

Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library Annual Report

April 2025

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kathryn Conner
President

Glenda Bard
Vice President

Nancy Lambert
Secretary

Kim Hoke
Treasurer

Ann Pohl
Assistant Treasurer

Nick Altwerger

Russell Conner

Kim Harrison

Richard Lambert

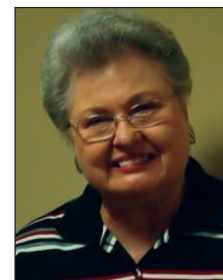
Cathy Ranke

Sikander Rashid

Lyn Wethy



Celebrating 60 Years! 1965 ~ 2025



Kathryn Conner

In March, 2025, the Friends of the Bloomfield Public Library turned 60! Friendships that last 60 years should be celebrated, and in 2025, the Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library – and the Library itself – will be doing just that. Founded in 1965, just one year after the Library opened, the Friends of the Library have come a long way over the years. This Annual Report highlights just some of our accomplishments.

The Friends of the Library is a group of volunteers dedicated to supporting the Library through fundraising and advocacy. Since 1995, the Friends have gifted the Library more than \$1.85 million dollars in donations, which has helped the Library go the extra mile for residents by supporting new collections, underwriting programs, and funding amenities like the lovely gardens that greet visitors or the convenient reusable book bags available at the Library's Circulation Desk.

To say that the Friends' support of the Library is strictly financial would be to simplify what this hardworking group of people do. The primary fundraising activity of the Friends is their Second Saturday of the Month Sale. The Friends started holding book sales back in 1971 – monthly sales began in 2002 – and the sales are 100% Friends operated. Each and every week, Friends volunteers sort through hundreds (sometimes thousands!) of donated items, evaluating, pricing, stocking, and keeping everything organized for sale to the public.

Being around as long as we have would not have been possible without the combined support of not only our volunteers, but also that of the Library administration and local community. Over the past six decades, all have worked closely together to contribute to the Friends' success. Please wish us well as we move forward into our next decade.

This April, after a six-year run, I will be stepping down as President. It has been my pleasure to serve you, and I look forward to continuing to volunteer alongside you for years to come.

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

Save the Date!

**Wednesday,
April 23
11:00 a.m.**

**2025 Friends Annual
Meeting & Luncheon**



The Friends Logo Featuring *Quest*

Quest, the life-sized bronze sculpture that resides in the Library's Commons, was the Friends first gift to the Library and is a part of the Friends logo. It consists of a life-sized bench with two readers from opposite ends of the age spectrum. An older man sits, holding an open book in his lap, while a younger girl stands nearby holding an open book over her head. This eye-catching design invites all to sit down next to them. *Quest* is the work of noted Detroit sculptor Edward Kasproicz. The Friends commissioned the sculpture after conducting a competition in which the wax model of *Quest* was chosen as the winner. The sculpture was presented to the Library in May 1988, weighs 728 pounds, and took a year and a half to create.



Treasurer's Report 2024-2025

Beginning Bank Balance as of April 1, 2024 \$ 62,884

REVENUES

Memberships	\$ 14,115
Library Shop / Second Saturday Sales	\$ 100,254
Donations	\$ 42,109
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 200
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 156,678

EXPENSES

Gifts to Bloomfield Township Public Library	\$ 108,011
Sales Tax	\$ 4,862
Bank Fees	\$ 1,346
Sales Expenses	\$ 1,104
Office Expenses	\$ 113
Other Expenses*	\$ 3,052
Funds moved to the Friends Reserve Fund	\$ 38,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 156,488

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

Ending Bank Balance as of March 31, 2025 \$ 63,074

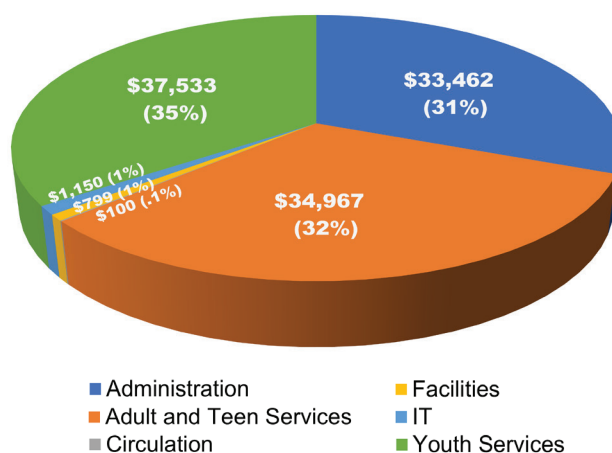
Friends Reserve Fund Balance as of March 31, 2025 \$ 160,709

Total Fiscal Year Asset Balance as of March 31, 2025 \$ 223,783



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

Gifts Breakdown



2025 Friends Annual Meeting and Luncheon

Please join us **Wednesday, April 23, 2025** 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. **Adam Oster, Community Engagement Librarian, Library of Michigan**, will present on 2025 Michigan Notable Books, an annual program with roots stretching back to Michigan Week 1991. Every year the Library of Michigan selects up to twenty of the most notable books, either written by a Michigan resident or about Michigan or the Great Lakes. Learn about the wonderful literary tradition of our state and discover titles that speak to Michigan's rich cultural, historical, and literary heritage.

This luncheon is open to **Friends members only**. There is no charge, but **reservations are required by noon on Wednesday, April 16** by calling (248) 642-5800 or visiting the Library's Welcome Desk.



Friends 2024-2025 Gifts to the Bloomfield Township Public Library: \$108,011

ADMINISTRATION

› ASCAP Music License	\$434
› Branded Library Swag	\$5,000
› Chamber Music Concerts	\$3,150
› Detroit Historical Society Displays	\$2,038
› Exterior Photographs of the Library	\$750
› Library's 60th Anniversary Event	\$10,000
› Piano Maintenance and Voicing	\$450
› Reusable Cloth Tote Bags	\$4,640
› Staff Development and Morale	\$6,000
› 2025 Photo Contest	\$1,000

ADULT AND TEEN SERVICES

› Adult and Teen Services Programming.....	\$7,500
› Book Club Books	\$6,000
› 50 Book Challenge.....	\$4,000
› Funds for Local History Materials	\$2,000



› Manga Collection Refresh	\$1,500
› Movie License Renewal	\$467
› Prizes for Summer Reading	\$1,000
› Shelby Van Pelt Author Event	\$7,000

› STEM Collection Telescope	\$500
› STEM Kit Additions and Updates	\$500
› Tabletop Role Playing Game Collection.....	\$1,000
› Transcription Service	\$1,500
› Workroom Book Carts	\$2,000

CIRCULATION

› Folding Stools for Pages	\$100
----------------------------------	-------



FACILITIES

› Pressure Washer	\$799
-------------------------	-------

IT

› Computer Lab Projector Screen.....	\$1,150
--------------------------------------	---------

YOUTH SERVICES

› DVD Replacement	\$3,000
› Movie License Renewal	\$233
› One School, One Book	\$9,500
› Prizes for Summer Reading	\$4,000
› Special Event Programming	\$8,000



› STEAM Kit Collection	\$4,000
› Stories and Stuff Subscription Boxes	\$1,100
› Summer Reading Shirts	\$3,000



› Tabletop Role Playing Game Collection.....	\$500
› Vintage Video Game Night	\$1,500
› Welcome Baby Bags	\$2,700

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



2025 Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library Annual Meeting & Luncheon ~ Wednesday, April 23 at 11:15 a.m.

Slate of Board Member Candidates

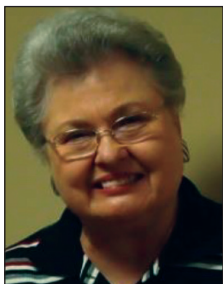
Up for Re-Election (2 Year Term)



Glenda Bard – Glenda is a longtime member of the Friends and FOL Board. She has served as President, Secretary, Director Emeritus and is current Vice President and Hospitality Chair. She has chaired/served on the Job Description, By-Laws, and Nominating Committees. Glenda sorts in the Donation Room and Book Nook, and regularly works at Book Sales, including as Sale Coordinator during construction. Her education was at Northwood University, and her background is in Restaurant Management Training.



Ann Pohl – Ann has been a member of the Friends for 12 years, including five years on the FOL Board. She currently serves as Assistant Treasurer, Book Nook Section Manager for Travel and Foreign Languages, Nominating Committee chair, and assists at Sales, in the Donation Room, and on the Financial Review Committee. Ann spent her professional career in the computer industry as a software engineer and IT specialist.



Kathryn Conner – Kathy is a long-time Library patron and Friends member. She has served on the Board for 13 years – the past six years as President – and formerly held the roles of Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Annual Meeting chair, and now serves as Membership chair. She has been the fiction aisle leader in The Book Nook, and currently handles the cookbook, nutrition and diet aisle, helps at monthly sales, and works as a vintage book pricer. Kathy's professional career was in the banking and staffing industry.



Sikander Rashid – Sikander joined the Friends after a career as an engineer in the automotive industry. He has been a long-time member, 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 up those sections. He works at most sales and is a regular weekly sorter in the Book Nook. If elected, this will be Sikander's fourth term on the Board.



Nancy Lambert – Nancy joined the Friends in 2008 after a career as a school librarian/media specialist. She has served as President, Vice President, and is currently Secretary. In addition, she is the manager of the Donation Room and editor of the Annual Report.

Up for Election (1 Year Term)



Sharon Sheremet – Sharon has been a Friends volunteer for 18 months, following her retirement from GM, where she led consumer research and served on MSU's MSMR Advisory Board. She supports the Friends in various roles, including Book Nook section manager (Art, Architecture, DIY, Humor, Animals, Crafts, Gardening), as a Donation Room sorter, and helps set-up, tear-down and keep things tidy at the monthly Sales.



Bob Tera – Bob has volunteered with the Friends for over one year. He works at the monthly book sales, drawing on years of experience working with other library book sales. He has been willing to fill in with whatever The Friends have needed, even mopping the floor during a recent emergency. Currently he has been helping as a Wednesday sorter in the Book Nook. Bob spent his professional career in finance and management, and has given back extensively to the community.



Membership Roll of Honor

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Mr. Robert H. Allan
 Dr. Edward Alpert
 Roz & Ara Basherian
 J.D. & Paula Carlson
 Russell & Kathryn Conner
 Martha & Harry Cornish
 Paulina & A. Michael Deller
 The H.L. DeRoy Foundation
 Sandra Edwards
 John & Karen Fischer
 Ellen Freed
 Mark & Nancy Frey
 Grant & Klaren Gerhart
 Dr. & Mrs. Theodore Golden
 Stephen L. Goodale Fund*
 Pamela Grozdon
 Shirley Harris
 Dianne Hayden Family
 Mr. & Mrs. J.E. Henderson
 John & Kim Hoke
 Dagnya Iyla
 Mr. & Mrs. J. Lee Juett
 Karen Kotulis-Carter
 Mr. & Mrs. Elton Kruger
 Mr. & Mrs. Warren Lada
 Richard & Nancy Lambert
 Dan & Amy Loepp
 Teresa Love & John Steinberger
 Carol & David Matle
 Barbara Mayer
 Mrs. Julio Mazzoli
 Tera Moon
 Dr. Kiran Sirisma Nandalur
 Ann O'Dell
 Mr. & Mrs. J.E. Papelian
 Mrs. Steven Radom
 The Ranke Family
 Mrs. Irving Rose
 Lisa & Richard Rosenbaum
 Sally Schwartz
 Mrs. Harry Schwarzer
 Mr. & Mrs. A.W. Shaw

Frank A. Smith, M.D.
 Larry & Isabel Smith
 Rob & Carlene VanVoorhies
 Patricia Wagner
 Fred & Mary Ann Wendell
 Mr. Yong Yi
 Myra & David Zoll

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Rose F. Obloy

PATRONS

N. Susan Abentrod
 Howard & Nancy Baron
 Dave & Dina Bednarz
 Lucy Benham
 Dr. Shawn Bolton & Dr. Ian Fox
 Charlton Burch
 Keith Carduner
 Dr. David H. & Sue E. Dinger
 Anna M. Flynn
 Sarah A. Gasper
 Susan Han & Justin Goldsmith
 Patricia "Trish" Harris
 Kim Harrison & Jim Tamm
 Diane M. Hied
 William Hollingsworth
 David Jacobs
 Debbie LaPonsa
 Mr. John Lay
 Judy Lindstrom
 Joan C. Luksik
 Ellen MacDonald
 Jeffery Marraccini
 Joy Murray
 Dr. Tom & Chris Petinga
 Steven & Robin Read
 Rama Reddy
 Sandy Sadow
 Andrew & Susan Saxe
 Patricia Schleif
 Catharine "Kitty" Smith
 Ruth & Mark Theobald
 Lynne & Peter Vossler
 Jeff & Linda Weitzel
 Lyn Wethy
 Imogene Zimmermann

BENEFACTORS

Dennis & Margaret Alberts
 Michael F. & Katherine Alioto
 Dr. Russell & Joan Bowman
 John T. Bulger
 William & Anita Campo
 Judith Cunningham
 Sherrie English
 The Amale Fawaz Family
 Steven & Judy Geppert
 Dr. Paul & Linda Gold
 Jose Guzman Jr.
 Jama & Dave Hayes
 Judith Hehs
 Luise Illuminati
 Patricia Joyner
 Dr. James Labes
 Sun-Hee Lee
 Charlotte Mahrt
 Kitty McDonald
 Martha & Richard McGee
 Tracy Morisi
 Marian D. Rafal
 Mr. & Mrs. David Richter
 Mr. & Mrs. Eric Saukkonen
 Leon & Audrey Schurgin
 Lynn Shecter
 Carolyn & Barry Silverstein
 Barbara Smalley
 Evelyn S. Smith
 Colin & Jan Stafford
 Bob Tera
 Myra E. Wetzel
 The Wyzgoski Family
 The Zadoff Family

FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS

Angela Addabbo, Gerald Kenyonm, &
 Donald Slempp
 The Alali Family
 Jennifer Allen
 Laura & John Amatulli
 Peter Anghelescu
 Kristen Baiardi
 Nancy Baker & Dwight Sanders
 Lucy M. Bates
 Noel & Pamela Beck
 Robert Bednas & Micaela Furyk
 The Blank Family
 Crystal Boersma
 The Cantarella Family

Upgrade Your Membership

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



Membership Roll of Honor

Ariel Capaldi
The Causey Family
Mr. & Mrs. Bret Chennault
Dr. John & Miriam Cohen
Sal & Kathleen Comito
The Counihan Family
Tom & Joan Daniels
Mary Derian
Ben & Michele Diaczok
The Ashley Dobson Family
Celia Domalewski & Julian Goloda
Peter & Ruth Banks Donaldson
Florian, Rosemary, & Abby Dutke
Elliott Family
The Finkbeiner Family
Kyle Finlan & Emily Schneider
Melissa Fisher & Donald Roe
Mary Freeman
Henry C. & Gwendolyn Gaines
Natalie Garfield
Gillman Chutz Family
Sally & Jerome Hart
Kelly Hill & Steve Szalay
The Hinkle Family
Tom Hitchman & Keith Hewitt
Mara & Flora Hoffert-Dallo
Thomas & Kim Howlett
Christina Hubbard
Lawrence & Martha Irwin
Mrs. Robert H. Janover
Roxanne Jones
Mackenzie Kallio
The Karmol Family
Karen Katz & Dr. Mark Diem
Joanne Kelly & Susan Kelly
Colin & Diane Kennedy
Martin & Bonnie Korchak
The Ronald Krueger Family
Sandy & Dave Ladd
Valerie & Bart Lonchar
Beth & Jonathan Lowe
Diana V. Mack
Audrey Marsh
Mary & Chris McCoy
The McGeorge Family
Leo & Alice McIntyre
Bob & Gail McMahan
Dr. & Mrs. Alvin Michaels
Nancy & Philip Moss
John & Pat Mucha
Jana Muhic
Christina & Bill Muir
Andrew & Jaden Murphy
Kenneth Nahigian & Heather Craig
Gholamabbas Nazri & Behjat Bitaraf
Joseph Nelson & Cassandra Josette
Joseph Nemeth & Judie Young
Yelena & Boris Nisnevich

Jay & Barbara Nowak
William & Maritza O'Donnell
Justine Otto & Aaron Jackson
John & Nicole Pangere
Devin Paulk Family
John & Julie Pflanzner
Jim & Sarah Piper
Ann & David Pohl
Constance & Frank Point
Janet Poulik & Bruck Babiarz
Sharad Puri & Jennifer Fernando
Stanford & Geula Rapp
Sikander Rashid
Sally & John Reinicke
Sara Remley
Justin Ritenour Family
Dolores & David Robbins
Arleen & Donald Rochlen
Daniel Rose
Kristin Rozycki
Steve & Mary Schneider
Robert & Linda Schnorbus
Rona Schoeppe
Jacquelyn Scieszka
Shaun Sheehan & Irina Stiop
Sharon & Cary Sheremet
Nancy Silverman & Tom Reilly
Michael & Patricia Sinelli
Martha Smith
Jennifer & Ryan Soble
Lisa Speck & Ed Funk
Kerry J. Spencer & Jeff Hall
The Spradlin Family
Erin & Tim Springer
Fern & Sidney Stoffer
Gary & Linda Strappazon
Wendy Strip & David Cohen
Frances & Louis Sturm
Linda B. Thomas
Deb & Clay Thompson
Barbara & Roger K. Timm
Anne Toal Family
M. Kristen & Michael Updike
Linda Warren
Emily Wheeler
Greg & Mary Ann Williams

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS

Yasmeen Abdullah
Darlene Abraham
Majd Aburabia
Deborah Acho
Muhammed Aldogon

Nick Altwerger
Diane Anderson
Julie Angeli
Mary Armijo
Huseyin Aydogmus
Elaine Babbish
Jean Backlund
Glenda Bard
Melissa Belevender
Dale Bell
Jane Bersche
Lynne Bonda
Barbara Borden
William Brandenburg
Katherine Bryant
Jon Buyle
Ms. Mary Jo Campbell
Maria Castedo
Ray Chateau
Lili Cheng
William Close
Shari Cohen
David Colucci
Traci Lynn Cook
Amanda Corp
Bill Corporandy
Merrill Cragin
Carol Curtis
David Curtis
Rich Daniel
Patricia Davis
Matthew Dimond
Clay Dobrovoles
Brian Dupuis
Becky Early
Anne Ellis
Roxanne Fay
Joan Firestone
David Fornell
La Toy Gaitor
Janice Glenn
Linden Godlove
Mr. Stuart Goldstein
Judy Goldwasser
Giovanna Gonzalez
Tamelia Goodwyn
Adrienne Gordon
Sharon Gorman
Charles Graham
Kay Ann Grayson
Matt Griffin
Darrell Hancock
Martha W. Harold
Laurel Harris
Dan Hayden
Jessica Heselschwerdt
Robert Heugh
Mary Hickman



Membership Roll of Honor

Sherry R. Higgins
Ken Hill
James Holloway
Gail Horwitz
Ms. P. Holland Izbicki
Clara E. Jacks
Luke Janes
Jeff Jannett
Elaine Johnston
Laura Joyce
Eugene Jurkiewicz
Elizabeth Kavanagh
Naeema Kazi
Patrick Keating
Richard Ketelhut
Steve Kiesling
Lillian King
Mary Konen
Pam Latovick
Christina Lee
Lorraine Lenihan
Fred Licari
Kathryn Loch
Betsy Lublin
Donald M. Lucas
Donna Major
Tony Malin
Marije Markaj
Jeff Martin
Sandra Martin
Jack Mason
Nadine Maynard
Denise Mc Beath
Cathy McQueen
Mary Anne Mehlhope
Thomas J. Murphy
Karl Nilsson
Frank O'Brien
Julie McCann O'Connor
Ovieh D. Onomake
David Oyerly, Classic Book Shop
Kathy Paddy
Cindy Parks
Eve Parsons

Robert Pliska
Sam Pollak
Shirley Porter
Terrence Potvin
Ann Quail
Stephanie Reynolds
Nancy Rose
Joseph Schiavi
Galia Schmidt
Monica Schwanitz
Deborah Shamsuddoha
Mary W. Shelly
Rod Shene
Michael Siepierski
Connie Silver
Pavel Simko
Corina Simu
Carole Slotkin
Ronald Smith
Francisca Soliven
Sandy Springer
Kaethe Stella
Cynthia Stepanian
Mark Stern
Cary A. Storchan
Ann Stubbs
Bernard Stuecheli
Malcolm Thompson
Nassirou Tidjani
Joanne Tootla
Judy Tushman
Joan Ureel
Patricia Van Sickle
Craig Varterian
Judith Webb
Thomas Wheeler
Thomas G. White
Paul Wicker
Maria Wilinska
Brenda Young
Mary Young
Leonard Zucker
Elizabeth Zuhlke

The Friends wish to thank the following people for their special donations...

Barbara Alpha
Elizabeth & Brian Bachynski
Dave & Dina Bednarz
Estate of Richard Bilaitis
Joseph Calcaterra
Douglas Felt
Christina Hubbard
Andy Levin & Mary Freeman
James & Karen Martin
Denise McBeath
Gholamabbas Nazri
Justine Otto
Mary Pickett & Rich Teets
Dr. Vinod Puri, M.D.
Mary-Louise Rynski
Francisca Soliven
Cary Storchan
David & Myra Zoll

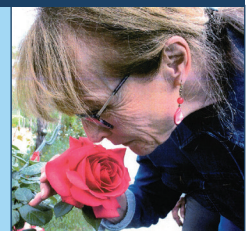
In Memory of Linda Saukkonen

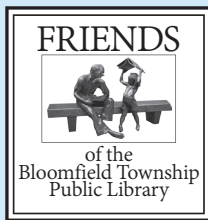
Kathryn & Russell Conner
Diane Hied
Kim & John Hoke
Nancy Lambert
Geraldine Lindstrom
Ann & Dave Pohl
Robert Schnorbus
Kathleen Tennison
Barbara Wade
Imogene Zimmerman

In Memoriam ~ Linda Saukkonen

The Library was Linda Saukkonen's *Happy Place*. She was a considerate and lively person who liked working with other volunteers. Linda reveled in making the Book Nook's cookbook section attractive to customers, and enjoyed getting a first look at the books in the donation room. In fact, Linda was a constant there – often stopping by several times a week – just to see what treasures could be found!

Linda moved from Oregon to Michigan, and brought with her a love of family, books (especially mysteries), libraries, and quilting. Using leadership skills honed from her days as a school principal, Linda contributed mightily to the Saturday Sales, and after each was eager to find out how the sale numbers turned out. In addition, Linda served as Vice President of the Friends Board, applying herself to the many administrative tasks that are involved in running a successful organization. Thank you, Linda, for sharing your joy and talents with the Friends at the Bloomfield Township Library, your *Happy Place*.





1099 Lone Pine Road
Bloomfield Township, MI 48302

Phone: 248-642-5800

Fax: 248-258-2555

Email: friends@btpl.org

www.facebook.com/FriendsBTPL



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

Celebrating 60 Years of the Friends of the Library: A Diamond Anniversary

This year marks a momentous occasion for the Friends of the Library – their 60th anniversary! Since 1965, the Friends have dedicated their service, support, and a shared passion for Bloomfield Township Public Library. It's a milestone worthy of honor.

The traditional 60th anniversary gift is a diamond, and like that precious stone our Friends group sparkles with brilliance and strength. Each member represents a unique facet, contributing their individual talents and dedication to the shining whole. From fundraising and advocacy, to volunteering time and expertise, their diverse contributions have supported our Library in countless ways for decades. Looking back, we find a legacy built on hard work, collaboration, and a deep commitment to our community that has resulted in the expansion of collections, the growth of programs, and enriched countless lives through the resources and services the Library has been able to provide through their backing. These achievements are a testament to our Friends' generous spirit of giving.

Just as a prism refracts light into a spectrum of vibrant colors, the Friends of the Library have helped to illuminate our community with a rainbow of knowledge, creativity, and opportunity for children, teens, and adults alike. From summer reading support, book clubs kits, author visits, and more, the support from our wonderful Friends members has enabled us to offer a wide variety of programs that continue to meet the evolving needs of our patrons.

This diamond anniversary is not just a celebration of the past; it's a beacon illuminating the future. As we look forward to the next 60 years, we are inspired by all of your support and energized by the possibilities that lie ahead. Together, we will continue to strengthen Bloomfield Township Public Library, ensuring that it remains a vital resource for our community for generations to come. Thank you for being such amazing Friends to the Bloomfield Township Public Library. Your dedication is a true treasure. Here's to many more years of shining brightly together!

~ Tera Moon, Bloomfield Township Public Library Director