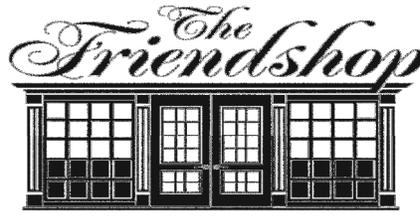


Between Friends



Friends of the
West Bloomfield Township Public Library

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From the President's Desk

Well it's that time of the year again – Michigan winter. So be prepared for the snow and cold by stocking up on reading material at the Friends Winter Book Sale coming up February 5-7. And you can warm up at other Friends-sponsored activities like BookTalk, What's Cooking and Music @ Main this Winter and Spring. All the details of these programs are included elsewhere in this Newsletter. So come out and enjoy.

This past October, Trudi Hill and I attended an event, "Talk About Friends", that was held at the Chelsea District Library. The purpose of the event was to get together with other Friends of Library groups and share ideas about book sales, fundraising, social events and other Friends activities; and make the organizations aware of resources available from the Library of Michigan. Each of the 23 Friends groups that were in attendance had a unique "personality", and it was interesting to hear how the other organizations supported their parent library.

Our West Bloomfield Friends organization was unique in the large number of Friends that we have (>750 members) and in the diverse programs that we organize – Friendshop, BookTalk, What's Cooking, and Music @ Main. No other Friends group had as many members nor as many "social" programs. If we want to maintain these programs and also support the Library financially, it is important that we keep our membership numbers high. Membership not only helps the Friends financially through the dues that are paid, but also supplies the volunteers that we need to help run our programs and book sales.

If you have visited the Library recently you have seen the new posters that ask "How can you make a difference for your Library and community?" The answer is of course by joining the Friends of the Library. If you are reading this Newsletter, you likely are already a Friend of the Library. But how about your neighbors, relatives and friends? After you are done reading this Newsletter, why not pass it along to someone who is not a Friends member. In that way they can read about the upcoming book sale and all the other future programs. And they will find a membership application right on this page. Hopefully, with your endorsement, they will fill out that application and become a member so that they can help make a difference for our Library and community.

Thanks for reading.....

-- **Steve Swarin**, President

Join the Friends today!

It's easy to become a Friend of the Library. Just complete this membership form. Checks may be made payable to Friends of the Library. Then drop it off or mail it to the Library (address below).

Select your annual membership type:

- Individual \$10
- Family \$15
- Patron \$25
- Sustaining \$50
- Sponsor \$100
- Benefactor \$250

Join at the patron level or above and receive a special gift!

Your help is always welcome!

The Friends sponsor many exciting programs and projects each year. You'll receive a complete list of volunteer opportunities with your membership card.

Mr. Dr. Mrs. Ms. (circle all that apply)
Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____

ZIP: _____ Phone: _____

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<i>West Bloomfield Township Public Library</i> Main 248-682-2120	<i>General Information about Friends programs</i> Call the Adult Information Desk	<i>Additional Friends information and volunteer opportunities</i> Wendy Osthaus – 248-363-6688	<i>Address changes and membership information</i> Susan Sovel – 248-682-1172
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Upcoming Events

Winter Book Sale

February 6 – 7, 2016
West Bloomfield Main
Library Meeting Room

Saturday: 9 AM – 5 PM

Sunday: Noon – 5 PM

*Sunday is bag sale day:
\$5 for a bag of books*

Just-for-Friends
Preview Sale
Friday, February 5
7:00 – 9:00 PM

Music @ Main



All performances would be at 3pm and 5pm in the Main Library Meeting Room. Doors open at 2:30pm

January 10, 2016

Mustard's Retreat

This dynamic duo presents a variety of folk, blues and Celtic music.

February 14, 2016

Christine Lavin & Don White

Is it a musical show, storytelling, or comedy? It's all 3!

March 20, 2016

Anne Hills & David Roth

Their music will move you from laughter to tears.

April 10, 2016

Klezmer Fusion Band

Ann Arbor-based band plays Jewish wedding music, Yiddish swing (including Yiddish vocals) and waltzes.

May 22, 2016

Stuart (Stu-Ku-Le-Le) Fuchs

Folk, jazz, rock, classical, and world music on uke and a variety of other instruments.

What's



Cooking?

All programs begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room. No reservations are needed. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and seating is limited.

Thursday, April 14, 2016

Williams-Sonoma. Oils and vinegars: Explore the subtle differences, uses, and flavors of these aromatic kitchen staples with a Williams-Sonoma expert

Thursday, June 2, 2016

Miracle House of Coffee. Enjoy the aroma and fabulous taste of coffee while learning its history, benefits, and home brewing techniques.

Book *TALK*

Sponsored by the *Friends of the West Bloomfield Township Library*

January 13 & 15.	<i>The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat</i>	by Edward Kelsey Moore Review by Sandra Sutherland
February 17 & 19.	<i>Lila</i>	by Marilynne Robinson Review by Dr. Steve Berman
March 16 & 18.	<i>Rise to Greatness – Abraham Lincoln and America's Most Perilous Year</i>	by David Von Drehle Review by Sandra Sutherland
April 13 & 15.	<i>Shanghai Girls</i>	by Lisa See Review by Dr. Steve Berman
May 11 & 13.	<i>The Short Nights of the Shadow Catchers</i>	by Timothy Egan Review by Diane Henderson

All sessions will be held in the Library Meeting Room. Meeting times are: Wednesday 7:00pm, Friday 10:00am.

Spotlight on Our Volunteers



Johnnie Roquemore grew up in the Boston-Edison area of Detroit. Given its location, it was pretty logical that she attended Blessed Sacrament Cathedral schools. She attended Michigan State University, and graduated from Wayne State University, with a Bachelors of Science in Elementary Education. Her family moved to West Bloomfield in the 1970s.

Johnnie has a varied employment history, having worked with the Detroit Auto Show, Michigan Bell, Detroit Public Schools, and West Bloomfield Public Schools. In addition to those, she was a trainer for Advanced Mortgage, as well as with MichCon/DTE, training customer service personnel.

Johnnie says that when she got married, she knew nothing about cooking, but through trial and error she developed a real talent for it. In time, she started preparing healthy meals for friends recently released from the hospital and eventually, at their suggestion, turned that into a business. That sort of makes her a natural for the What's Cooking? committee of the Friends of the Library, of which she is currently the co-chair. She has featured the executive chefs of Prime29 Steakhouse, Social House, and Beans & Cornbread at the What's Cooking? demonstrations.

She also turned another activity into a business, by providing an editing service for Masters and Doctoral candidates preparing their theses. She will not write a paper, but will advise on formatting and grammatical aspects of an already written paper.

In her spare time, Johnnie volunteers with Detroit Public Television and the Seventh Generation. She is also a member of the Belle Isle Conservancy. She loves traveling, cooking and eating delicious food, and is an avid art enthusiast.

Johnnie has three adult children. Her oldest daughter is the Director of Membership North America at Soho House & Co. Her son works for the Justice Department. And her youngest daughter will begin medical school in the fall.

The Friends are fortunate to have a volunteer who consistently supports her community. Johnnie Roquemore is indeed another of our many volunteers who is most worthy of being in our Spotlight..