

Between Friends



Friends of the
West Bloomfield Township Public Library

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From the President's Desk

The summer has been a pleasant one, but it is drawing to a close. Soon the leaves will be falling and we'll all be wishing for those 80-degree days again. But Fall is also the busy season for Friends activities. Elsewhere in this Newsletter you'll find all the details of our new programs for BookTalk, Music @ Main and What's Cooking. Our volunteers have been working very hard in the Spring and Summer arranging these programs which help make the Library one of the social centers of West Bloomfield. I encourage you to take a look at the excellent programs and mark your calendar or update your iPad with the dates of the activities you want to attend. And don't forget the Used Book Sale in October. You'll need new reading material for those cold winter nights, and the Friends need the income that the Book Sale generates.

Remember you don't have to wait for the Book Sale to support the Friends. In the *Friendship* you can find some real bargains on books, along with expertly chosen gift items. The purpose of our fundraising is to help the Library continue to

serve the people of West Bloomfield and our contract communities. In the current fiscal year, the *Friends* will provide \$29,900 to the Library. Much of that will go to the materials collection so the Library can continue to purchase books, DVDs, books on CD and e-books, among many other things. And we also support Library activities like Character Month, Summer Reading, Book Club Reception, the Japanese Delegation visit, and a new display unit at Westacres.

The focus of the Friends is to do whatever it takes to make the West Bloomfield Township Public Library the best it can be for you and our community. So far we have been doing a very good job thanks to all the volunteers who give of their time and their pocketbooks. But we can always do more. Remember, whatever your skills, abilities, or desires, we have a position you can fill.

Thanks for reading.....

– **Steve Swarin**, President

Library welcomes teens from Japan

A delegation of teens from Awaji City, Japan enjoyed American hospitality when they visited the library in July. The Awaji City Higashiura Public Library and the West Bloomfield Library have been paired as sister libraries since 1999. This is the sixth time a delegation from Awaji City has traveled to West Bloomfield to see the library. After visiting the library and enjoying library activities at the Evening of Midsummer Fun

events, the teens and their chaperones toured the Detroit Historical Museum and the General Motors Renaissance Center. They ended their visit by taking in a tour of Comerica Park and a Detroit Tigers baseball game compliments of the Detroit Tigers organization.

The Friends of the Library generously funded our visitors sightseeing tour and provided hospitality.

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Upcoming Events

Fall Book Sale

October 9 - 11

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, October 9
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

Sept 20, 2015

Matt Watroba

An icon of the metro-Detroit music scene, Matt is a folk singer and known as the voice of folk music in Michigan for his radio broadcasts.

Dec 5, 2015

Small Potatoes

This Chicago-based folk duo describes their repertoire as "Celtic to Cowboy," including country, blues, swing and Irish.

Oct 18, 2015 ***Floyd King and the Bushwackers***

This talented trio plays folk, western and swing music..

Jan 10, 2016

Mustard's Retreat

Highly acclaimed not only as songwriters, but also as interpreters on contemporary songs and stories, their shows are full of enthusiasm, good humor and fine musicianship.

Nov 15, 2015 ***Boogie Woogie Babies***

Enjoy a high-energy performance of music from the Big Band era to the 1980s, accompanied on piano.

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, October 1

Beans and Cornbread

Taste the flavors of the South as Chef John Arnold introduces “chic soul food”!

Thursday, December 3

Smokin' Low and Slow with Yardbird Smoked Meats

Savor Chef Jeremy Grandon's techniques of smoked meat preparation, the foundation of the Yardbird menu.

Book TALK

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

September 16 & 17.

Go Set a Watchman

by Harper Lee
Review by Diane Henderson

October 14 & 16.

All the Light We Cannot See

by Anthony Boerr
Review by Sandra Sutherland

November 18 & 20.

Being Mortal

by Atul Gawande
Review by Dr. Steve Berman

December 16 & 18.

The Great Gatsby
So We Read On

by F. Scott Fitzgerald
by Maureen Corrigan
Reviews by Diane Henderson

January 13 & 15.

The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat

by Edward Kelsey Moore
Review by Sandra Sutherland

February 17 & 19.

Lila

by Marilynne Robinson
Review by Dr. Steve Berman

March 16 & 18.

*Rise to Greatness – Abraham Lincoln and America's
Most Perilous Year*

by David Von Drehle
Review by Sandra Sutherland

April 13 & 15.

The Tusk That Did The Damage

by Tania James
Review by Dr. Steve Berman

May 11 & 13.

The Short Nights of the Shadow Catchers

by Timothy Egan
Review by Diane Henderson

All sessions will be held in the Library Meeting Room except on September 18 when the Library Conference Room will be used. Meeting times are: Wednesday 7:00pm, Friday 10:00am.

Spotlight on Our Volunteers



Kari Eickemeyer grew up in the Westacres subdivision, and went to Walled Lake schools. She went on to Bowling Green State University, became a CPA, and has had a career in accounting. After a few years in public accounting, she has now been with Trinity Health for about thirty years. Currently, she works with the I.T. department that provides data processing for Trinity Health's hospitals across the country.

Kari has been active for some time in the Friends. She is a little hazy on the exact time, but for the past fifteen years, she has been "Treasurer for Life". At that time, the Board amended the By-Laws to allow for continuity in the office of Treasurer, whereas the

other offices are limited to no more than two consecutive one-year terms in office. Active membership in the Friends may be genetic. Kari's mother is a long-time volunteer in the Friendshop, as well.

Kari still lives in Westacres, with husband Bill. Her daughter, a graduate of De Paul University in Chicago, is a school psychologist in Berkley Schools; and her son, a University of Michigan grad, is in Public Relations, living in Chicago.

In her "spare time", Kari likes to read (naturally), spend time at the beach, and go to the movies. But her spare time will be limited as she has just been appointed to serve on the Library Board.

Kari is a strong supporter of the Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walks to fight breast cancer. She has participated in nine walks, two here in Michigan, and seven have been around the country. The latest was in Minneapolis/St. Paul, this past August.

The Friends are fortunate to have our Treasurer for Life, and it is hoped that means many future terms. Kari Eickemeyer is certainly a volunteer who is most worthy of being in our Spotlight.

Reception for Book Clubs Tuesday, October 27 at 7:00 PM

October is National Reading Group Month. To celebrate, the Library invites members of West Bloomfield book clubs to a special reception. Meet author Anna Clark who explores Michigan's rich literary history in her new book, *Michigan Literary Luminaries: from Elmore Leonard to Robert Hayden*. Copies of her book will be available for purchase and signing. In addition:

- Have a photo taken of your book group; each group will receive a copy.

- Preview the new 2015 Book Group To-Go kits and reserve kits for your group.
- Meet members of other West Bloomfield book groups!

The reception is open to members of community book clubs registered with the Library. Please RSVP by Friday, October 23 with approximately how many from your group will attend. Call (248) 232-2290 with questions, to RSVP or to register your book group. The Reception for Book Clubs event is funded by the Friends of the Library