

FRIEND TO FRIEND



East Lansing Public Library

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President's Message

Welcome to the fall of 2014 with all the usual activities -- meetings, sports events, the annual Friends of the Library book sale and, of course, yard clean up and the holidays ahead. Even young folks are remarking on how time flies.

The board of the Friends of the East Lansing Public Library is beginning the fall meeting schedule and will meet on the third Tuesday of each month, except December, ending in May.

Please feel free to communicate with me through my e-mail at littlemo668@littlemo.org or call 517-332-5196 and leave a message. We want to hear from our members and keep you up-to-date so please check out our website at www.elpl.org/friends and come visit the North Foyer Gallery to see works of local artists. Don't forget the continuous book sale for the best deals in town.

We have once again helped sponsor the One Book One Community events and continue to support library programming, such as the Maker Studio, with proceeds from the sale of used books donated by you and other patrons.

Recently Sandra Farrell, board vice president, and I attended a conference of the Friends of the Michigan Libraries in Grand Rapids. The organization assists groups



to network and share ideas as well as offering tips on fundraising.

During the coming year, as we seek new ways to support the library, the Friends will discuss ideas we gathered at the conference and thoughts we have been mulling for a number of months. Among those ideas is setting aside a percentage of the Friends' annual revenue to help the library

2014 Annual Used Book Sale

Oct. 11, 2014 -- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
(Early entry 9-10 a.m. for Friends members or for a \$3 donation.)

Oct. 12 -- 1-3 p.m.
Bag Day--\$4 per bag

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pay for upcoming millage renewal campaigns. Our next millage renewal election is eight years away but preparing financially for it beginning now is a good idea. We also believe that it's essential to keep track of pending legislation that may impact libraries and organizations like the Friends. To that end, we hope to appoint a new board member to follow legislation so we can strategize ways to get positive laws passed and negative ones shelved. We are looking at the possibility of having a silent auction of donated art work, which has been done in the past.

We are exploring more ways to involve Friends members and increase our membership.

We think our organization can be more proactive in gaining support and raising money for the library. Some of the libraries at the conference raise a great deal of money through their large memberships. They are able to gather substantial groups of volunteers to help with library needs.

You can help by making it a goal to ask one friend or neighbor to join us by becoming a member. A membership might be a good gift for the person who has everything.

Also under consideration is more frequent communications via bi-monthly fact sheets and an annual report. We will be working to gather e-mail addresses of our members so we can communicate

more quickly, efficiently and cheaply.

We welcome new board members Tricia Thorpe, Jim Anderson, Liesel Carlson and Don Power. Liesel will be our Library Board liaison and Jim and Don will focus their energies on growing, sustaining and communicating with Friends members. Tricia will be our legislative watch.

We look forward to a dynamic year and want you to be a part of it. Don't be shy; give a call, e-mail and visit the library and introduce yourself to staff and volunteers as a Friends member. If you need service at home, let us know that, too.

Meanwhile, fasten your seatbelt and get ready for the ride.

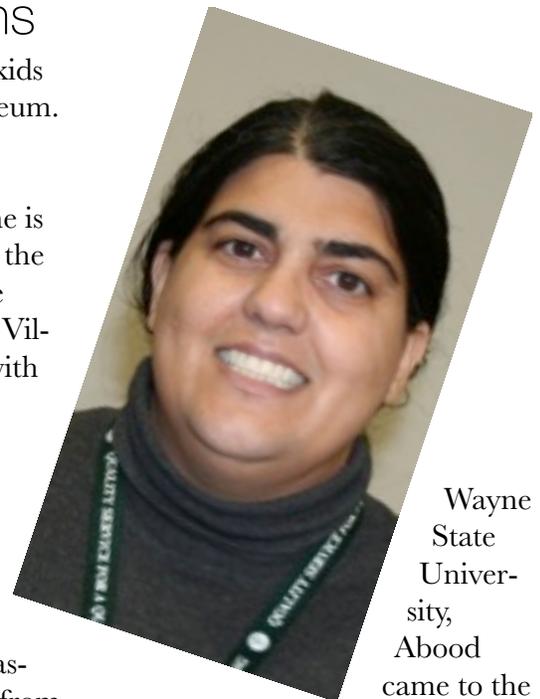
Jill Abood: library's ambassador finds programs, brings them to patrons

Jill Abood, head of Programs and Outreach Services at the East Lansing Public Library, is probably out there, even as you read this, working to line up programming for library patrons. She may be working with MSU professors who can talk about philosophy or the City of Detroit. She may be networking to get a staff member from the Abrams Planetarium to come to speak about stars and the Big Bang. Sometimes she's out there lining up a program on buying your first house or the Affordable Health Care Act or Social Security and

helping set up a program for kids with the Impression Five museum. She has found programs on sharks.

On many occasions she is at a community event such as the East Lansing Jazz Festival, the MSU student union, Spartan Village or at a farmers' market with information about the library and its many services. Every year hundreds of events for thousands of patrons come about because of her efforts and those of other library staff.

Having earned her master's degree in library science from



Wayne State University, Abood came to the

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October: Sharon Tarr

Painting students of the East Lansing Recreation Center/Bailey School will display their recent works for the community both oils and pastels.

November: Carolyn Damstra

This painter recently published in the Art of Sleeping Bear Dunes fine art publication and exhibit and is a well-known artist and muralist in Lansing. Barbara Schmidt, art director for the Friends' board, said Danstra's lovely paintings are inspired by Northern Michigan as well as nature.



Guests at a recent reception for artists, Neil Reicter and Hiro Iman, displayed work which is a combination of mathematical equations applied to computer graphics. Each piece had slight variations as well as different colored inks.

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East Lansing library in 2006. She also has certification in archival administration. Previously, she was a social worker for 10 years in other states, including California. But even while she was lining up services for clients she was volunteering at her local library on weekends.

“There is some similarity between what I did as a social worker and what I now do for the library. I connect people with what they need and want. I networked with all sorts of resources, as I do now,” she said.

Abood, as do other executives at the library, believes librar-

ies are more than books on shelves. “The materials are great and are rapidly changing into digital formats. We are getting more and more digital materials. Along with the programming and the outreach, we remain relevant,” she said.

Thank You to all our volunteers

Sarah Boling
 Marsha Bristor
 Liesel and Lilly Carlson
 Joan Fairy
 Marny Figenshau
 Carol Gruen
 Lorri Jacobs-Guner
 Jan Hines
 Barbara Lowes

Deborah Smith
 Lanette VanWagenen
 Students from the National Honor Society at
 the East Lansing High School

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2014-15 Board of Directors, Friends of East Lansing

First row, from left: Sandra Farrell, Barbara Schmidt, Maureen McCabe-Power, Patricia Thorpe, Gail Light, Jim Anderson. Second row, from left: Lisa Gold, Lanette VanWagenen, Marsha Bris-tor, Liesel Carlson, Don Power.

Library opens two maker studios

The first of the library’s maker studios opened in late September with a launch party.

Equipment in the studio, located inside the library, includes two 3-D printers, two 27-inch I-Macs, two Adobe Creative Cloud seats, a Final Cut Pro, Logic Pro X, a 3-D scanner, a flatbed scanner, music recording/production equipment, a graphics tablet and additional tools and software.

It was made possible by community support of Books, Bites and Bids. Friends contributed items for auction.

A second maker studio, located on the second floor of the East Lansing Marriott at University Place, will open Oct. 1 with a launch party from 4 to 6 p.m. This studio was made possible through a donation from a private donor.

Library Director Kristin Shelley said makerspaces are community centers with tools, supplies, computers and software that allow community members to design, prototype and create manufactured works in a collaborative space.

“They will allow for creation, experimentation and directed instruction and will enable us to address the five focus areas (Col-laborate, Community, Develop, Discover and Learn) of the library’s 2014-2017 strategic plan,” she said.



Patron examines article made by 3D printer

Welcome and Welcome Back

Bev Federau
 Fred and Jean Graham
 Jean and Sam Holland
 Sandra Holmes
 Harriet Kem
 Frank and Elaine Knox
 Ann McCall
 Kriss Ostrom
 Emily Olmsted-Rumsey
 Rebecca Grumet and Jim Smith
 Baron Tons

Your help and support keep our numbers growing.
 Spread the word to encourage others to support the library with a Friends' membership.

ANOTHER WAY TO DONATE TO THE LIBRARY

Your gift will help the library reach the goal of enriching lives, educating and promoting life-long learning to the East Lansing community, now and for the future.

Donations can be made directly to the Library or to the Library's endowment fund managed by the Capital Region Community Foundation.

Choosing to donate to the library is a wonderful way to remember a family member, honor a valued friend or co-worker, or celebrate a special occasion.

To make a donation to the library, please follow these steps:

- Download and fill out the library's gift donation form (see <http://www.elpl.org/forms/GiftForm.pdf>) to make your tax-deductible gift.
- If applicable, a letter announcing your gift will be sent to the individual/family you indicate.
- Checks should be made out to the East Lansing Public Library.

Send donations to:
 East Lansing Public Library
 950 Abbot Rd.
 East Lansing, MI 48823

Possible library donation areas include:

- Building/Furniture fund
- Technology/Digital resources fund
- Library materials
- Programming fund
- Endowment fund

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Membership New/ Renewal (Circle One)

Memberships are renewal annually.

Donations and memberships are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Please make checks payable to: Friends of the East Lansing Public Library.

Detach and mail to: Friends' Treasurer,
 C/O East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Rd.,
 East Lansing, MI 48823

The Friendshop accepts donations of books, magazines, music CDs, DVDs and LPs. These donations are tax-deductible; ask for a receipt at the circulation desk. Note: Items must be clean, dry and without mold. We can no longer accept VHS or cassette tapes.

Annual Membership Dues (Circle or type in amount)

- Senior 65+ or Student\$ 15.00
- Individual and Family.....\$25.00
- Sustaining.....\$50.00
- Business\$100.00
- Supporting.....\$100.00
- Patron.....\$250.00
- Benefactor.....\$500.00
- 21st Century Benefactor.....\$1,000.00
- Other\$ _____

Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law

Interested in volunteering?

Yes / No Phone Number _____

Contact us at FriendsELLibrary@gmail.com

Circle Area(s) of Interest

Big Book Sale - Ongoing Book Sale - Serving on the Board -
 Membership - Gallery Shows - Publicity - Mailings

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