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Friends of the Novi Library Newsletter

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**Save the Date!**

The next Friends of the Library "Booked for the Evening" event will take place on **Friday, October 19, 2018**

Please support the following sponsors and businesses for helping to make our "Booked for the Evening" event such a success!

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**Novi Friends Celebrate with "Booked for the Evening"**

Classic jazz, gourmet food and a live auction that included a football signed by University of Michigan Coach Harbaugh and a painting by a local artist were only some of the highlights of "Booked for the Evening, a Night of Music, Food and Wine." Although the Friends have held an annual "thank you" event for 15 years, this year the event was re-examined, redesigned, and revamped to a whole new level.

"The evening was a wonderful example of the efforts our Friends group makes for the library," said Julie Farkas, Director of the Novi Public Library. "We are indebted to the Friends of the Library and grateful for their support. They put in countless volunteer hours and fundraising, and we can't thank them enough."

On hand were ten local restaurants, providing their specialties, everything from ahi tuna to salads to pastas. Desserts, beer and wine were available, all at no cost for Friends members. The silent auction offered a chance to go home with restaurant gift cards, a fishing package, symphony tickets and many other items. An added feature this year was a live auction which provided some lively entertainment for those watching the bidding. The entire auction and basket raffle brought in over \$2,800.

During the event, attendees could try out the new virtual reality viewers, stations and accessories the Friends purchased for the library. "This equipment is a great example of how our fundraising dollars are used," said Carol Hoffman, President of the Friends. "

An individual can join the Friends of the Novi Library for \$10, or an entire family can join for \$15. So if your membership has lapsed (check the address block on your newsletter for "expired" ), pick up an envelope at the Book Nook and renew your membership. All members, eighteen and older, are automatically invited to "Booked for the Evening."

Linda Rose, Sue Johnson, Carol Neumann and Sandy Butler, the committee for "Booked for the Evening" were very pleased with the outcome of the event. Not only did everyone have a great time, but we covered all of our expenses and made \$2,800.

Coincidentally the library project to reupholster the chairs on the first floor was \$3000 short of the funds needed to proceed. The Friends Board voted unanimously to allocate the income from "Booked" to this project.

Thanks to all of you who attended "Booked" and supported us so generously!



**Kaleidoscope Series Continues**

**Corrado Parducci: The Man Who Made Detroit Beautiful**  
**Wednesday, March 21, 2018, 7-8:30pm**

Jennifer Baross and Jack P. Johnson, Atelier Cinelux film producers, share their research and award-winning film about one of Detroit's most artistic, prolific, yet too-often overlooked, architectural sculptors.

**Adventures into Michigan's Past**  
**Tuesday, April 17, 2018, 7-8:30pm**

Larry Massie, author, historian, engaging storyteller, will entertain with tales shared over generations of Michiganders. All ages will enjoy hearing these histories, mysteries and tall tales!

**El Alma Espanola!**  
**Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 7-8:30pm**

This amazing group of musicians and dancers will present and perform from their repertoire of the regional, classical and Flamenco dances of Spain.

**Virtual Reality at the Novi Public Library**

October 13th of 2017 the Friends of the Novi Library previewed the new Sony Virtual Reality systems (PSVR) at their event "Booked for the Evening". The equipment launch for the public was the following weekend and since then the library has held 10 events with many more to come. In only 90 days, the PSVR systems have engaged and entertained almost 300 patrons and their families.



In keeping with our commitment to schools, the library features the PSVR system on Thursday afternoons during Teen Space. Monthly Sunday afternoon sessions are held for "kids of all ages". In 2018 a few two-day VR events will be held where patrons can socialize in the "Wildcat Lounge", create three-dimensional, virtual art, play 3D Charades and much more.

For more information click on the "What's New" tab on the Novi Library homepage and be sure to check the calendar for upcoming events.

**Volunteer Opportunity in the Book Nook!**

We are looking for a few more volunteers interested in selling in the Book Nook. They need to submit a background check and be trained. After that they sign up for 2 hour shifts that fit their schedule. Some of our seller volunteers come in to work every week. Others come in only once a month.

We currently have 49 volunteers working as sorters, shelvers and sellers. Some of our volunteers were with us in the old library. Our four newest volunteers began in the Book Nook in December. It takes about 225 volunteer hours per month to keep the Book Nook operating at its current level.

In calendar year 2017 used book sales was \$24,000 --and as many of our books sell for \$1 or 50¢, that represents a lot of books going through the Book Nook. Thanks to all of you who help by processing donations, shelving books and selling. We could not do it without you!

**Visit the Book Nook!**

We have our biggest book sale for 2018 currently taking place. We are selling all of our overstock adult fiction hardcover books for 25 cents--half of the 50 cents we usually charge. Additional books are being put out almost daily - check on and under the table in the middle of the Book Nook.



**Friends Receive Grant**

On October 16, 2017 the Friends of the Novi Library received the Elaine R. Irvin Friends Award of \$1000 at the Metro Detroit Book & Author Society Luncheon. The grant outlined the Friends funding plan to provide \$4000 to update the current Business Resource Center area in the Novi Library with the help of local businesses.

When Library Director, Julie Farkas, was asked about the project, she explained: "We believe this will not only provide a welcoming place for local business owners, but an area for patrons of all ages to explore career and business education opportunities. We will be combining current shelving with new furniture to create a specified Business Collection area. By expanding the business resource collection and area, the library hopes to connect more with its business community."

**Can You Help?**

We will have Business Resource Center sponsorships of \$250, \$500 and \$1000. If anyone in the Friends has a contact in the Novi business community that they think would be interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact us at: [friends@novilibrary.org](mailto:friends@novilibrary.org).