From the President's Desk

This winter, stay cozy with a good book for company. The Friends of the West Bloomfield Township Public Library is having a Pop-Up Used Book Sale starting Wednesday, March 13, 2019 in the hall outside the Friendshop. Find the details inside.

Get ready for two significant author visits sponsored by your Library. The West Bloomfield Township Public Library is hosting mega bestselling author Harlan Coben who will speak at the Berman Center for the Performing Arts on March 24 as part of his tour launching his new book Run Away. Adriana Trigiani will speak on April 2 and April 3 at 7pm in our neighborhood discussing her book Kiss Carlo. Tickets are needed for both authors’ events. Information on how to acquire them is available through your Library’s Adult Information Desk, up until March 3rd for Coben. For Trigiani, a random draw for tickets will take place March 4 through March 29.

Please do visit the West Acres Youth Services and see the new statue of a child reading on a bench erected in Alice Matonic’s honor. Anytime you visit the Main Branch you can’t help but have your heart warmed seeing the little children interact with the statues of children just their size. Now, West Acres kids will have the same pleasure. As you know, supporting literacy is a fundamental value at your library, and it starts as little children enjoying the experience of the library. As a corollary, all parents of West Bloomfield Township children should actively participate in strengthening our wonderful library institution. One of the ways parents can do this is becoming a Friend of the Library. Annual dues are very modest. Please encourage your neighbors to join!

We very much appreciate donations to the Friends. This fall, loyal West Bloomfield Friend of the Library Rhoda Milgrim celebrated a special birthday. Knowing how much Rhoda valued the Friends, her friends gave gifts to our organization to honor Rhoda’s birthday. Your generous donations have helped us acquire such things as the children’s statues for our library as well as helping fund basic collections, the Summer Reading Program, and the annual Book Club Reception.

And of course, your contributions help the Friends provide programs for library patrons. This winter, we have the very popular programs Music@Main and BOOKTalk. You will find the schedules inside the newsletter. Additionally, you can find wonderful gifts and nearly new books as well as select office supplies and candy at the Friendshop!

In Friendship,

Trudi Hill, President
The Friends of the West Bloomfield Twp Public Library have a lot of used books on hand, so they are holding a Pop-Up Used Book Sale starting March 13, 2019. The sale is being held outside of the Friendshop at the West Bloomfield Public Library, 4600 Walnut Lake Road in West Bloomfield.

The sale will feature adult fiction, children and teens, and digital media (DVDs, books on CD, etc.). And the Friendshop also carries all your favorite fiction and non-fiction hard covers and soft covers, so everyone should find something to their liking.

The sale will run from Wednesday, March 13 until Saturday March 16, 2019. Wednesday and Thursday sale hours will be 10am – 8pm. Friday and Saturday sale hours will be 10am – 4pm.

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**Upcoming Events**

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**Music @ Main**

March through June: two shows, 3-4PM and 4:30-5:30PM.
All concerts are Sunday in the Main Library Meeting Room. Doors open at 2:30.
Concerts are free and sponsored by the Friends of the West Bloomfield Township Public Library.

### March 10, 2019

**Lee Murdock**
6-string and 12-string guitarist combining ragtime, Irish, blues and folk styles in original and traditional songs that celebrate the lives of workers.
3-4 The Irish in America
4:30- 5:30 Songs of the Great Lakes

### April 7, 2019

**Heartland Klezmorim**
This talented mid-Michigan band combines traditional Klezmer instruments including accordion, drums, bass, and trumpet with the rarely heard banjo and dobro to create a gorgeous soulful musical blend.

### May 5, 2019

**Tio Chorinho**
The first Canadian Brazilian soul music (Choro) ensemble, playing mandolin, percussion, guitar and the Brazilian cavaquinho

### June 9, 2019

**Ramona Collins and Friends**
A jazz / blues vocalist with a 30+ year career, Ramona is a premier entertainer with a fun, sassy, swingin’ style. An audience favorite!
BOOKTalk Series
Spring 2019

Sponsored by the Friends of the West Bloomfield Township Library. All sessions (except indicated otherwise) will be held in the Library Conference Room unless otherwise noted. Meeting times are: Wednesday 7:00pm or Friday 10:00am.

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**BookTalk**

Aren’t we lucky to live in the West Bloomfield area near our Award Winning Library? One of the activities that gives us the opportunity to meet our knowledgeable and interesting neighbors at the Library is the BOOKTalk group. Our three experienced reviewers add insight on authors of fiction, non-fiction, memoirs, historical fiction and science fiction. There are now book marks available throughout the Library and in the Friendshop with the February - May BOOKTalk schedule.

This February, our experienced Steve Berman will be reviewing Beartown by Swedish author Fredrik Backman. His name might be familiar to you as the author of the popular A Man Called Ove soon to be made into a motion picture.

Publishers Weekly writes that Backman’s “rich characters steal the show, and his deft handling of tragedy has an effect on an insular town. The story is dark at times, [but] love, sacrifice and the bonds of friendship and family shine through ultimately offering hope and even redemption.” The book begins with a description of the small town and its hockey team which plays an important part in almost everyone’s life.

Steve will also be reviewing Kiss Carlo by Adriana Trigiani on March 13th and March 15th. Kiss Carlo is also this year’s book for the Everyone’s Reading selection on April 2nd and 3rd. No tickets are required for our March discussion. Everyone’s Reading is a community wide reading program sponsored by Metro Detroit public libraries in Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties. Now in its 18th year, Everyone’s Reading promotes community dialogue through the shared experiences of reading and discussing the same book with the author.

The Friend’s BOOKTalk group will first discuss this story which is told against the backdrop of some of Shakespeare’s greatest comedies. The novel brims with romance as long buried secrets are revealed, mistaken identities are unmasked, scores are settled, broken hearts are mended and true love shines through. In April, you will need to obtain tickets from the Library for the author’s talk. Details about the random drawing for tickets will be forthcoming from the Library.

~Eileen Evans
Buffy Hyde, West Acres resident, reads next to the new statue in the West Acres Youth Services room dedicated to Alice Matonic, generous benefactor of our Library
Like Us on Facebook!

Did you know the Friends has a Facebook page? Like us at Friends of the West Bloomfield Township Public Library!

The Friendshop

The Friendshop is West Bloomfield’s best kept secret. It is always a surprise when a patron tells us they have been coming to the library for years and had not been aware of the shop. There are several reasons you should make a concerted effort to acquaint yourself with the treasures available.
First and foremost, all profits earned in the Friendshop go to support the wonderful programs at the library. We are fully staffed by volunteers.
Secondly, when you visit the Friendshop you get personalized and individual service from our friendly volunteers. Whether you are browsing or buying we are glad to see you.
Thirdly, we have a wonderful array of merchandise that make amazing gifts for children and adults at budget friendly pricing.
Finally, items in the shop are of limited quantity, which means they are unique.
So please, the next time you need a gift for yourself or someone else “check out” the Friendshop. We look forward to seeing you.

~Ann Finn

Help Wanted: Wanted Volunteers for ESL Conversation Group

If you are interested in learning about different cultures and having casual discussions with people from around the world, then facilitating Let’s Talk, West Bloomfield Library’s ESL conversation group is for you. Each session takes place on Wednesdays, from 10:00 am – noon. Only English is spoken at the sessions. You are welcome to observe a session to learn how the meeting is conducted. Please contact Eric Schoenbaechler, Adult Services Coordinator, to volunteer.

~Carol Foster
Pop-Up Sale
Used Books and Media

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

To

Saturday, March 16, 2019

Library News

Harlan Coben to Appear in West Bloomfield

The Library is sponsoring an appearance by NYT bestselling author Harlan Coben on March 24. Coben is coming to West Bloomfield as part of a book tour promoting his latest novel, Run Away, which will be released March 19.

Run Away is a gripping, edge-of-your-seat thriller by the master of domestic suspense with so many twists and turns you will be breathless and surprised up to the last page, and with an ending that is guaranteed to stay with you for days after you close the book and leave you thinking, "what would I have done?"

With over 70 million books in print worldwide, Harlan Coben is the perennial #1 New York Times bestselling author of thirty novels including Fool Me Once, Tell No One and Don’t Let Go. His books are published in 43 languages around the globe and have been number one bestsellers in more than a dozen countries.

Coben is also the creator and executive producer of several television shows, including the critically acclaimed Netflix Original drama Safe. He recently signed a deal with Netflix to develop and executive produce 14 more projects with them, including Run Away.

Cohen will talk about Run Away and sign copies of the book during his appearance Sunday, March 24 at 7 PM at the Berman Center for the Performing Arts in the Jewish Community Center.

Due to popular demand, a ticket will be required for Coben’s appearance. A limited number of free tickets are available for West Bloomfield and contract community cardholders. Register for tickets to see Harlan Coben through Sunday, March 3. Limit two (2) tickets per cardholder. Contact the Library’s Adult Information Desk at (248) 232-2290 with questions and to register.