From the President’s Desk

Fall is here and the Friends of the library are busy again offering our community wonderful programs at the library.

Our biggest Book Sale of the Year happens this October 18 – 20.

For those of you who wait eagerly for the best selection and the greatest bargains this is your chance! Friends Preview night is Friday, October 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. Don’t wait until bag day. At the Friends only Preview night you can get 50% off everything. Bring your neighbors, bring your adult children; if they aren’t members they can sign up at the door.

Our Friends Fall Programs got off to a great start. Our very popular What’s Cooking hosted American Bulk Foods on Thursday, September 19, demonstrating the “artistry of chocolate design and candy making for all holidays and celebrations.” If you didn’t attend I’m sure you regret it. However there is another opportunity. On Thursday, October 10, Mezza Mediterranean Grill will present. Our guests always have the yummiest samples for us to taste, so don’t miss it!

The ever popular Music@Main continues this fall with a program each month from September through December. These concerts are great crowd favorites and offer you two shows on a Sunday. There is a thorough description of upcoming shows inside the newsletter. Our BOOKTalk series begins its 35th season. The series has reviewed 286 books! And will review 8 more by June 2020.

Last year at this time, we told you of the passing of Alice Matonic who led BOOKTalk for many years. She gifted the library generously and her legacy continues in sponsorship of the library’s Book Club programs. She was succeeded by Eileen Evans who organized the BOOKTalk programs for the 2018-2019 season. Very sadly, Eileen died suddenly last April. She was a very treasured Friend of the West Bloomfield Library for many years and we miss her greatly. In addition to chairing BOOKTalk, Eileen scheduled the Friendshop for many years and even held Friends meetings at her home prior to the building opening. Luckily the program goes forward under the leadership of Diane Henderson. I’m sure many of you know her, as she has reviewed books for us for twelve years now. Welcome, Diane, and thank you for helping preserve the wonderful history of BOOKTalk. In that role, historian, she has created a list of all the books, authors and presenters since 1984.

Open the newsletter and find out about what’s going on with the Friends at the library.

In Friendship,
Trudi Hill, President
Programs sponsored by the Friends of the West Bloomfield Township Public Library.
All programs take place in the Main Library Meeting Room

**Fall 2019**
TWO SHOWS! Sundays 3 – 4 PM and 4:30 – 5:30 PM
Doors open at 2:30 PM

**September 22, 2019**  David Roth
Unique songs, offbeat observations, moving stories, and a sense of the hilarious.

**October 27, 2019**  Mary Rademacher with the Tom Hagen Trio
Multitalented singer/actress presents Music of the Stage and Screen (3 pm) and “The Name Game” featuring names from Johnnie Angel to Michelle (4:30 pm)

**November 17, 2019**  Gemini + Gemily with Brian Brill
Michigan institution who play a ton of instruments, present folk songs of the 60s (3 pm), San & daughter Emily sing songs from classic Broadway musicals (4:30 pm).

**December 15, 2019**  Claudia Schmidt & Sally Rogers
Two incredible songwriters and vocalists returning to their native Michigan in a rare joint appearance.

~ Ken Knoppow

**Kroger Community Rewards**
You have to buy food, so why not help the Friends of the Library at the same time!

Go to  [https://www.kroger.com/topic/community-rewards-9](https://www.kroger.com/topic/community-rewards-9)

**What is Community Rewards?**
Kroger Community Rewards makes fund-raising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do everyday. Once you link your card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card!

A digital account is needed to participate in Kroger Community Rewards. If you already have a digital account, you will need to ensure you have a Plus Card linked to your account. Please note, a Plus Card is required for the Kroger Community Rewards program so that your transactions apply toward the organization you choose.
Join Your Friends on Friday Night, October 18, at the Main Library!

All books and media are half price during Friday’s preview sale for Friends members!

West Bloomfield – The Friends of the West Bloomfield Township Public Library will hold their Fall Used Book Sale this year from Friday, October 18 to Sunday, October 20, 2019. The sale will take place in the Meeting Room of the West Bloomfield Public Library, 4600 Walnut Lake Road in West Bloomfield.

The Just-For-Friends Preview Sale is Friday evening, October 18, from 7-9 p.m. Non-members, who wish to come to the preview, may join at the door. Friends of the Library memberships are offered for as low as $10 per person or $15 for a family.

The hours for the Used Book Sale are Saturday, October 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, October 20 from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday is $5 Bag Day.

The Friends are enthusiastic supporters of the West Bloomfield Township Public Library's services, programs and materials. For over 60 years, the Friends have fostered growth of the Library, contributing more than $750,000 since 2000. The Used Book Sales are a primary source of income for the Friends, and hence a primary source of donations from the Friends to the Library.

~ Steve Swarin
Reception for Book Clubs with Julia Fine
October is National Book Group Month. Celebrate books, book groups and reading with members of the Library’s registered book groups.
Thursday, October 24 at 7 PM in the Main Library Meeting Room.

Meet author Julia Fine and hear her talk about her debut novel, *What Should Be Wild*. The book was released this May, after four publishers bid for the rights to publish it. In this darkly funny, striking debut, a highly unusual young woman must venture into the woods at the edge of her home to remove a curse that has plagued the women in her family for millennia—an utterly original novel with all the mesmerizing power of *The Tiger’s Wife*, *The Snow Child* and *Swamplandia*.

The reception is open to members of community book clubs registered with the Library. If your West Bloomfield book club is not yet registered with the Library, register by calling (248) 232-2290.

Call (248) 232-2290 with questions or to RSVP by Friday, October 18.

*The Library’s annual Reception for Book Clubs and the Library’s Book Group kits and are dedicated to the memory of Alice Matonic, a longtime Library supporter and Friends of the Library volunteer.*

Stephen Mack Jones Author Event
Tuesday, October 29 at 7 PM in the Main Library Meeting Room.

Meet author Stephen Mack Jones and hear him talk about his two books that follow the tenacious August Snow, the tough, smart and struggling ex-cop who Jones sees as the embodiment of the city of Detroit.

Explore the world of August Snow and learn more about the city beloved by this new crime-fighting hero who takes on race relations, police corruption, and the tensions between urban centers and suburbs.

No registration is required.

*Co-sponsored by the West Bloomfield Township Public Library, the Bloomfield Township Public Library and “Bloomfield Reads,” a community event series.*

Lodge Fundraiser for Friends of the Library
Fundraiser for the Friends at the Lodge Grill and Bar in Keego Harbor.

On Thursday, October 24th, the Lodge Bar and Grill will again sponsor a fundraiser on our behalf. There will be flyers available in the Friendshop with particulars for this event. Fundraising for us will be good for the entire day, and will include alcohol purchases. Present the flyer and say you’re with the Friends, and the Lodge will donate 20% of their profits of these purchases to the Friends. It is a wonderful occasion and very generous, so bring your other friends and family with you. They are located at

2812 Orchard Lake Rd, Keego Harbor, MI 48320
Programs on our cooking demonstration series 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 17, 2019
“Mezza Mediterranean Grill”

Relish in authentic Mediterranean flavors with a touch of modern. The Friends of the West Bloomfield Township Public Library present Mezza Mediterranean Grill, Thursday, October, 17, 2019 at 7PM. Relish in authentic flavors with a touch of modern. Orchard Lake Mezza is the right place to enjoy kabob, shawarma, hummus, tabbouli, fattousy, and other delicious foods for every occasion.

The Friendshop

If you haven’t shopped at the Friendshop, we hope you will in the near future. If you have shopped in the Friendshop, we thank you for supporting our mission. When you shop at the Friendshop you are supporting our wonderful library as well as enjoying a very unique shopping experience. When you shop with us you get high quality, hand picked items at affordable pricing.

One of the best perks of shopping at the Friendshop is the personal relationships that develop. Since small shops like this get less foot traffic than big mall stores you can browse and never feel hassled. The volunteers staffing the shop enjoy conversing with you about the merchandise as well as the latest novel they have read. Speaking of books, the shop has hundred’s of books for you to choose from at incredibly reasonable prices.

Next time you are in the library, “check us out!” Who knows, you might even find your new favorite place to shop. Whether you need a hostess gift, a gift for a child or something special or practical for yourself stop in and be a FRIEND of the library.

~Ann Finn
BOOK Talk Series

As another year starts for the Friends, so does another year of the Friends BOOKTalks. The reviewers and several volunteers from the Friends met early in the summer to set up our 2019-20 selection of books. We are excited by our choices and hope you will be also. We hope that you will join us for a discussion of one, or even all nine, of this year’s selections.

Please note that all programs will be held in the Main Library Meeting Room (the bookmarks are mistaken!). Meeting times are: Wednesday 7:00pm or Friday 10:00am

If you would like a monthly reminder, please contact me at dianedhenderson@gmail.com to be put on the monthly email list.

- September 4 at 7 PM and September 6 at 10 AM: Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens. Discussion led by Diane Henderson
- October 2 at 7 PM and October 4 at 10 AM: The Great Believers by Rebecca Makkai. Discussion led by Ann Finn.
- November 6 at 7 PM and November 8 at 10 AM: The Calculating Stars: A Lady Astronaut Novel, Mary Robinette Kowal. Discussion led by Steve Berman
- December 4 at 7 PM and December 6 at 10 AM: The Library Book by Susa Orlean. Discussion led by Diane Henderson
- January 8 at 7 PM and January 10 at 10 AM: Washington Black by Esi Edugyan. Discussion led by Steve Berman
- February 5 at 7 PM and February 7 at 10 AM: Beautiful Music by Michael Zadoorian. Discussion led by Steve Berman
- March 4 at 7 PM and March 6 at 10 AM: Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead: A Novel by Olga Tokarczuk. Discussion led by Diane Henderson
- April 1 at 7 PM and April 3 at 10 AM: The Woman Who Smashed Codes: A True Story of Love, Spies, and the Unlikely Heroine Who Outwitted America’s Enemies, by Jason Fagone. Discussion led by Ann Finn
- May 6 at 7 PM and May 8 at 10 AM: Dopesick: Dealers, Doctors, and the Drug Companies that Addicted America, by Beth Macy. Discussion led by Ann Finn.

~ Diane Henderson

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Spotlight on Our Volunteers

UP IN THE AIR: A FULFILLED GOAL

People often wonder why or how they make important decisions in their lives: relationships, careers, where to live.... Sometimes answers to those questions can be very hard to find. Other times they can appear to be quite clear.

As a child Paul DaeLemans was fortunate in experiencing a warm, strong sense of family. His Belgian father was very artistic and multi-lingual, and his Italian mother, a fashion designer, came from a large and loving family and was a terrific cook. As we talked, he recalled the times that as a young child he and his father would spend Sundays at La Guardia Airport watching the planes take off and land. It was a very special time for him. He never forgot those afternoons peering at the skies with his father at his side.

So when the time came for Paul to decide on a career, aeronautical engineering seemed to the “natural answer.” He began his studies at the State University of New York (SUNY) in Farmingdale Long Island. Upon graduating he worked for American Airlines earning enough money to continue his education at Saint Louis University (SLU). While at SLU he met a very special girl – Rita. Paul was twenty-one and she was seventeen. While still a full-time student at SLU, he worked part-time with McDonnell Aircraft Company (MAC) in Missouri. After a year working at Mac he and Rita decided it was time to get married and leave the noise and commotion of a large city.

Following their wedding Paul took a job with General Dynamics’ Convair Division (GDC) to hone his skills in a new field, rocket propulsion, working on the Atlas rocket system. While with GDC, Paul and Rita moved first to Kansas and later to New Mexico where their son was born.

After many interesting experiences working with the Atlas rockets, the family moved to Florida when Paul took a position at Pratt & Whitney’s Florida Research and Development Group (FRDC). This was a natural transition for him as he had had previous experience with highly classified state-of-the-art propulsion systems. During their years in Florida, Rita gave birth to two of their three beautiful daughters.

Wanting to be closer to their families the couple moved to Indiana and finally to Michigan with Paul continuing his aeronautical career working on advanced propulsion systems with Williams International.

During the twenty-three years that followed, Paul continued in aircraft propulsion where he had the opportunity to connect and learn from other organizations, always exploring new materials and studying different structures and techniques. During this time, just as their son joined the Coast Guard, Paul and Rita’s third daughter was born – much to their delight!

Finally, even as he “officially” retired from the aviation field, he was contracted to work for General Motors using his considerable experience to mentor young engineers in the automotive field. He retired from GM at the beginning of the millennium and spent the next fifteen years working with a number of automotive suppliers and OEMs mentoring their new engineers as well.

Now Paul’s time is his own, determined by his personal loves and interests. He volunteers at the DIA once or twice a week. He is a member of the Yankee Air Force. He volunteers for the Friends of the Library, and spends as much time as he can with his four children, three granddaughters and his best Friend Rita.

So with a life like this, you could easily say: “Paul is flyin’ high!”

~Janet Halper
Please Take Action – Oppose Macmillan Publishers’ Library eBook Embargo

Two publishers, Macmillan and Blackstone Audio, have recently changed their businesses models to restrict library access to eBooks and eAudiobooks. These changes will increase wait times for certain new titles in eBook and eAudiobook format.

Macmillan’s new policy allows libraries to purchase just one copy of a new Macmillan title in eBook format, after which the publisher will impose an eight-week ban on additional copies of that title sold to libraries. Blackstone Audio’s new policy prohibits libraries from purchasing many Blackstone Audio-produced eAudiobook titles for 90 days after the public release date.

Join readers and libraries across the country in opposing Macmillan’s new policy scheduled to begin November 1. Sign and share the American Library Association’s petition to tell publishers that access to eBooks should not be delayed or denied.

Link to petition: https://p2a.co/fgcQkzV