

Friendship

The Quarterly Newsletter of the Friends of the Lincoln Township Public Library
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Celebrating 60 Years!!! Celebrating 60 Years!!! Celebrating 60 Years!!! Celebrating 60 Years!!!

Join the Friends Now is the Time! 2019-2020

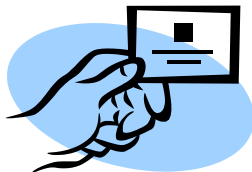
The Friends membership year begins on April 1 and ends on March 31. This is a great time to join! Your membership includes:

1. a quarterly newsletter,
2. a membership card which may be redeemed for used books,
3. book sale preview for Friends.

Memberships vary from \$5 to \$25. Additional contributions are greatly appreciated; however, amounts beyond \$25 cannot be redeemed for used books.

Membership Cards

Thank you for renewing your memberships!



Your April--2019—March--2020 membership card is enclosed in this mailing. Please do not discard it as you may redeem the card for used books and other items at the Used Book Sale and for items in the **Friends' Treasure Shoppe**. When shopping in the bookstore, please present the items and your **Friends Membership Card** to the librarian at the Circulation Desk. Your card will be marked. To keep this simple, we ask that you redeem in one-dollar increments. For example, if the books cost \$3.50, please redeem \$3.00 from your card and pay .50 to the Circulation Desk.

Friends Executive Board Officers:

Carol Reigle-President, Carol Norbey-Vice President, Cathy Koeppel-Treasurer,
Michelle Coberley-Secretary, Linda Higbee-First Director, Suellen Klein-Second Director

Membership Chairperson:

Michelle Coberley

Friends Observe Sixty Years!

The Lincoln Township Public Library, consisting of shelving in the partitioned northeast corner of the former Lincoln Township Hall, opened its doors on June 8, 1959. People who helped promote the Library were known as "Friends of the Library." They began their work of establishing the Library in the summer of 1958. (See note on back). The Friends organization has existed throughout these years with a couple of brief suspensions.

Since the beginning, the organization has functioned to draw together and unite people in common effort to enrich the quality of the Library's services and resources. The members have volunteered many hours to raise funds for (1) a variety of programs for all ages such as the well-known Summer Reading Program; (2) equipment, (3) furnishings, and (4) the Early Literacy Center at Rosetta's House.

Times have changed a lot in the past sixty years regarding the functioning of small organizations. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, the organization must file an annual 990 form at the federal level. At the state level, the organization is exempt from paying sales tax on items purchased for the Library; however, many people do not realize this, but the organization must pay sales tax to the State of Michigan on the sale of used books and other items sold during the year. The Michigan Sales Tax License is displayed on the window in the Friends' Treasure Shoppe. The organization also files an annual Nonprofit Corporation form with the State of Michigan. These forms are not unwieldy due to the size of the organization; however, it's very important to keep an Executive Board intact to continue with recordkeeping.

Upcoming Events and Dates:

Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates:

Event	Date	Time	Location
Book Sorting	June 4 and 5	sorters will be contacted	Storage Area
Book Sale	Thursday, June 6	Friends Preview 6-8 p.m.	Lawrence Room and Friends Treasure Shoppe
	Friday, June 7	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Lawrence Room and Friends Treasure Shoppe
	Saturday, June 8	Bag Sale 10 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lawrence Room

Special Note (from front page)

One of our current members was on the 1958 Committee that led to the establishment of the Lincoln Township Public Library. The Friends special person is **Bernice Tretheway**, who also served on the Library Board from 1960-1963. A huge thank you to Bernice for all her help throughout the years!

Summer Reading Program



The Friends organization is contributing a record \$7500 to the Summer Reading Program for children, 'tweens, teens, and adults. Be sure to sign up for program!

The Friends received a Thank You card from the Library Staff with the following:

Dear Friends of the Library,

On behalf of the Library Staff and patrons we wanted to thank you for all you do to make the library a great place to be.

We especially appreciate your generosity in providing funds for the Summer Reading Program. So many patrons are impacted by the quality of this program.

Your hard works makes a difference for all of us. Thank you!

Spartan & Our Family

UPC Label Codes

Redemption of UPC codes from Spartan and Our Family brands has been made possible by Martin's. Please bring label codes to the Library drop boxes at the Circulation Desk and Rosetta's House. Thank you for helping!

Annual Meeting Highlights

The Executive Board (listed on front) will serve the Friends during the 2019-2020 year. The Board appreciates all help from members especially those who regularly sort books and stock shelves in the Friends Treasure Shoppe!

Book and AV Donations

The Friends organization appreciates donations from area residents! These donations make the Friends' Treasure Shoppe and Annual Book Sale possible.

Book Sorting



The Book Sale Committee is planning to sort on June 4 and 5. This is the huge sorting prior to the sale. Sorters will be contacted. Shoppers appreciate the presorted books!



Annual Book Sale Don't Forget to Mark Your Calendars!

The Annual Used Book Sale will be held in the Lawrence Room and Friends' Treasure Shoppe on **June 6, 7, and 8** with times listed above.