

Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library Annual Report

May 2023

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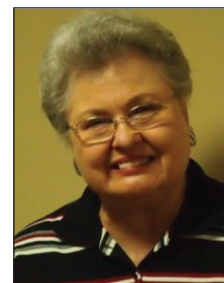
Sikander Rashid

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Libraries Need Friends

It's just that simple.

Many public libraries, including ours, were established through the efforts of community members who understood the value of libraries to their communities, and who recognized that libraries need community support to survive. That's how the Bloomfield Township Public Library came into existence in 1964.



Kathryn Conner

So how do libraries benefit from Friends groups? They benefit by the expansion of available resources to serve the public, and by extending a library's capacity through volunteerism, dollar gifts, program support, and through advocacy.

Few libraries are able to turn away help from supporters. Even if a library is so self-sufficient that additional funding isn't immediately needed, libraries without a well-developed group of Friends supporters often find the going tough when they need to raise additional funds, such as when they would like to remodel or expand, build a new building, or when they wish to grow their collections and services. Additionally, libraries that seek grants often find themselves in a much more competitive position for funding if they can show they receive tangible support from the very people who use and benefit from library services.

Politically, Friends groups are very important and effective to libraries' longevity, as they are community advocates by default, giving their time, energy, and financial support to an entity that they're willing to stand up for.

Every day, Friends make a difference for the libraries and communities they serve. Thank you for being a Friend and helping to make a difference in our Library and community.

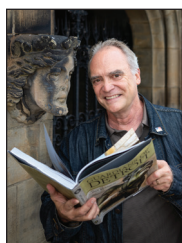
Regards,
Kathryn Conner, President
Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library

Save the Date!

**Wednesday,
May 3
11:30 a.m.**

**2023 Friends Annual
Meeting & Luncheon**

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Please join us **Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 11:30 a.m.** for our Annual Meeting and Luncheon. Author, historian, and photographer Jeff Morrison will present a program featuring spectacular pictures of interesting architectural sculpture found on buildings throughout Michigan. You will learn about the symbolism behind this artwork, and hear some of the stories of the artists and architects involved in the creation of these wonderful structures. His books *Guardians of Detroit: Architectural Sculpture in the Motor City* and *Guardians of Michigan: Architectural Sculpture of the Pleasant Peninsulas* will be available for purchase after the program.

This luncheon is open to **Friends members only**. There is no charge, but **reservations are required by noon on April 28** by either calling (248) 642-5800 or visiting the Library's Welcome Desk.

Treasurer's Report 2022-2023

Balance as of April 1, 2022 \$ 76,734

REVENUES

Memberships	\$ 11,970	
Library Shop / Second Saturday Sales	\$ 80,506	
Donations	\$ 23,310	
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 74	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 115,860	
SUBTOTAL		\$ 192,594

EXPENSES

Gifts to Bloomfield Township Public Library	\$ 49,941
Sales Tax	\$ 3,483
Bank Fees	\$ 900
Annual Meeting / Report	\$ 691
Office Expenses	\$ 620
Other Expenses*	\$ 2,315
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 57,950

**Includes Annual Meeting mailing, pre-Board Meeting lunch, sale display, and other materials.*

Balance as of March 31, 2023 \$ 134,644



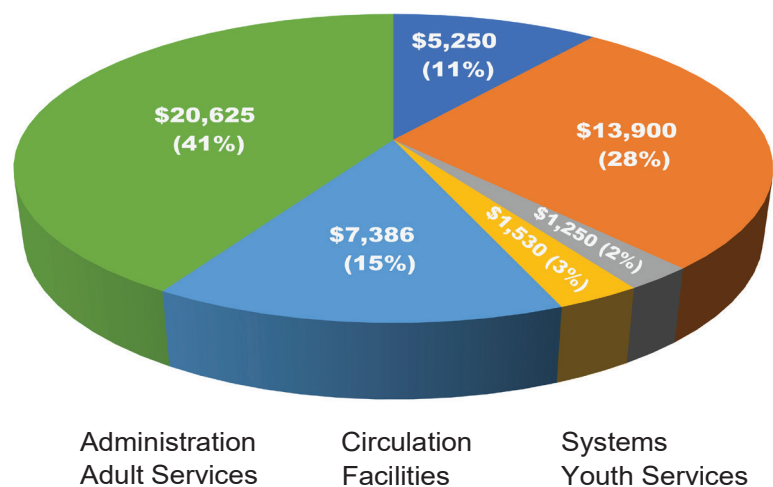
By Kim Hoke, Treasurer, and Ann Pohl, Assistant Treasurer

Highlights from the Treasurer's Report

By Kim Hoke and Ann Pohl

Revenues in all major areas were up this past year. Increasingly successful sales and Library Shop performance accounts for a large part of the increase. Personal donations and estate bequests have also greatly benefited our revenues. And, as always, memberships (renewed and upgraded) are the bedrock of our financial success.

Gifts Breakdown



Friends 2022-2023 Gifts to the Bloomfield Township Public Library: \$49,941

ADMINISTRATION

- › Chamber Music Concert Series \$2,000
- › Entrance Arrangements \$2,250
- › Outreach Giveaways..... \$1,000

SYSTEMS

- › Mobile Whiteboards \$1,400
- › Notebooks for Patrons \$350
- › Wall Mounted Glass Markerboards
and Supplies \$5,636

ADULT SERVICES



- › Book Club Books \$7,500
- › Books by Indian Authors..... \$500
- › Closed Captioning of
Virtual Content..... \$500
- › Mystery Series
Replacement Copies \$2,000
- › Podcasting Equipment..... \$400
- › Prize Patrol \$500
- › Vitality Kit Updates \$2,500

YOUTH SERVICES

- › Apple Pencils \$275
- › Art Lab and Art Lab Junior Programs \$2,700



CIRCULATION

- › Carts for
Processing Holds \$1,120
- › Two-Way Radios \$130



FACILITIES



- › Electric
Leaf Blower..... \$350
- › Water Bottle
Hydration Stations \$1,180

- › Battle of the Books \$2,500
- › Deluxe Catalog Display Racks..... \$150
- › Discussion Group Books \$3,500
- › Kindergarten Readers
Round Up..... \$3,500
- › Podcasting
Equipment..... \$400
- › Prize Patrol \$500
- › Stories and Stuff
Subscription Boxes \$3,600
- › Summer Reading
Books \$3,500

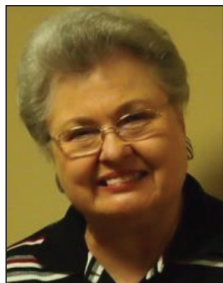


*Since 1995 the Friends have donated over \$1.75 million dollars
to the Bloomfield Township Public Library*

2023 Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library Annual Meeting & Luncheon ~ Wednesday, May 3 at 11:30 a.m.

Slate of Board Member Candidates

Up for Re-Election (2-year term):



and currently is one of our vintage book pricers. She handles membership and works in various capacities at the monthly book sales. Kathy's professional career was spent in the banking and staffing industry.

Kathryn Conner – Kathy is a long-time Library patron and active Friends member and has served on the Board for 11 years. She is currently President and has also served as Assistant Treasurer, Treasurer, and Vice President. She worked many years as the Fiction Section Manager in The Book Nook,



up those sections. He works at most sales and is a regular weekly sorter in the Book Nook. This will be Sikander's third term on the Board.

Sikander Rashid – Sikander joined the Friends after a career as an engineer in the automotive industry. He has been a long-time member of the Friends and has served on the Board as Assistant Treasurer, Treasurer, and on the Nominating Committee. He is interested in History and Biography, and helps set



Assistant Saturday Sales Manager, Donation Room Manager, and serving on various committees as needed and assigned. Nancy joined the FOL after a career as a high school librarian/media specialist.

Nancy Lambert – Nancy has been an active Friends member since 2008. She has served seven terms on the Friends of the Library Board including roles as President, Vice President, and Secretary. Currently she is reprising her role as Secretary, as well as serving as Literature Section Manager in the Book Nook,



Committee. This will be her second term on the FOL Board. A former elementary school principal for 20 years, she was active in the Friends of the Library in Oregon and as a volunteer in school libraries.

Linda Saukkonen – Linda has been an active volunteer with the Friends for four years. She serves as a Section Manager for Art, Animals, Crafts, Gardening, Cookbooks, and others in the Book Nook. She is a sorter in the Donation Room, a volunteer during monthly sales, and has served on the Nominating

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in 13 states. He has also been a stamp and coin collector and dealer and a primitive art collector. For over a year, Nick has been active with the FOL – as Book Nook Section Manager for Sci-Fi, Young Adults, and Sports, and on the Vintage Team. This will be Nick's first term on the FOL Board.

Nick Altwerger – Nick has been immersed in the book industry for over 60 years – as a book store manager, his own company director, publisher, book collector, and online book seller. He worked as a book sales rep over 35 years for over 200 different publishers. His company was responsible for the book trade



the University of Michigan and Wayne State University. She also served 25 years on her condo board. Since her retirement in 2021, Lisa has been an active Friends of the Library member both in the Donation Room and as a cashier at the Saturday Sales. This will be her first term on the FOL Board.

Lisa Beth Speck – Lisa is a lifetime patron of the Bloomfield Township Public Library and a longtime Friend of the Library. She had a long and happy career as an internist/geriatrician, and successfully ran a solo practice. She taught acute care medicine at Beaumont, and primary care for medical schools at



Library Director Tera Moon and
Friends President Kathy Conner.

From the Director...

We get by with a little help from our Friends – it may be cliché but it's true! The Friends provide added support to the Library in the form of people and funds, and the Library provides them the place and opportunity for their volunteerism to happen. Every year the Friends utilize many different spaces in the Library to collect, sort, and price hundreds of thousands of books and media, and then place these where they can be most beneficial, from book sales to outreach programs. Friends can be found all over the Library – the Donation Room, Book Nook, Library Shop, Friends Office, and meeting rooms where they meet to plan and execute their great work. Library Administration, in turn, supports their efforts by helping design posters and website graphics to promote the Friends efforts. Each month, the Friends Second Saturday Sales draw huge crowds to the Library and generate community good will. Our Friends pour so much love and energy into this process, raising significant funds each year and ensuring the Library has resources that might not otherwise be in our budget.

Many of our Friends are retired, and all of them are volunteers. Running this 300+ member organization and holding monthly sales is an opportunity for each member to share the considerable skills they gained during past employment, including organizational management, finance, marketing, education, and book knowledge. Our Friends relish in the opportunity to serve and support an entity they hold dear and believe in. The Library and Friends continue to collaborate in a myriad of ways to provide the stellar library experience that is Bloomfield Township Public Library. It's amazing what the power of friendship can do!

~ Tera Moon, Bloomfield Township Public Library Director

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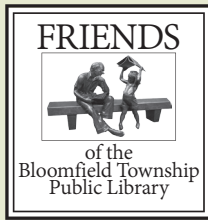
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their special donations...***

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Upgrade Your Membership

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



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Monthly Book Sales Got Even Better in 2022!

With ever-changing materials that people utilize and the wide variety of donations received, the Friends have found ways to promote and provide more than just books at its sales. In doing so, they have expanded from two rooms in the lower level for each sale to having four rooms, each showcasing differing types of items.

Room 1 has greatly expanded its offerings to include games, puzzles, and hands-on activities. Patrons love these additional items, and often purchase gifts for themselves and others at amazingly low prices. And the Friends standard offerings in this room – children's books, coffee table books, and older fiction – are always popular. Each month there is also a "Special Feature" promoted on Facebook that is displayed in Room 1, attracting many buyers.

Room 2 is now permanently dedicated to all types of media, including CDs, movies, and audiobooks of all genres. The Friends also offer books about music and movies in this room, as well as CD and DVD cases and storage units. Movies and music continue to be popular with shoppers, and many have expressed appreciation for having these options available.

Room 3, which the Friends rarely used during past sales, is now regularly open and dedicated solely to Vintage books. This room has gained an enthusiastic following, with most featured books having been written prior to 1960, and many from the early 20th and late 19th centuries. Items span a wide variety of genres and topics, and are fun to peruse and purchase.

And then there is the dedicated spacious Friends' Book Nook, which is always full of beautiful fiction and nonfiction books. In addition, the Friends utilize the surrounding areas and hallways during sales to showcase special monthly features in many different subjects, such as crafting, British mysteries, and art books.

Make sure to check out the entire lower level when you shop our next sale. You never know what you'll discover!

