



BOOK SALE NEWS

The Friends held a special book sale October 14–15. We brought in \$1,354.56 at the sale and an additional \$393.45 in the Shop during those two days. We're looking to continue holding occasional, smaller book sales to offer up good deals to our patrons. But, fear not! Because...

The Friends Annual Book Sale starts **Thursday, March 8, from 5 to 8 p.m., with our Members-ONLY Preview.** Friends members can attend the preview and receive a \$2.00 coupon toward your next Friends Shop purchase. **Not a member or your membership has lapsed? Join or renew Thursday night!**

Not able to shop the preview? Public hours are **Friday, March 9, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, March 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Sunday, March 11, from 1 to 4 p.m.** Saturday and Sunday will feature our popular \$5.00 bag sale. Purchase Hollywood Market bags for \$5.00 each and carry out as many books as the bags will hold! Please note that purchases from the Friends Shop are NOT included in the bag sale.

We are looking for **volunteers** to help prepare for the book sale and to work during the sale. If you are interested, please **email your name and telephone number to Larbaker4@gmail.com or call Larry Baker at (248) 515-4560.** A sign-up sheet is available in the Friends Shop.

ADOPT A SIGN: If you are interested in adopting a lawn sign to advertise the Book Sale, contact friendsbooksale@ropl.org for details.



THE PET BEASTRO

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Pet Lovers' Fundraiser

Have any pets at home or a favorite furry friend you love? Check out this great FUNdraising opportunity to help support the Royal Oak Public Library.

Shop Monday, March 12th - Friday, March 16th (10A – 9P) and 20% of Sales benefit ROPL!

The Pet Beastro is located at 27637 John R Road, Madison Heights, MI and specializes in healthy, holistic foods and treats for cats and dogs. (248) 548-3448 & ThePetBeastro.com

MUSIC & MORE @ ROPL

Our **Live Music series continues** on through the spring: all music programs are Saturdays at 3:00 pm. **March 24 is Martin Mandelbaum and Friends; April 14 is Quintet Cantabile and April 28 is Kelly & Darryl Roenicke.**

On **Monday April 9, at 7 pm** mystery author **Donald Levin** will talk about his latest book, The Forgotten Child.



We have **theater programs by Stagecrafters** (February 24 at 2:00 pm) and **U of D Mercy** (March 28 at 7 pm).

Noted author Weam Namou is presenting a **3 part series on how writing can help you explore your life story.** All are on Wednesdays at 7 pm on March 14, 21 and 28.

Alicia Shafer will be presenting another writing series at 7 pm April 4, 18 and 25 while Cindy Laferie's memoir writing workshop is scheduled for March 20th at 7 pm.

Just in time for spring cleaning Terrence Shulman will present Eliminating Clutter and Hoarding Disorder on Tuesday, April 3rd at 7 pm.

In honor of Memorial Day author **Joan Kotcher will talk about her experiences in the Vietnam War** in Donut Dolly: An American Red Cross Girl's War in Vietnam on Thursday, May 24 at 6:30 pm

JOYCE ANN MAIERLE AWARD

Friends Members, Volunteers, Board Members, Library Staff, and Library Patrons can nominate volunteers to receive the award. **Nominate a volunteer today!**

- A recipient must be a member of the Friends of the Royal Oak Public Library. The member may also be an employee of the Library, but can be recognized only for volunteer activities.
- A recipient must have volunteered for a minimum of five years and, during those years, shown exceptional dedication and commitment to the Friends and the Library.
 - Exceptional dedication demonstrated by volunteering significantly more hours than the average hours worked in one year by most volunteers in the shop and sorting room.
 - Exceptional commitment demonstrated by volunteering for special projects, being available to assist and fill-in when needed, working with a positive attitude, and putting the Library's interests first.
- Recipients are eligible to receive this award more than once, in non-consecutive years, when service to the Library merits.

JOYCE ANN MAIERLE AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Nominee Name _____

Nominated By (optional) _____

How does the nominee exemplify the dedication and commitment this award represents?

To be considered for 2018, nominations must be received by June 1, 2018.

Drop this form off at the ROPL Circulation Desk, email to friends@ropl.org, or mail it to:

Friends of the Royal Oak Public Library, 222 East 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI 48067



Volunteer Opportunities

Friends Shop Open Shifts – We currently have two open shifts, the **fourth Thursday 5:30-8p** and the **fifth Monday, also 5:30-8p**.

Community Outreach – Often, the Friends have an opportunity to go to a community event at no cost. The Friends purpose of these events is to raise awareness about our organization. This includes letting people know about what the Friends do, telling people about the shop within the library, and about becoming a Friends member. At times this also involves selling materials as well. We are looking for a small group of outgoing individuals interested in these types of events. When the Friends are engaged for a new opportunity or an event we regularly participate in is coming up, we would see if you were interested and available.

Are one of these the right volunteer opportunity for you? Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Vanessa at 814.571.3731 or vanessa.salliotte@gmail.com



2018 Preschool & Child Care Directory

Published by ROPL, the directory provides information on over 40 Royal Oak area facilities which includes area preschools, child care programs, K-8, educational approaches, special needs programs and specialty programs. Find the directory online -

<https://www.romi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/19670>



**THANKS TO OUR
NEW PATRON AND
LIFETIME MEMBERS**

**Kevin Pierson
Sophie Dobriansky
John Gryniewicz**

If your membership has expired (address label 2/1/2018 or earlier), PLEASE RENEW NOW!

Volunteer Spotlight: Friends' Scanners

A few years ago, Roxanne Plater, former Friends Board member and current Library Board member, set up a new revenue-generating system for the Friends of the ROPL. These revenues are in addition to sales in the Friends' book shop and the various book sales throughout the year.

In a nutshell, here's how it works! Volunteers scan the bar codes of donated books (or type in the ISBN if a bar code isn't present) into two different online systems: BookScouter and NeatOScan. The web sites quickly search dozens of book buyers and identifies buyers and the value of the book being scanned. Different buyers have different minimum sales requirements, so while Buyer X might offer \$2.00 for a book, it may require, say, \$25 worth of books; Buyer Y, on the other hand, might offer only \$1.50, but its minimum amount might be \$10 of books, in which case going with the lower value might be the better selection in the long run. Books with value are separated by individual buyer, processed through the buyer's website, boxed up, and dropped off at FedEx, UPS, or the Post Office. Books that have no buyers are shelved for later sale at a book sale.



Throughout the process, we always keep in mind our local patrons' interests. Library staff often peruse the donations to see if anything can be immediately placed into the library collection. We also set aside books that we know sell well in the book shop. A positive development in scanning books is being able to sell textbooks online. The typical library patron isn't going to buy a Chemistry textbook in the shop! But we can often sell it online, and sometimes it can be say, \$40 compared to a 25¢ Stephen King paperback! The scanning operation has been a big boon to the Friends' income. In each of the last three fiscal years, scanning has brought in \$10,000 to \$12,000.

Many thanks to our current scanning team: Larry Baker, Deb Ballard, Joan Cashman, Barbara Grinke, Mitzi Hoffman, Joan Koelsch, Fran Pierce, Catherine Thompson, Heather White, and Carol Windorf!

Interested in scanning? It's easy... and you can do it any time the library is open. Some volunteers spend one day a week scanning; others come in for a couple hours here and there, depending on their work/family schedule. It's totally up to you! Contact scanning coordinator **Larry Baker at Larbaker4@gmail.com** if you're interested.



JEROME BRELL

Friends volunteer Jerome Brell passed January 2nd at the age 85. Jerome volunteered the 1st Saturday morning of the month in the Shop. He will be remembered as a loving husband, a devoted family man, trust worthy, always available in time of need and a reliable friend.



DOROTHY HILEMAN

Friends member Dorothy Hileman passed January 10th. She was a grade school teacher in Highland Park and a talented violinist. She is survived by her loving students and their children whom she adored.



October Volunteer Appreciation Tea & January Volunteer Meeting

There were some real characters walking around the library on Sunday, October 22nd as library volunteers celebrated their annual Appreciation Tea. Many members got into the Halloween spirit and came dressed as their favorite literary characters. Miss Marple, Pippi Longstocking and Scout Finch were just a few in attendance as everyone enjoyed good food and beverages, and socializing with fellow volunteers. There was a raffle with 20+ donated items for lucky ticket holders. Special thanks to the Culinary Arts department of Oakland Technical Schools who donated delicious baked goods for the event. If you couldn't go this year, mark your calendar for next year's Appreciation Tea. You will have a good time.

At the January 21st meeting, volunteers enjoyed snacks and discussed ways to increase membership using the forms, brochures, and bookmarks available in the shop to spread the word about the Friends. See p. 2, Volunteer Opportunities for other items covered. **Save the date for our next meeting, April 15th at 2pm!**

This newsletter is distributed up to three times a year, free of charge.

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Contact the Friends Board and newsletter editor at friends@ropl.org or in person at our monthly board meeting 7pm in the ROPL Friends Auditorium. 2018 Dates: Feb 19, Mar 19, Apr 16, May 21, Jun 18, Aug 20, Sep 17 (Annual Meeting), Oct 15, Nov 19

More ways to support the Friends of the ROPL...

- Share this newsletter. Ask a friend to join a growing organization – **149** strong – dedicated to supporting the Royal Oak Public Library!
- Leave a legacy by naming the Friends of the ROPL in your estate.
- Donate your gently-used books, CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, games, and puzzles at ROPL.
- Make a purchase in the Friends Shop or Children's area.
- Volunteer! Fill out a volunteer form and return to the circulation desk at the Library.

Friends of the Royal Oak Public Library

Membership Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

☐ Life \$200

☐ Single \$10 annual

☐ Patron \$100 annual

☐ Family \$20 annual

☐ Business/Organization \$50 annual

☐ Yes, I've included a one-time donation of \$ _____

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

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