



FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2012

WHAT ARE FRIENDS FOR? A SHOWCASE OF TECHNOLOGY AT ROPL

Join us at the library in the Friends Auditorium for refreshments, the annual update, and a showcase of Friends funded technology at the library including e-books, Ancestry Library edition, and World Book Online!

- 6:30 PM – Refreshments, mingle and try out Nook and Kindle e-readers, Playaway Views, and Playaway audiobooks
- 7:00 PM – E-book download demonstration
- 7:30 PM - Annual business meeting
- 8:00 PM - September Friends Board meeting

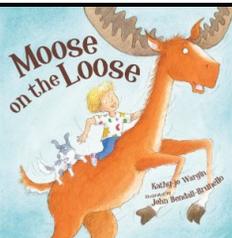


WHAT HAPPENS TO MY DONATED BOOKS?

When books are donated to the library, they are brought to a sorting room. Volunteers unpack the books and check for condition and salability. Outdated textbooks (> 3 years old) and books in poor condition (moldy, have missing, loose or torn covers, missing pages, or are suffering from water/other damage) must be discarded. Recently published books are then checked by either scanning or typing in the ISBN number. Older books are checked by title and author. A relatively small number of books are set aside for sale

on the Internet; the rest are sorted into categories. Some are immediately priced and put on the shop shelves. Others are shelved in the sorting room and added to the shop as needed or saved for the annual book sale. Throughout the process library staff checks for books and other media to add to the library's collection.

In an effort to raise more funds for the library, the Friends embarked on a new venture, selling books on the Internet. We are working with an Ann Arbor based company, Mission Based Books. By listing books through them, we are able to sell current textbooks as well as other books and media that we are not able to sell in the shop. We also recently opened an eBay account through a program for nonprofit organizations. To see what we have listed, look for books being sold by **roplbookseller**.



Meet Author, Kathy-Jo Wargin, at ROPL!

Children's author, Kathy-Jo Wargin, will be making a special appearance at Royal Oak Public Library on **Monday, Sept. 10, at 7 PM** to share her book, *Moose on the Loose*, which has been chosen as the Michigan

Reads to Children, One State, One Book for 2012. *Moose on the Loose* follows the antics of a moose with catchy rhyming text, anticipating his next moves as a boy tries to keep up with the outdoor animal on the run.

Kathy-Jo Wargin is the author of the *Legend of Sleeping Bear*, *Legend of Mackinac Island*, *Legend of the Petoskey Stone*, *The Michigan Counting Book*, *Mitt the Michigan Mouse*, and many other children's books about Michigan and other Great Lakes states. No registration necessary.

Save the Date

Upcoming Adult Programs at ROPL

- September 8** - Pet Psychic
- September 18** - Chinese Medicine
- October 1** - Five Star Trails with Greg Tasken
- October 2** - Michigan Graveyards with Richard Bak
- October 9** - Haunted Michigan with Sandy Lyons
- November 13** - Stage to Stay or Sell with Kathi Jones



2012 FRIENDS SUPPORT AT ROPL

The Friends fiscal year runs from September 1st to August 31st. Through June, the Friends have spent just over \$40,000 supporting library programs, materials, and community events. The Friends have extended their support over and above funding the 500+ programs for all ages presented at the library annually to also funding some of the library's electronic databases including Ancestry Library Edition and World

Book Online; new formats such as Playaway audiobooks and Playaway Views; and significantly supplemented the library's selection of e-book titles in OverDrive. The Friends also made a large contribution for library technology which included equipment replacements and upgrades.

Just as tape cassettes gave way to compact disks and DVDs replaced VHS, books are appearing in digital downloadable e-reader compatible formats. Libraries strive to keep up with changes in format and demand from their customers but libraries have been struggling with declining revenues. Royal Oak residents can download e-books for free from Royal Oak Public Library. The library has turned to the Friends in the past to help fund new formats and the Friends readily approved funds to provide additional OverDrive services. OverDrive is a leading full-service digital distributor of eBooks, audiobooks, and other digital content used by libraries all over the country to provide this content to patrons. The Friends funded OverDrive Advantage, an added service that allows the library to make more titles available to Royal Oak residents. For details on how to access these services, contact the Adult Services Reference Desk 248.246.3727 or bring your e-reader in to a Walk-In Tech Help session held every Monday evening at ROPL from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. At the Friends annual meeting a demonstration will be given on how to use OverDrive to download eBooks for free from ROPL.

The Friends continued their long tradition of funding youth and teen programs including the popular summer reading programs. This year, increased funding for adult programs has resulted in a very popular series of music programs ranging from dulcimer to folk to jazz to classical guitar music. Genealogy, Think Green, Money Management, Self-Improvement and other series of adult programs have attracted interested participants. Author talks, book groups, and a series on writing enliven the mind and provoke discussions.

The Friends were pivotal partners in two major community events this fiscal year. Most recently, the dedication of the library's butterfly garden in June was funded by the Friends. Last October, the Friends coordinated the Time Capsule Ceremony which commemorated the city's 90th birthday. The Friends purchased the Time Capsule and archival materials needed to help preserve the many items assembled in the capsule. A community fundraiser covered the expenditures for this project.

The Friends were also the recipient of a \$3,300 grant from Praxair to add an AWE Digital Learning Unit (Early Literacy) in the children's area. The grant was written by youth services librarian Melissa Smith.

The many thousands of donated books, DVDs, and CDs sold in the Friends Shop and annual March Book Sale along with Friends annual dues, monetary donations, and a grant translated into over \$40,000 of much needed and varied support to the library! As Friends you have helped raise this money so be sure that you make use of the materials and programs that it funds! Come to the Friends annual meeting Monday, September 17, where you will be able to see, hear, and handle some of the new materials and find out more about e-book downloads.

DIA INSIDE|OUT COMES TO ROYAL OAK

The Detroit Institute of Arts chose Royal Oak as one of the 13 participating communities for the current round of Inside|Out, which brings high-quality reproductions of masterpieces from the DIA's collection to the streets and parks of metro Detroit. Royal Oak has six reproductions on display throughout downtown, including one outside the library! Inside|Out runs through September 30. Visit the DIA's website at <http://dia.org/insideout> for maps and details.

Program Series at ROPL

Investment Seminars: Sept 10, 24, Oct 8, 22, Nov 12

Lemonade Stand, Starting your own business: Sept 12, 19, 26

Writing the Stories of Your Life with Cindy LaFerle: Oct 4, 11, 18

Music Series: Sept 15, Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 8, 27



ROPL's Butterfly Garden and Butterfly Art

Over 150 people gathered on Saturday, June 23rd, for the dedication of the library's butterfly garden and unveiling of two permanent displays of butterfly-themed art in the room that overlooks the garden. Children's artwork and a release of live monarch butterflies enlivened the dedication ceremonies.

The butterfly garden was started in 2008 and has involved hundreds of hours of volunteer efforts in designing, planning, digging, composting, mulching, planting, weeding, and watering. The garden contains plants which are food sources for

both adult butterflies and their caterpillar stage of development. The garden adds beauty and educational opportunities for library visitors.

Inspired by the butterfly garden, the Friends Board working with the Library Board's Art Committee, commissioned two original stained glass artworks which were created by Brenda Supuwood of Universal Stained Glass Designs and framed by Al Walker of Renu'd Spirit. These were funded from donations made in memory of John Tierney, a long-time Friends of ROPL board member.



ROPL owns an original portfolio of E. A. Seguy's *Papillions* which was published in the 1920s. Reproduction and framing of these beautiful prints was made possible by the Karen Burden Memorial Fund. Karen was a long-time Friends member and Library Board Trustee. Rod Arroyo of City Photos and Books reproduced the Seguy prints. They are hung on a wall that overlooks the butterfly garden.

An ornate metal archway created by Marvin Blitchok of Marvin's Gardens is now part of the garden. The Friends have orchestrated major additions of art both inside and outside the library to reflect the beauty of nature that abounds in the butterfly garden.



ROPL YOUTH

With ROPL's new hours, there is a new story time schedule that includes Saturday morning family story times and Monday evening baby times! For details on upcoming story times please visit www.ropl.org or call 248.246.3725.

NEW REGISTRATION SYSTEM FOR ALL STORY TIMES

Story times are now "Ticketed Drop-In" instead of advance registration. There will be a limited number of tickets available, on the day of the program pick up a numbered ticket, available 30 minutes before program start. (Tip: To avoid disappointment, tell your children that you are going to the library, NOT to a specific program.)

AGE RANGES FOR PROGRAMS

Programs are designed for the developmental ages suggested in the program description. Please remember that there are many developmental components including physical, emotional, and intellectual development. For example, your 3-year-old may enjoy storybooks but does not have the physical dexterity needed to do the crafts included with story times for the 4 and 5-year-olds. Some Tuesday evening programs include reading and writing activities, so they may be listed as 6 years+, but a younger child that enjoys the topic and has a parent stay to help is welcome to attend. Sometimes the age ranges relate to shared school and social experiences. Ask a librarian for specifics on a program to help you decide if your child will enjoy attending.

FRIENDS SHOP NEWS

For the month of August, the shop is featuring "back to school" items aimed at educators as well as reference and foreign language books. Look for a fiction sale in September. **We need volunteers**, especially for evening shifts. Please call Nancy Spigliano at (248) 542-3849 for details about shift openings.

Volunteers: Watch for a notice about our annual volunteer appreciation event.

Friends of the Royal Oak Public Library

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