 wonderful gift baskets, and the unveiling of the JFK photography collection.
- Launched our 2015/2016 Listen @ the Library series-Funding \$3000

NOVEMBER

- Started the "Featured Shelf" in the Book Nook. One of the first features was a fantastic collection of knitting books that was donated.

DECEMBER

- Said a fond farewell to Margi Karp-Opperer who retired after 23 years at the Novi Library and welcomed Marcia Dominick as our new point of contact with the Library.
- Introduced gift certificates in the Book Nook.

FEBRUARY

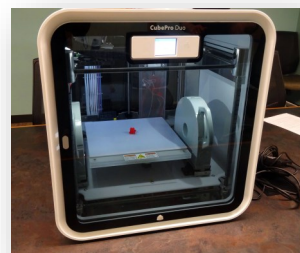
- The teen book club had its first meeting with 13 teens attending.
- Approved \$4000 for the purchase of a 3D printer.

APRIL

- Added a special program - "Sheila Landis Sings a Tribute to Ella Fitzgerald" accompanied by Rick Matle on 7-string guitar and David Taylor on drums.

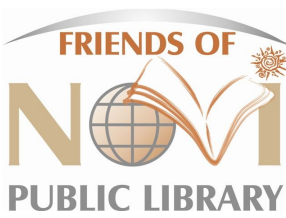
MAY

- Treated to a special demo of the 3D printer at the Friends Board meeting
- Presented our 2016 scholarship winner, Catherine Boileau with a check for \$1000.



Scholarship Awarded

Each year the Friends award a \$1,000 scholarship, based on scholastic achievement and community service, to a high school senior residing in Novi. The Friends Scholarship Committee selected Catherine Boileau for her outstanding application. Catherine's extracurricular activities, community service, honors, employment activities and 4.0 GPA made her application stand out. Catherine plans to attend Northern Michigan University to study Secondary Education. Catherine attended the May meeting of the Friends Board for the Scholarship presentation.



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2016-2017 Kaleidoscope Lecture Series

The Interurban Street Rail: Serving Farmington, Novi, and Northville **Tuesday, September 20, 2016, 7-8:30pm**

Brian Golden, researcher and author will present on the legendary rail system. Co-sponsor: Novi Historical Commission

Presidential Election: So Who Will Win? What Matters Most? **Thursday, October 13, 2016, 7-8:30pm**

Jack Lessenberry, Michigan Radio's senior news analyst, MetroTimes columnist; radio commentator shares his perspective regarding the upcoming election.

Under Your Keel: Researching the Great Lakes **Tuesday, November 15, 2016, 7-8:30pm**

Daniel Harrison, researcher and award winning author will share the results of three Great Lakes diving projects.

Michigan Literary Luminaries **Tuesday, March 21, 2017, 7-8:30pm**

Anna Clark, Detroit-based writer/editor will talk about selected work of both legendary and lesser known, but all well regarded, Michigan writers.

Discovering Detroit: Mysteries and Surprises! **Thursday, April 27, 2017, 7-8:30pm**

Paul Sewick, researcher using maps, newspapers, photographs, documents and census records-and more!- shares his discoveries. See: detroiturbanism.blogspot.com

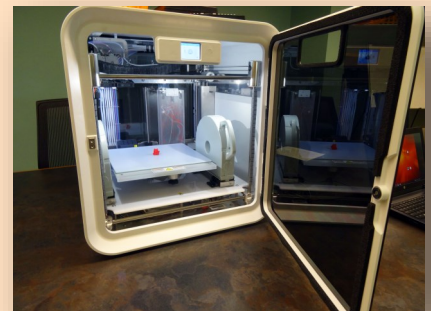
Highland Fling! **Tuesday, May 23, 2017, 7-8:30pm**

Pipe Major David B. Martin of the St. Andrew's Society Pipe Band, will play the bagpipes and talk about classic piobaireachd and pipe band music; Highland dancers will perform.

All of the above programs are held at the Novi Public Library. Please register for them at 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.

New 3D Printer at the Library!

Our Friends' group contributed \$4000 to the cost of purchasing a 3D printer in order to help our Library patrons keep up with the digital world around us. The purpose of this printer is to provide community access to new technology and encourage the design and creation of innovative objects. You can find out more on our Library webpage, <http://www.novilibrary.org/resources/3DPrinter.asp>, or better yet come and see it for yourself on the second floor in the Library!



Fundraiser Needed

Do you have experience in fundraising or just some creative ideas that could help the Friends expand into new areas of fundraising? If so, we would love to talk to you. Please contact Sue Johnson at **248-349-1224** or email at friends@novilibrary.org.

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 event to be held on Friday, August 26. We thank you for your contribution in making our Library a gem of Novi.