

AMONG FRIENDS

Friends of the Novi Library Newsletter

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Friends Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Novi Library will be held at Lakeshore Park, at 6:00 pm on July 14, 2021. At this meeting, which is open to all current Friends members, decisions will be made which guide Friends activities for the coming year. In addition a tour of the new Lakeshore Lending Library kiosk is planned (for more information see below).

The agenda will include adoption of the 2021-2022 annual budget, election of trustees and officers to the Friends Board, and the presentation of the annual report for the fiscal year 2020-2021. Due to the challenges we have faced in the last year, officers will stay in their jobs for another term. In the event of inclement weather, the meeting will be held at the Novi Public Library.

Friends Silent Auction



The Friends are having a silent auction of this beautiful 31x23 watercolor called "God Bless America" by artist Rose Paulus. The auction will start Monday, June 21 and end Monday, June 28. The painting will be on display in front of the Book Nook starting June 11th. Drop in and see it!

The starting bid for the painting will be \$100.00. Bids can be made in \$10 increments. The highest bid from the day before will be posted each morning at 10am on the Friend's webpage and on the painting itself.

Friends Year in Review 2020-2021

2020/2021 has been a challenging year for the Friends

- We have had a surprisingly successful year in the Book Nook with sales of \$13,854 through May even though we were closed for 10 weeks during this period. Book donations continue to be strong. Many thanks to our Book Nook Team for their hours of sorting.
- Membership is down about 10% but revenue from memberships remains strong due to your generosity in these tough times. We have a great family of Friends! Thank you
- In December we received a \$10,000.00 Oakland County Non-Profit COVID-19 Economic Impact Grant which helped to make up for the money lost in Book Nook sales during the Library's COVID closure.
- Sponsored September Songfest at Paradise Park, which featured 4 talented artists including Tola Lewis, Rob Crozier, Stephen Floyd and The Pam Jaslove Trio. A lot of singing and dancing ensued at these programs!
- Sponsored Community Read author Derf Backderf. His graphic novel, *Kent State: Four Dead in Ohio*, chronicled the harrowing events that occurred at Kent State 50 years ago on May 4, 1970.
- Sponsored Grab and Go bags for children throughout the summer. These craft bags are extremely popular.

Lakeshore Lending Library

The Friends have been supporting the Lakeshore Lending Library for the past two years. They purchased t-shirts for the library staff advertising the Lending Library as well as promotional giveaways for the opening and special events. What and where is this Lending Library?

Lakeshore Lending Library is Michigan's first self-service library kiosk for Novi residents and is available at Lakeshore Park! Lakeshore Lending Library is open from dawn until dusk, and features three rotating carousels holding 235 items that you can browse through and check out with your Novi library card. You also have catalog access to check your account and browse our collection.

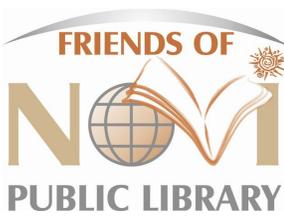
Items available at the kiosk include: Adult Best Sellers and Large Print, DVD/Blu-ray, Youth and Tween Fiction, Adult Non-Fiction, Youth Picture Books and Young Adult Fiction. For additional information, visit novilibrary.org!



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For more information about the Friends visit the Friends page at novilibrary.org.



Summer Music at Paradise Park

Stephen Floyd
Thursday, July 15, 2021 - 7-8pm

Billy Mack & The Juke Joint Johnnies
Thursday, July 22, 2021 - 7-8pm

Dueling Pianos
Thursday, August 5, 2021 - 7-8pm

Enjoy the summer at Paradise Park with lively music from great area bands, brought to you by the Friends of the Novi Public Library! Masks required. Event is free and will be held under an outdoor, covered pavilion. Cash bar, food service, attractions and games available for purchase.

Please register to attend by visiting 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.



Summer Reading Program

From June 6 through August 14, Novi Public Library guests of all ages are invited to join their 2021 Summer Reading Program! More information can be found on their Beanstack site. Read books, win prizes and much more fun all at the Library this summer! Prizes include gift baskets, gift cards and free books! The Friends are again sponsors of the Summer Reading Program to help fund programs, craft bags, and more.

Visit <http://novilibrary.beanstack.org/reader365> to sign up!

Booked for the Evening

We made the difficult decision to cancel Booked for the Evening for 2021 at our April meeting. It takes 6 months to prepare for the Booked event. One of the biggest tasks is securing all of the donations for our auctions. We did not feel right about asking local businesses for donations when they have had such a struggle in the past year. So we ask for your understanding for one more year. We have learned over the past year that nothing is a given but our plans as of now are to bring back Booked for the Evening 2022 better than ever!

Friends Sponsored Promotional Giveaways

The Friends helped purchase promotional items for the Library to giveaway at upcoming summer events including Sizzling Summer, programs at Lakeshore Park and for students for the fall.

- Sunglasses for adults and kids
- Crayons
- Bubbles
- Lens cleaners
- Beach balls
- Rulers
- Pencil sharpeners

