



JOAN KOELSCH RECEIVES THE JOYCE ANN MAIERLE AWARD

It is the Friends privilege to present this award to Joan Koelsch. Joan Koelsch is a long-time Friends member and volunteer with the library. She is a volunteer who exemplifies the characteristics of a Joyce Ann Mairele Award recipient. Joan is active in many activities of which supporting the library is just one. As a Friends member, she supports the organization and the library by volunteering in Friends Shop each month and for many special events. She has been an essential part of the book sale committee for the past few years, helping in whatever way she can including boxing and moving books. Also, she recently stated that she plans to start volunteering in the sorting room to assist with our online book sales.



Joan has been a library board trustee for several years and supports the Friends by encouraging library board members to join the Friends and to volunteer for events like our book sales. She has attended workshops and brought back ideas for the library and the Friends. She has also been committed to fundraising initiatives for both. Joan, with her tireless energy, creativity, and her commitment to the success of the library and the Friends, is an inspiration.



Expanded Library Hours

Exciting news from the Royal Oak Public Library: **Beginning Tuesday, September 6**, the library will once again be open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The new hours will be **Monday through Thursday, 10:00 am to 9:00 pm, and Friday and Saturday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.**

Summer Reading 2016



Summer Reading 2016 proved to be another very busy time at Royal Oak Public Library. Thanks to the Friends of ROPL's funding of the youth, teen, and adult programs over 3,000 people attended the 90 youth and teen programs that started on June 18 and ended with the Summer Readers' Fair on August 5. Programs included magic shows, a puppet show, two sessions of Safety Town, several chances to see and learn about live animals, book clubs, several opportunities to enjoy live music performances, and much more! At the conclusion of the summer reading program, the over 1,000 participants were each able to choose their own book to keep thanks to funding from the Friends and the Royal Oak Chapter of Kiwanis.

Summer reading is designed to keep children reading during the summer vacation so that they do not experience "summer slump" in their academic skills. By providing many different programs for a variety of age groups, ROPL keeps families excited about visiting the library during the summer. These activities would not be possible without the support of the Friends! Thank you!

Friends Annual Book Sale



The Friends Annual Book Sale is **March 9-11, 2017**. This popular community event is only possible with the help of many volunteers. **Please consider donating your time for this event.** Volunteers are needed for the committee, to help setup, work during the event, and tear down. Larry Baker is chairing the Book Sale committee this year. Please contact him if you would like to be involved in this important event at Larbaker4@gmail.com or (248) 515-4560.

2015-2016 FRIENDS SUPPORT AT ROPL

During the past fiscal year, the Friends spent over \$32,000 supporting library materials and over 500 programs for adults, preschool kids, youth, and teens. Much of the Friends' revenue is generated from sales in the Friends Shop (please stop by when you're checking out a book or attending a program!), fundraisers in the Royal Oak community (such as ice cream sales at summer concerts), and special book sales. The Shop earned over \$24,000 this past fiscal year, and the combined earnings of the Annual Book Sale and the special Summer Reading Opening Day Paperback Sale netted nearly \$3,800.



An increasing revenue stream exists with the Friends' online activity and scanning operations. Donated books from the community are scanned online to check for potential sales to book buyers across the country. In 2015-2016, outside sales revenue totalled nearly \$12,000, an increase of nearly \$4,500 from the previous year. Another source of revenue is the sale of City of Royal Oak merchandise (T-shirts and hats that are available in the shop). Along with membership dues and generous donations, Friends' total revenue was just over \$43,000, a fantastic year! As Friends, you have helped raise this money—be sure to make use of the materials and programs we fund!

Stu Johnson's Jazz

Registration requested, visit ropl.org or call 248-246-3727.

Monday, September 26, at 7:00pm - Travelogue in Jazz: Around the world in 60 minutes: Enjoy many features and sights with music from Canada, Ireland, Scotland, England, France, Netherlands, Arabia, India, Bali, China, Russia, Japan, Brazil and Cuba.

Monday, November 14, at 7:00pm - Girl Singers of the Big Band Era: The girl singers of the bands of the 30s and 40s emerged from merely window dressing to being as important to a bands success as the musicians themselves. They became stars of the era, and beyond. Stu will profile some of those "canaries," such as Ella Fitzgerald, Helen Forrest, Kay Starr and Margaret Whiting.



Sending Your Child to College

On **Monday, October 10 at 7:00 pm**, learn how to invest in your child's future without sacrificing yours with host and presenter John M. Dyer, CRPC® Associate Financial Advisor with Ameriprise Financial. During this complimentary, informal seminar, you'll learn ways to:



- Define a college saving goal that is right for you;
- Determine today's cost and various payment options;
- Balance retirement and college savings;
- Understand what goes into college saving and college spending.

Registration requested, visit ropl.org or call 248-246-3727.

Butterfly Garden: Fall Cleanup Volunteers

The ROPL Butterfly Garden needs **volunteers** to help maintain the garden **Saturday, October 22, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm**. Please contact Mary Ann DeKane at 248-246-3714 or maryann@ropl.org



Writing Series

Join Cindy La Ferle and other writers and journalists for workshops designed to sharpen your writing, self-presentation and public relations skills. Workshops are from **7:00 pm until 8:30 pm in the Friends Auditorium**. Registration is requested at ropl.org or call (248) 246-3727.



October 5th: La Ferle and writers Claire Charlton and Pam Houghton will offer a panel discussion "Publicity 101" to offer tips on how to write a press release and how to promote and publicize your business or event.

November 2nd: "Writing Your Own Hero's Journey," a personal writing class aimed at telling your life story as a journey where you look at the highs and lows of your life as story material.

Friends Shop News and Volunteer Opportunities

This year to celebrate the start of Summer Reading, we held a one-day paperback book sale. We also had a booth at the Royal Oak Clay, Glass, and Metal Show, offering the opportunity for kids of all ages to make their own take-home mosaic. The Friends were also participants in the City-Wide Block Party, handing out information and having an event "book cart" sale.



Without our wonderful volunteers these events could not take place! It is primarily our regular volunteers in the Friends Shop and sorting room who step up to help at these special events. In appreciation of our regular volunteers who work many hours during the year to make our shop and other activities a success we are holding a **Volunteer Appreciation Tea Tuesday October 1, 4 – 6 pm in the Friends Auditorium.**

The Friends Shop is now open on Thursday mornings starting at 10:00 am. Also, on the **Saturday's with live music concerts, the shop will stay open until 5:00 pm.** Here are the dates through December: September 24, October 15, November 12, December 3, and December 10.

Our Back to School sale runs through October 1 and is a "buy one, get one free" for five categories: Biography, Foreign Language, Literature, Religion, and Sports. In October, the shop will have **sales on cookbooks and hardcover fiction**-watch for details to be posted.



Interested in **volunteering for the shop, sorting room, or special events including book sales?** Please fill out a volunteer application (available at the library checkout desk, the Friends Shop, or online) and turn it in to the library.

Keep on Coloring

Check out our new coloring programs for adults! We will supply all of the materials for this series: sheets from great new adult coloring books, pencils, and crayons, or you can bring your own. **For ages 18 and over.** Register at ropl.org or 248-246-3727.



Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm; October 6, November 10, December 8

LIVE MUSIC @ ROYAL OAK PUBLIC LIBRARY



Enjoy live music on **select Saturdays at 3:00 pm** in the Friends Auditorium!

October 15 – Best of Broadway: Pianist Martin Mandelbaum with vocalists Diana Turner and John Demerell will perform the *Best of Broadway*.

November 12 – Vintage Stringband: An eclectic group of southeast Michigan musicians playing old-time, Celtic, and other types of tunes with an interesting blend of hammered dulcimers, fiddles, and more!

December 3 – Fable, Grable & Bearly Able: A Celebration of the season with a selection of Christmas carols. The trio features three vocalists accompanied by guitar, octave mandolin, flute and harmonica.

December 10 – RJ Spangler Quartet: A *Swingin' Holiday* featuring trumpeter James O'Donnell.

January 7, 2017 – RJ Spangler Quartet: Jazz up 2017 with the return of the RJ Spangler Quartet featuring RJ Spangler on drums, Larry Smith on alto saxophone, Oliver Nevels on guitar, and Gregory Cook on string bass.

January 21, 2017 – Martin Mandelbaum and Friends: Martin Mandelbaum and friends return with selections from *Les Misérables* and *Miss Saigon*.



WELCOME NEW PATRON AND LIFETIME MEMBERS

Christine Earle
Stacie Woodward



Thank you to co-sponsor Hollywood Market and to everyone who purchased ice cream at the library's summer concerts! The ice cream was a big hit and proved to be a successful fundraiser for the Friends.

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Yes, I want to be an active member. Please contact me.

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