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Friends of the Novi Library Newsletter

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The Joy of Selling in the Book Nook

After retiring from a long career, I came to the Library seeking a volunteer position. The Library being a place that had given me so many comforting hours when life got a little crazy, I joined the other 43 volunteers who sell in the Book Nook working in two hour shifts once or twice a week. Immediately I found a whole new family who came in to browse and scoop up those items they just could not live without.



If you stop by the Book Nook, plan to stay awhile because it offers recent book releases as well as popular titles from years ago, some selling for as little as fifty cents. The CD's, DVD's and audiobooks are also big sellers, and I love to see people finding just what they are looking for. Our cookbook collectors find something new each week, and our self help and inspirational shelves have just the thing get you through the week. My biggest thrill is to recommend an author to someone, and have them return, only to tell me how much they liked the book.

When Mary bought a craft book, I had no idea that she was an accomplished seamstress until she brought in pictures of her award-winning rag dolls. I love when Louise shares her recipes with me, and keep hoping she'll share the food with me too! It's a wonderful family sharing a common bond, and I would have missed so much by not volunteering in the Book Nook. I must run now. I see Greg, and I promised to hold the book on France for his upcoming trip. I can't wait to see the pictures when he returns!

I hope to see you at the Book Nook soon!
Carol Neumann

Book Nook Sales Update

As many of you know we didn't have a book sale in November. Our once a year book sale has been replaced by several different sales during the course of the year. In 2015 we had a variety of feature sales and because of the great response, we will be doing many more in 2016. Always check the "Featured Shelf" when you visit the Book Nook. We have books grouped by different interests and it changes all the time. If you can't find the featured shelf ask a Book Nook Seller--they love to help!



A Chance to Make History

Ever thought you'd like to be a historian? This is your opportunity. The Friends are looking for someone to keep their history of 55 years up-to-date. No experience necessary. A historian organizes yearly meeting minutes, financial reports, brochures and publicity. The work can be done on your own schedule when the Library Administration office is open to provide access to the Friends files. If you're interested, please contact Sue Johnson at 248-349-1224.

Thank you for helping us celebrate 55 years!

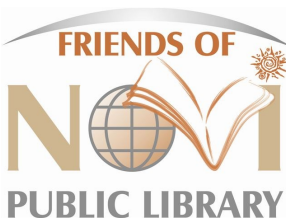
The Friends of the Library celebrated 55 great years at an October Gala attended by 151 people. Wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres and desserts were provided by Cantoro Italian Market. Library Director, Julie Farkas and Sue Johnson, President of the Friends welcomed everyone. The Novi Rotary Organization and Paradise Park were recognized by Julie Farkas for their outstanding support of the Novi Library. A basket raffle with 17 themed baskets featured many items donated by local merchants. Everyone enjoyed the music of Dueling Pianos with popular songs, and a few people were seen dancing. A Silent Auction of antique books included many rare books and raised \$315 for the Friends. A ribbon-cutting ceremony opened the JFK photography exhibit. A huge thank you to these sponsors for making the Gala possible: Twelve Oaks, O'Brien Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi Town Center, Town & Country Eyecare and Lifetime Fitness.



Summer of Sharing Grant Awarded

Lindsay Fricke, Information Services Librarian, partnered with Sue Johnson, President of the Friends of the Novi Library, in applying for Community Financial's Summer of Sharing grant. The Friends of the Novi Library were awarded \$1,000 to be used towards the startup of a teen book club. Select participants will receive a free copy of the book and teens will have input on the book choice. The first Book Club meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 17 at 6pm and pizza will be served. Check the Library website (novilibrary.org) for specific information. We hope to engage the members with fun activities to enhance the book choice.





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Kaleidoscope Series Continues

February 11, 2016, 11am-1pm: "Priceless Photo Preservation" 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 .

April 20 , 2016, 7-8:30pm "Michigan's Heritage Trail on Route US-12" Step back in time and experience the fascinating history of the towns and cities that dot the landscape of Michigan's first highway, US-12 Heritage Trail. Co-authors, Gladys Saborio and Susan Kosky, will sign and sell copies of their book.

May 17, 2016, 7-8:30pm: "Floating Palaces of the Great Lakes" The story of Great Lakes travelers and the beautiful floating palaces they engendered will be an inspiration to all. Joel Stone, Senior Curator for the Detroit Historical Society will discuss this important era of maritime history. His recent book will be available for purchase and signing.

Season of Giving

Julie Farkas, Library Director, compiled this wish list that the Friends agreed to fund for the 2015-2016 year.
Your contributions through your memberships help make this possible!



Item	Description	Estimated Cost	Funded To Date
3D Virtual tour of the Library	Technology to support the creation of an online tour of the library from the website	\$2500	\$1232
Thermal leak detectors	Improve a home's energy efficiency by identifying areas with leaks/drafts to determine add'l caulking	\$500	\$0
Blu Ray players (2)	Will allow staff to determine if materials are playable or not	\$200	\$0
Digital Equipment for Youth Activity Room and Storytime Room	Overhead projector and screen for room rentals and youth programming	\$3000	\$2932
Tool cart and tools for facility dept.	This will allow for staff to make minor repairs in the building	\$600	\$541
CD browsing bin for Youth Area	To increase the music collection in the Youth Area	\$2600	\$2590
Youth Storytime and Programming supplies	Animal pathfinders, vinyl books, ring stacker, cushy cube builders, Die cut storage racks	\$350	\$165
Play equipment for the race car display – Burgeon Group	Hand, eye, motor skill and interactive play for our young library users	\$1500	\$1594
Teen Space Activities Equipment	Wanting to build a collection of games for teen use in the Teen Space (afterschool program)	\$250	\$250
Book bags	Plastic book bags that will be given out at the check-out desk (I Love My Library); trying to get a bulk price with other libraries.	\$750	\$750
Total		\$12,250	\$10,054



2016 Schedule of Events

- January 10, 2016, Listen @ the Library – Shanghai Quartet - Sunday from 3–4 pm
- February 11, 2016, Kaleidoscope - Priceless Photo Preservation, Rob Hoffman - Thursday from 11am-1pm
- March 3, 2016, Morning Music - Neil Woodward; Michigan's Troubadour - Thursday from 11am – 12pm
- March 20, 2016, Listen @ the Library - Tian Tian, pian - Sunday from 3–4 pm
- April 20, 2016, Kaleidoscope - Michigan's Heritage Trail on Route US-12 - Wednesday from 7-8:30pm
- April 28, 2016 - Rich Eddy's Rockin' Oldies Band - Thursday, 11am – 12pm
- May 17, 2016, Kaleidoscope - Floating Palaces of the Great Lakes - Tuesday from 7-8:30pm

Thanks to each and every Friend of the Novi Library for volunteering and supporting the Novi Library.
You have our best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.
Your continued support will make 2016 a successful year.