

Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library Annual Report

May 2021

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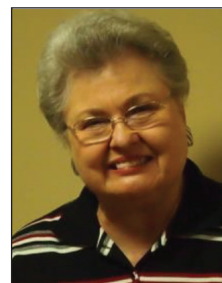
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Friends President's Message...

In the past year, the pandemic has brought many changes to our lives and upended our normal way of living. One of the first changes for the Friends occurred in March 2020 with the cessation of our monthly book sales and the closure of The Library Shop on the first floor. The Library itself closed in mid-March on Governor's order and did not reopen until mid-July.



Kathryn Conner

During that "time out" the FOL Board began meeting by Zoom. In July we sent out the 2020 Annual Report, and in August we hosted our first virtual Annual Meeting with a wonderful slide presentation put together by Friends Board members Kim Hoke and Nancy Lambert.

Also during this hiatus, the Friends of the Library Board did a MAJOR revision of the Friends by-laws, and through that exercise put together a Records Retention Policy (long overdue and needed). We also began to send membership thank you letters via email to save on postage, envelopes, etc. This allowed us to build our membership email directory for future communications with members.

Despite our two major sources of income (our book sales and The Library Shop) temporarily gone, we had some **good fortune** come our way. In May 2020, we received a \$20,000 bequest from the estate of a Township resident. In June, the mail brought a \$5,000 unrestricted grant from another Township resident, and in January and February we received two grants for \$10,000 and \$5,000 respectively. In addition, many members increased their membership level tier and others generously sent gifts of several hundred dollars. These gifts, combined with your membership renewals and new memberships, have helped the Friends continue its legacy of supporting our library. As you will read in this Annual Report, we were able to provide the Library with over \$40,000!

In his 1841 essay on Friendship, Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "The only way to have a friend is to be one." Here in Bloomfield Township, we have a friend in our Library, a place we can turn to for enlightenment and entertainment. And while our library is well funded by our township, the important supplemental funding provided by the Friends helps us to be a friend to our library and its patrons. Thank you for being part of that effort.

All the best,
Kathryn Conner, President
Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library

Save the Date!

**Wednesday,
June 9 at 1 p.m.**

**2021 Friends
Annual Meeting**

2021 Friends Annual Meeting and Election

Mark your calendars! The Friends will be hosting the 2021 Friends Annual Meeting and Election via Zoom, Wednesday, June 9 at 1 p.m. Join the Friends for an opportunity to meet the new Library Director. **See page 5 of this newsletter for the Zoom meeting information.** An email reminder will be sent to members one week prior to the meeting.



From the Outgoing Director...

In a year of many challenges, the Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library have been a constant source of encouragement and support. We are so grateful for the \$40,078 in Wish List requests that this group funded in Fiscal Year 2020/2021. This generosity supported the Library by providing many specialized services unique to the needs created by the pandemic, including curbside service signs to help guide patrons' way, entrance arrangements that greeted visitors during trying times, increased digital resources resulting in more borrowing options from home, and both virtual programming equipment and software that enabled staff to provide even better online programing, including the ability to add closed captioning for virtual programs. Over the past year, the Friends were always thinking about the Library, and have been ready and eager to return, with plans already in place, once allowed.

Our Friends have given us so much of their time and generosity throughout the years. I am honored to have worked with such a dedicated, hardworking group of volunteers. Each and every one of the Friends members has inspired me and touched my heart. Together, you have made such a difference in library programs, collections and services. Thank you for providing that extra shine that makes Bloomfield Township Public Library so very special.

I want to wish you all the best in the future, and look forward to hearing about the great things that you are doing. Thank you for supporting the Library!

~ Carol Mueller, Retired Bloomfield Township Public Library Director

Carol over the years (l to r): Kathryn Conner and Carol Mueller, Carol Mueller with some Youth Department friends, and Carol Mueller and Nancy Lambert.



Treasurer's Report 2020-2021

Balance as of April 1, 2020 \$ 21,497.76

RECEIPTS

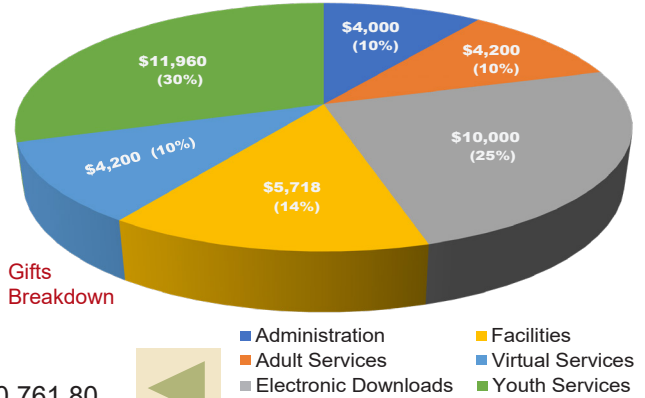
Saturday Book Sales	\$ 928.00
Saturday Credit Card Sales	\$ -
Sunday Book Sales	\$ -
Book Store Sales	\$ -
Other Book Sales (Pop Up)	\$ 449.00
Memberships	\$ 8,716.00
Donations	\$ 41,702.68
Misc. Income	\$ -
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 51,795.68
SUBTOTAL	\$ 73,293.44



By Sikander Rashid,
Assistant Treasurer &
Bob Schnorbus, Treasurer

DISBURSEMENTS

Annual Meeting	\$ 1,516.97
Events	\$ -
Office Expenses	\$ 109.70
Sales Taxes*	\$ 594.90
Credit Card Fees	\$ 202.93
Other Expenses	\$ 29.05
Bloomfield Township Public Library Gifts	\$ 40,078.09
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 42,531.64



Balance as of March 31, 2021 \$ 30,761.80

Highlights from the Treasurer's Report

By Bob Schnorbus and Sikander Rashid

The 2020-21 fiscal year was a challenge for us all, but the generosity of our patrons had an enormous impact on our ability to continue our support of the Library. While our revenues from book sales plunged 98%, our gifts to the Library were reduced by only 32%. One reason was that patrons continued to renew their memberships, so that membership revenues declined only 5%. While our memberships fees increased slightly last year, many members raised their membership status, helping to offset a decline by roughly a third in our actual number of active members. But the true heroes were those who contributed to an astonishing 4,876% increase in donations! We extend our deepest heartfelt thanks to all those who have supported the Friends throughout year and look forward to seeing you all again as soon as we can reopen our bookstore and restart our monthly book sales.

** Technical note: Because we pay our sales taxes in the month following the end of each quarter, we paid nearly \$600 in sales taxes this year, despite having only \$1,377 in actual book sales. Virtually all the taxes were from sales that occurred in the first quarter of last year (which was technically the fourth quarter of the 2019-20 fiscal year and pre-Covid pandemic). Taxes actually incurred were \$11.*

Friends 2020-2021 Gifts to the Bloomfield Township Public Library: \$40,078

ADMINISTRATION

- › Curbside Service Outdoor Signs.....\$2,000
- › Staff Development.....\$2,000

ADULT SERVICES

- › Large Print Classic Books.....\$1,200
- › STEM Kit Collection Update\$2,000
- › Yearbooks\$1,000

ELECTRONIC DOWNLOADS

- › Downloadable Materials – eBooks and Audiobooks\$5,000
- › Hoopla Digital\$5,000



FACILITIES



- › Carpet Spot Cleaner\$3,268
- › Entrance Arrangements\$2,250
- › Power Snow Shovel\$200

VIRTUAL SERVICES ENHANCEMENTS

- › Closed Captioning on Virtual Programs\$3,200
- › Virtual Programming Equipment and Software\$1,000



YOUTH SERVICES

- › Art Lab – Exploring Art Using Different Media.....\$1,200



- › Summer Reading Books\$3,500
- › U.S. Presidents Book Series.....\$1,760
- › Welcome Baby Bags.....\$3,000

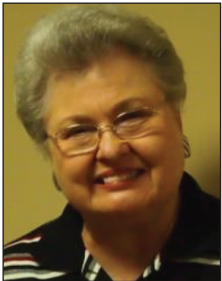
- › Wonderbooks from Playaway\$2,500



2021 Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library Annual Meeting ~ Wednesday, June 9 at 1 p.m.

Slate of Board Member Candidates

Up for re-election (2-year term):



Kathryn Conner – Kathy is a long-time Library patron and Friends member. She has served on the Board for nine years. She is currently President and has also served as Assistant Treasurer, Treasurer and Vice President. She is the lead of the fiction section in the The Book Nook, cashiers at most monthly book sales and

digitizes the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers in the Library's Technical Services Department as a volunteer.



Nancy Lambert – Nancy has been a Friends member for thirteen years. She has served on the Board as Secretary, President, and currently as Vice President. As a Wednesday sorter she is in charge of the literature section, and serves as assistant Second Saturday Sales director. Nancy has served on various committees as needed and assigned.



Elaine Johnston – Elaine, a long-time Friends member, has been assisting in the children's section of The Book Nook for the past six years, and also works at the check-out desk during the Second Saturday Sales. She serves on the Board as Historian, Corresponding Secretary, and helps on ad hoc committees as needed.



Sikander Rashid – Sikander has been a member of the Friends for a few years, and has been our Assistant Treasurer for the past two. He will be transitioning to Treasurer this year. He is interested in History and Biography. He helps set up that section in the Book Nook, and volunteers at the book sales.

Up for election (2-year term):



Linda Saukkonen – Linda has lived in Bloomfield Township for four years, and has been a volunteer at the library for two of those years. She has worked in the Book Nook and at book sales, as well as serving on the nominating committee. A former elementary school principal for 20 years, she was active in the Friends of the Library in Oregon and has worked in school libraries.

All Friends members are invited to the Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library 2021 Annual Meeting, Wednesday, June 9, 2021, 1 p.m.

Digital users can join the Zoom Meeting by clicking this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86577366941?pwd=T0pxTEVpRlBBcTFWTHNTQ1BJdTQ5QT09>

Or you can launch your Zoom app, or visit zoom.com and click "Join a Meeting" in the upper right corner of the page. Type in the following when prompted:

Meeting ID: 865 7736 6941

Passcode: 860252

You can also dial in to the meeting from your phone at: 1-312-626-6799.

Please RSVP with your email to: Friends@btpl.org

Membership Roll of Honor

LIFE

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 Dr. & Mrs. E. Alpert
 Mr. & Mrs. Basherian
 Joan Bogart
 J.D. & Paula Carlson
 G. J. Coatsworth
 Russell & Kathryn Conner
 Paulina & A. Michael Deller
 The Helen L. DeRoy Foundation
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 Sally Schwartz

Mrs. Harry Schwarzer
 Mr. & Mrs. A. W. Shaw
 Frank A. Smith, M.D.
 Larry & Isabel Smith
 Robert Spencer
 Rob & Carlene VanVoorhies
 Patricia Wagner
 Marilyn Hey Webster
 Fred & Mary Ann Wendell
 Mr. Yong Yi

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N. Susan and Keith Abentrod
 James Booker
 Martha & Harry Cornish
 Tom & Joan Daniels
 Sandy Edwards
 Dani Gillman
 Ervin Green
 Clyde L. Herring
 John & Kim Hoke
 David Jacobs
 Mr. John Lay
 Judy Lindstrom
 Ellen & Urban MacDonald
 Betsy Madorsky
 Marty & Rich McGee
 Ric & Carol Mueller
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 Dr. Tom & Chris Petinga
 Steven & Robin Read
 Sally & John Reinicke
 Evelyn S. Smith
 Cary Alan Storch
 Ruth & Mark Theobald
 Barbara C. & Roger K. Timm
 Paul & Imogene Zimmermann

Finn & Mary Louise Bergishagen
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 John Bulger
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 Kitty McDonald
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 Tera Moon
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 Varsha Revankar
 Mary-Louise Rynski
 Leon & Audrey Schurgin
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 Don Silver & B. Kay Campbell
 Joan D Smith
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 Bruce & Therese Thorn
 Dr. Barry Tigay, Ph.D.
 Lyn Wethy

FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS

Dennis & Margaret Alberts
 Mrs. Maurice B. Allen, Jr.
 Nancy Baker & Dwight Sanders
 Lucy M. Bates
 Jane & Tim Bersche
 Nan & Ed Burke

BENEFACTORS

Michael Francesco & Katherine Alioto
 Howard & Nancy Baron

Membership Roll of Honor

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 William & Anita Campo
 Dr. John & Miriam Cohen
 Courtright Living Trust
 Judith Cunningham
 David Curtis
 Joel & Susan Dion
 Michelle Ducato
 Florian & Rosemary Dutke
 Mary Freeman
 Jim & Laurel Harris
 Lewis Hickson & Gail Wingard
 Thomas & Kim Howlett
 Erikson Karmol & Daryl Robins
 Marty & Bonnie Korchak
 Diana Mack
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 Carol & David Matle
 Mary & Chris McCoy
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 John & Pat Mucha
 Christina & Bill Muir
 Sikander & Aneesa Rashid
 Rama & Rama V. Reddy
 Sandy & Glen Rosin
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 Linda & Eric Saukkonen
 Robert & Linda Schnorbus
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INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS

Marianne Abdoo
 Darlene Abraham
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Nick Altwerger
 Glenda Bard
 Robert Bednas
 Lynne Bonda
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 Jacki Boyer
 Charlton Burch
 Mary Carpenter-Burke
 Andy Cascarelli
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 Merrill Cragin
 Carol Curtis
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 Terry Love
 Jeff Martin
 Cynthia Martinek
 Nadine Maynard
 Cathy McQueen
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 David Oyerly, Classic Book Shop
 Eve Parsons
 Robert Pliska
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 Sam Pollak
 Marcia Preston
 Ann Quail
 Barbara Smalley

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 Mary Young
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 Staff Organization Committee (SOC)
 Anonymous Donor
 Estate of Richard Bilatis
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 Ellen & Urban MacDonald
 Tera Moon
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In Memory of Ira Firestone

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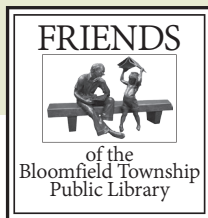
Upgrade Your Membership

Life	\$500
Patron	\$100
Benefactor	\$50
Family	\$30
Individual	\$20

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with your email to:
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DID YOU KNOW...

It's the twelfth anniversary of the first Little Free Library! In 2009, Todd Bol created the first Little Free Library book exchange and placed it in his Hudson, Wisconsin, front yard in tribute to his mother, a teacher. Twelve years later, his idea has snowballed into the world's largest book-sharing movement.

***There are now more
than 100,000 Little Free
Libraries in all 50 states
and 100+ countries.***

Through these Libraries, millions of books are exchanged each year, profoundly increasing access to books for readers of all ages and backgrounds. Little Free Library has received recognition from the Library of Congress, the National Book Foundation, Library Journal, the Women's National Book Association, and more.

**Information courtesy of littlefreelibrary.org.
Visit their site for a Little Free Library map.*

Meet the New Library Director...



*New Bloomfield Township
Public Library Director
Tera Moon*

Tera Moon begins her new role as Bloomfield Township Public Library Director on Monday, May 3, 2021. She has been the Assistant Library Director since 2013, and before that held several positions at the Southfield Public Library.

"My top priority is getting the Library through the pandemic safely and to build on all the lessons we have learned throughout the last year. Lessons such as effective communication methods for reaching the residents and virtual programming. Next will be bringing together the community, Trustees, staff and volunteers to draft a new strategic plan that points to a bright future of being the place to discover reading, learning, entertainment, culture and collaboration."

Tera states, "I am honored and thrilled that the Library Board of Trustees has chosen me to lead this already-great library through its next chapter. I look forward to leveraging the skills and ideas of the creative, talented, hard-working staff, Trustees, and volunteers into excellent service to the Bloomfield Township community."

– Some information above quoted from the article "Board looks in-house to replace retiring library director," Birmingham-Bloomfield Eagle, April 21, 2021, pg. 5A.

***Hear from Tera virtually at the Friends Annual Meeting
on Wednesday, June 9 at 1 p.m. See page 5 for details.***