

Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library Annual Report

April 2024

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Take a Bow!

Four years ago, we cancelled the March 2020 sale two days before the Governor closed down the State due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We went 16 months with no book sales, lost two-thirds of our membership and wondered how we would be able to continue to provide funding to the Library. It was a scary time for all of us.

When we resumed sales 17 months later in July 2021, they were sporadic, depending on the Covid numbers. In March 2022, we began regular sales again and have been going strong ever since.

Our sales got bigger and better, and our sales numbers shot up. We built back up our membership from a low of 212 in July 2021 to our current membership of 384. But it was our funding to the Library that really took a hit. We went from total gifts of \$62,450 in the 2019-2020 fiscal year to a low of \$15,950 in fiscal year 2021-2022. Then in 2022-2023 things began to look up and we gifted the Library \$49,941.

But this year we doubled that, approving funding for the Library for...

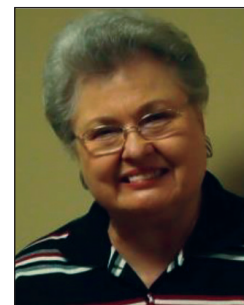
\$105,099

The most in our 59-year history!

We are extremely grateful to you, our members, for your support, to our strong group of Friends volunteers and the wonderful support we receive from the Library itself. We've been able to do a lot this year.

So, let's all take a bow for getting through the pandemic, and supporting the places and people who make a difference in our lives and community.

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



Kathryn Conner

Save the Date!
Wednesday,
April 24
11:00 a.m.

2024 Friends Annual Meeting & Luncheon

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Please join us **Wednesday, April 24, 2024** for our Annual Meeting and Luncheon. Check-in will be at 11 a.m. and the luncheon will begin promptly at 11:15 a.m. Author and local history researcher Amberrose Hammond will take us on a strange and fun journey into Michigan's supernatural past through ghosts, legends, monsters and more as she discusses her latest book, *Mysterious Michigan*. Hammond has been researching the supernatural, weird, and off-beat history of Michigan for over twenty years. Books available for purchase before and after presentation.

This luncheon is open to **Friends members only**. There is no charge, but **reservations are required by noon on Wednesday, April 17** by calling (248) 642-5800 or visiting the Library's Welcome Desk.

Treasurer's Report 2023-2024

Beginning Bank Balance as of April 1, 2023 \$ 57,643

REVENUES

Memberships	\$ 13,870
Library Shop / Second Saturday Sales	\$ 88,762
Donations / Grants*	\$ 41,583
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 40
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 144,255

*A \$25,000 grant was received from the Michigan Nonprofit Relief Fund.

EXPENSES

Gifts to Bloomfield Township Public Library	\$ 91,098**
Sales Tax	\$ 4,477
Bank Fees	\$ 998
Annual Meeting / Report	\$ 803
Office Expenses	\$ 1,177
Other Expenses***	\$ 2,212
Funds moved to the Friends Reserve Fund	\$ 38,250
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 139,015

**An additional \$14,001 was given to the Library from gifts reallocated from 2022-23.

***Amount includes Annual Meeting mailing, sales displays, and other materials.

Ending Bank Balance as of March 31, 2024 \$ 62,883

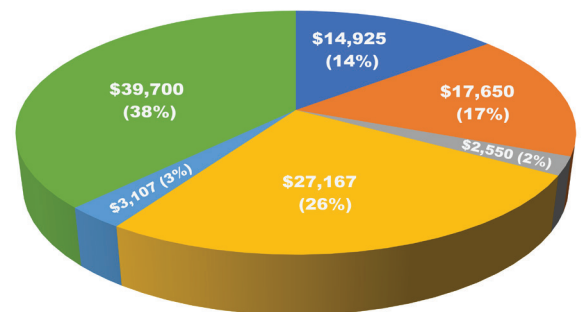
Friends Reserve Fund Balance as of March 31, 2024 \$ 117,609

Total Fiscal Year Asset Balance as of March 31, 2024 \$ 180,492



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

Gifts Breakdown



■ Administration ■ Facilities
 ■ Adult and Teen Services ■ IT / Materials Services
 ■ Circulation ■ Youth Services

The Friends' Second Saturday Sales

The Second Saturday Sales that make up the lion's share of revenues have reached (and maintain) new heights. There are many things that have combined to create this success: design, publicity, product, and volunteers.

We hear frequently from patrons at the sale that, "This is just like a little bookshop!" That look is due to a lot of work done by several volunteers who "dress" our four rooms so they are colorful, informative and beckoning. This effort is spearheaded by volunteer Lyn Wethy, who has created most of our signage and has infected others with the enthusiasm to make things look as inviting as possible. We have also added a number of display racks and stands to different parts of our sale area to bring attention to special items and attract additional interest.

The sale includes traditional fiction books for all ages, nonfiction books, movies and music. Since reopening after the Covid closure, we added the popular games, puzzles, and activities area to Room 1. We also offer lots of sheet music and books about music, theater, movie topics, and people in Room 2. Room 3 features vintage books and other articles that appeal to our many collectors. If you come to a sale, plan on staying for a while!

All of this expansion requires a lot of people to prepare for, set up, work at, and tear down for our sales. It takes about 50 people to manage everything. We are lucky we have the team that can do it and have fun in the process.

Friends 2023-2024 Gifts to the Bloomfield Township Public Library: \$105,099

ADMINISTRATION

- › Chamber Music Concert Series \$2,000
- › Entrance Arrangements \$1,500
- › Local History Display Case Materials \$1,000
- › Paper Folder \$2,175
- › Postcard Campaign \$1,250
- › Prize Patrol Promotional Items \$2,000
- › SOC Events Support \$5,000



ADULT AND TEEN SERVICES

- › Book Club Books \$3,000
- › Clear Plastic Easels \$300
- › Fifty Book Challenge Program \$3,500
- › Handheld Vacuum Cleaners \$500
- › Movie License \$350
- › Replacement Copies of Mystery Books \$4,000
- › Teen and Adult Services Programming \$6,000



CIRCULATION

- › Mobile Library Card Kit \$1,300
- › Postcard Campaign \$1,250

FACILITIES

- › Cell Signal Booster Project \$16,397
- › Electric Snow Blower \$700
- › Garden Improvements \$7,500
- › Under Cabinet Lighting \$2,570

IT AND MATERIALS SERVICES

- › Booktrucks \$2,107
- › Mobile Podcasting Equipment and Software \$1,000



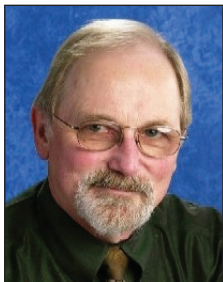
YOUTH SERVICES

- › Adaptive Umbrella Program \$8,000
- › Art Lab and Art Lab Junior Programs \$1,800
- › Battle of the Books \$3,250
- › Discussion Group Books \$5,000
- › Kindergarten Readers Round Up \$2,000
- › Movie License \$350
- › Play Table \$4,500
- › Retro Game Night Supplies \$600
- › Special Event Programming \$8,000
- › Stories and Stuff Subscription Boxes \$2,000
- › Summer Reading Books \$3,500
- › Welcome Baby Bags \$700

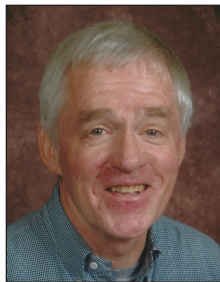
Since 1995 the Friends have donated over \$1.85 million dollars to the Bloomfield Township Public Library

2024 Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library Annual Meeting & Luncheon ~ Wednesday, April 24 at 11:15 a.m. Slate of Board Member Candidates

Up for Re-Election (2 Year Term)



Russell Conner – Russ has regularly worked with the Friends since his retirement from Cranbrook, where he taught for 51 years. He oversees the music books and CDs in the media section. He also maintains the Friends social media accounts as well as working in the donation room and at the sales. Russ also chairs the Friends Reserve Fund Committee.



Richard Lambert – Richard has been a member of the Friends for 15 years, including four years on the FOL Board. As FOL Volunteer Coordinator for three years, Richard enjoys meeting and recruiting new volunteers. He also enjoys working the monthly sales as Cashier or Checkout. Richard's background is in Athletic Administration and Elementary Teaching. He still interacts with the Math Olympiad, Science Olympiad, and Academically Talented youngsters.



Kim Hoke – Kim has been a Friends volunteer for seven years, a Board member for six. She is currently Treasurer, Book Nook Manager and Sales Manager. She has served as Board Secretary and Vice President. She serves on the Wish List, By-Laws, Annual Meeting, and Job Description Committees, and the Friends Reserve Fund, Vintage, Marketing/Publicity, Donation Room and FOL Outreach Teams. Kim's professional career was spent in office systems sales and 4th – 8th grade education.



Cathy Ranke – Cathy has been a Friends volunteer and FOL Board member for many years. She has served on various committees and performed various roles, including Sorter, Board Secretary, and Membership Chair. She is co-founder of the Library Shop where she and her passionate team are frequently found stocking shelves and organizing displays. Cathy's professional career was spent as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner.

Up for Re-Election (1 Year Term)



Glenda Bard – Glenda is a longtime member of the Friends and FOL Board. She has served as President, Vice President, Secretary, Director Emeritus and is current Hospitality Chair. She has chaired/served on the Job Description, By-Laws, and Nomination Committees, sorting in the Donation Room and Book Nook, and has regularly worked at Book Sales, including as Sale Coordinator during construction. Glenda's background is in Restaurant Management Training and opening new units.



Ann Pohl – Ann has volunteered with the Friends for 10 years, including four years on the FOL Board. She currently serves as Assistant Treasurer, Book Nook Section Manager for Travel and Foreign Languages, Nomination Committee chair, and has assisted at Sales, in the Donation Room, on the Annual Meeting and the Financial Review Committees. Ann spent her professional career in the computer Industry.

Up for Election (2 Year Term)



Kimberley Harrison – Kim has lived in Bloomfield Township for many years, and has volunteered throughout the community during that time. She has been a regular FOL volunteer for over one year, assisting in the Donation Room, Vintage Team activities and Saturday Sales set ups. Kim's professional career was spent in health care administration.



Valerie Lonchar – Valerie has volunteered with the Friends for over one year. She volunteers weekly in the Book Nook and works various shifts at the monthly book sale. Valerie spent her professional career working as a library assistant at various college libraries. She also volunteered many years at a school library, where she worked a weekly shift and co-chaired the Scholastic Book Fair fundraiser.

Membership Roll of Honor

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Upgrade Your Membership

Lifetime	\$1,000
Circle of Friends	\$500
Patron	\$100
Benefactor	\$50
Family	\$35
Individual	\$25

Membership Roll of Honor

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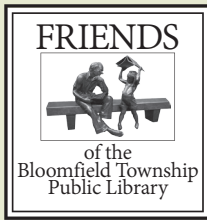
In Memory of...

Lyle Dahlberg –
 From James & Carol Margin

Thomas Hied –
 From Diane Hied's "Forever Friends"

Friends Reserve Fund (FRF)

Since May of 2020, the Friends have received sizable annual bequests from the estate of a township resident. There have also been significant gifts from other individuals in the form of Qualified Charitable Distributions from 401k accounts, bequests from estates, and donations greater than \$500 to the Friends. These generous gifts provide the Friends the opportunity to set aside funds to provide a sizable donation to the Library at some point in the future that will make a major difference. They could also offset a loss of revenue due to unexpected events such as a global pandemic. Therefore, the Board of the Friends established the Friends Reserve Fund (FRF) to manage these monies and take advantage of safe, liquid, investments that offer a higher rate of return than the Friends checking account. Whereas money raised from the monthly book sales, memberships, and The Library Shop are distributed to the Library each year, the Friends Reserve Fund is held for something special.



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*Library Director Tera Moon and
Friends President Kathryn Conner.*

From the Library Director...

We hit the jackpot by having such wonderful Friends! Over 380 members bet on the Library by investing their money in becoming Friends members – and more are joining every month.

The determination and enthusiasm of the Friends volunteers amazes me. Every day of the week, Friends members come to the donation room to sort through the many donated books and other items to determine treasure from trash. Time is given freely each week by many volunteers to price and shelve in the Book Nook, applying experience and knowledge to choose which items go where and selecting items of top quality to sell. Volunteers supply their wisdom to tracking the budget and finances, determining best practices in their monthly meetings, and ensuring procedures are fair. Every month, they pull off amazing Second Saturday Sales, often beating the previous years' earnings. Friends members even drive all over the state and beyond to share the wealth, giving some of the surplus of items to non-profits in many corners of the world. Many school and church libraries are abundant with the Friends gifts. Book prizes for everyone!

They have been on a winning streak and their luck has rubbed off on the Library through the passage of a millage renewal proposal. The Friends supported this effort by sharing information about the proposal with shoppers at the sales, and by serving on the Ambassador Group and a "Yes" campaign committee.

With the combined support of membership, monetary donations, and book sales, the Friends wagered on the Library and granted more than \$105,099 in Wish List items this fiscal year. This provides funding for great concerts, entertaining programs, and other events that draw in the community. This also funds extras small and great that are outside of the budget that support the Library functioning beautifully, from snow throwers to hand vacuums, to shelving carts. It's like we won the lottery. Thank you, Friends. Your abundant generosity and support truly make this Library shine

~ Tera Moon, Bloomfield Township Public Library Director