

FRIEND TO FRIEND

Newsletter and

Annual Report



East Lansing Public Library

2015 Annual Big Book Sale to be held at Hannah Community Center

The Friends' biggest fund raising activity -- the annual big book sale -- will be held Oct. 10 and 11 at the Hannah Community Center. Details will be forthcoming.

Friends will also sell gently used purses, backpacks, totes, t-shirts, as well as items being cleaned out as the library prepares for the renovation.

The move to the Hannah Community Center is necessitated because of renovations that will be underway at the library. [See the story on page 3.]

Friends are urged to continue contributions of books, DVDs, and purses between now and then to support this major fund-raising event.



Shopping at the purse sale earlier this year. Friends raised more than \$2,000.

Friends Art Sale continues

The FOELPL is selling its inventory of art that accumulated during the heyday of art rental programs at the library. This ongoing sale is refreshed with additional pieces as items sell. Many pieces are now on sale and some have been further discounted. We have been thrilled to find data about the various artworks and the artists, often discovering both interesting and famous artists. The pieces for sale can be seen in the audio visual room. For information on the art contact Lanette VanWagenen at wowlarry@aol.com.



Artist: Vernon Kauffman
 Title: An Angel for Sale
 Medium: Acrylic, 1960s
 Vernon Kauffman is a Michigan artist, born in 1923 and still painting! Commenting on Angel for Sale Vernon said, "You see many types of things for sale, but not usually angels". Currently residing in Independence Village, Kauffman, who is resident artist, has numerous paintings adorning the walls.

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In the North Foyer Gallery

Eric Johnson, photographer showing in August

August in the North Foyer Gallery showcases Eric Johnson’s Visions of Wildlife. Eric’s love of photography dates back to the early 60’s and his passion is wildlife and landscape — “the beauty of nature as it was meant to be seen.”

A retired Michigan State Police officer and portrait photographer (winning numerous state, local and national awards), Eric now teaches forensic photography to law enforcement personnel in Michigan and across the country.

Eric’s work can be viewed at www.visionsofwildlife.com

ELPL Jr Friends ***Supporting librarians and engaging youth in community advocacy***

By Liesel Carlson

On June 10, 2015, Jr. Friends assisted ELPL librarians with the Summer Reading kick-off. Jr. Friends helped younger children enjoy sidewalk chalk, bubbles, and bookmark coloring.

Jr. Friends also helped facilitate the painting of a new Little Free Library to be installed at Edgewood Village this summer.

Over the summer Jr. Friends will assist with tutoring on Tuesdays, read at Stories in the MSU garden, and help maintain the ELPL Children’s garden. Future Jr. friend projects will be directed by ELPL needs and Jr. Friend ideas. Some plans include Jr. Friends t-shirts and help with the used book sale.

All youth are invited to bring their ideas and join in supporting ELPL

Annual donation to the Jr. Friends is suggested at \$10.

Interested in Jr. Friends? Please e-mail Liesel Carlson at jcarls@comcast.net



Junior friends paint a new Little Free Library for Edgewood Village.

Donate, Renovate, Innovate...A Renewed East Lansing Public Library

By Kristin Shelley,
Director ELPL

I am excited to share with the community that East Lansing Public Library (ELPL) received an incredibly generous donation from an anonymous donor on April 10, 2015. The donation is in the amount of \$1,500,000.

This is truly wonderful for ELPL and the entire community. It provides the opportunity to inspire and innovate a re-imagined East Lansing Public Library.

What does this mean for ELPL?

The donation will allow for a partial renovation of the library. We will be able to move some things around and to re-purpose some spaces. The teen area will be larger; the maker studio that is in the current library will be larger; the children's area will be engaging; a cyber cafe with vending machines will be added; and the floor plan will be opened up. We will also incorporate new furniture and shelving in parts of the library.

While \$1.5 million is huge and by far the largest donation the library, and probably the city, has ever received, unfortunately, it does not get us a full renovation of the library nor does it get us a much needed expansion. ELPL needs to be expanded because we are approximately 20,000 square feet too small for the size of population we serve. In addition, the donation

does not allow for any parking lot repairs or additions.

This is why we are **asking** for the community to match the gift or to even exceed the donation. Our goal is to raise an additional \$1.5 to \$2 million by May 2016. However to do an expansion and renovation like we need, it will cost \$11,000,000. The Donate, Renovate, Innovate...A Renewed East Lansing Public Library Capital Campaign kicked off on April 17. The last renovation to the library was in 1996-1997, almost 20 years ago.

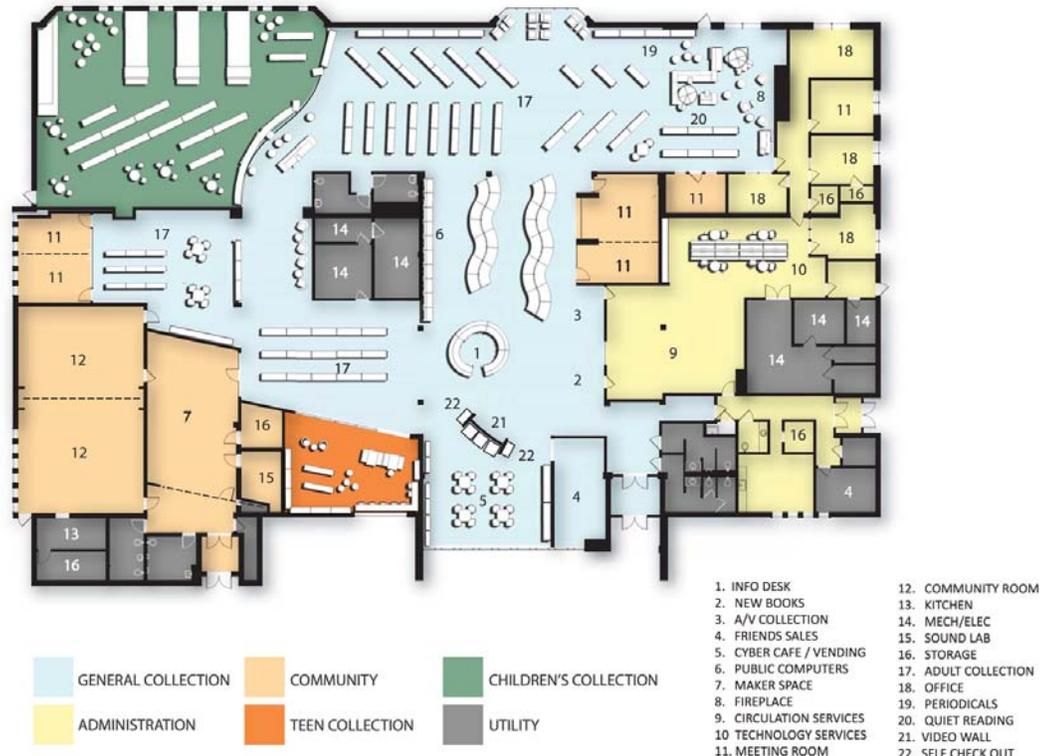
It is important to note, the gift ELPL received is restricted. It can only be used for renovations to the current library building. It cannot be used for operations. Our operations budget continues to be tight as we juggle the cost of staff, materials and technology needs.

If things progress well, the renovations will start in November

and will take approximately eight months to complete. This means our Meeting Room, the North Foyer Art Gallery, the Storytime Room and other areas will not be available to use. Things will be displaced and dust will fly; however, the end result will be a re-imagined East Lansing Public Library where the possibilities will be unlimited.

A banner at the library shows the progress of our Donate, Renovate, Innovate...A Renewed East Lansing Public Library Capital Campaign. We also have an architect rendering of the renovation plans - it does not show the final placement of shelves and furniture.

This is a great time for the community. With your help we can make the East Lansing Public Library the stellar library the community deserves.



Annual Report

By Maureen McCabe-Power

Summer 2015 is half gone – how did that happen? It’s been a busy, newsworthy year at the East Lansing Public Library (ELPL). The Friends’ fiscal year ended on April 30, so as you read through the newsletter, please note our close-of-year assets and the programs the Friends supported at the ELPL during the 2014-15 school year.

We welcome new Board member Sheila Taylor and say goodbye to Lisa Gold – thank you Lisa for your service. Tricia Thorpe who joined us last year and served as our Legislative Watch has moved into the Secretary role, and Jim Anderson will be our new Legislative Watch. See the names of officers and directors below:

Officers:

Maureen McCabe-Power, President 1200 Blanchette Drive, EL 48823, Home 517-332-5196, Cell 989-798-7775, Email - Littlemo668@littlemo.org

Sandra (Sandi) Farrell, Vice President

Patricia (Tricia) Thorpe, Secretary

Lanette VanWagenen, Treasurer

Directors:

Jim Anderson, Legislative Watch

Marsha Bristol, Used Books

Liesel Carlson, Library Liaison

Gail Light, Newsletter

Don Power, Donors

Sheila Taylor, Public Relations

Additional Volunteers:

Joan Fairey - 2015 Crystal Award recipient, Marny Figen-shau, Carol Gruen, Lorri Gruner, Jan Hines, Barb Lowes, Barb Miller, Deborah Smith

The big news this year is the generous, anonymous donation of \$1.5 million, which will provide for a renovation of the ELPL. The funds will allow for the repurposing of existing space, but not for expanded space. One result will be a closing of the North Foyer Gallery at the end of September. Please remember to visit the Gallery through September. We have exciting artists on display each month. [See information on Eric Johnson on page 2 of this newsletter.]

The Friendship will move from its current location to what is now the AV room across from the circulation desk, which also is likely to be re-positioned. [See new projected floor plan in the rendering on page 3 of this newsletter.]

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lots of changes! Please don't lose track of us!

As always the Friends' main activity is fundraising and the main opportunities are the Friendship and the fall book sale. This year the fall book sale will include "gently used" purses/bags being collected in the pink tub at the entrance to the library as well as art as Friends t-shirts and other merchandise.

The Books and Bags sale will be held October 10 and 11 at the Hannah Center, note the new location.

Watch for details!

We want to meet you and involve you in the important work the Friends do.

Please read through the newsletter and learn about the Friends' activities and how you can get involved. Please become a Friend. [See panel on page 6.] A donation is a very important contribution you can make, even if you are unable to volunteer.

We want to hear from you: email littlemo668@littlemo.org or call President Maureen's cell at 989-798-7775.

As always we like to boast about our accomplishments at the end of our fiscal year and give applause to our many hard working volunteers without whom we couldn't function.

First lets credit the people. Hardworking board members and volunteers – THANK YOU!

Our annual revenue is made up of many line items, the largest of which is of course the sale of used books, which this year totaled over \$38,000.

When you add donations, annual book sale, merchandise – t-shirts, purses, umbrellas, tote bags, art sales, interest income we show an end-of-year revenue total of over \$50,000.

Of course we have expenses too. We are very frugal with our expenditures and as generous as possible with our contributions to the library. This year we gave \$45,368 to the library and supported such programs as:

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President's Message

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- ★ 2015 Summer Reading Program
- ★ Maker Studio Workshops
- ★ 2015 Hot Reads for Cold Nights
- ★ Teen Crafternoon
- ★ Welcome Kindergarden
- ★ Books on Tap
- ★ Out of This World Book Club
- ★ Better Living Book Club
- ★ Practice Your English
- ★ Homework Help
- ★ Summer Tutoring
- ★ Toddler Time
- ★ Popcorn and a Movie
- ★ Teen Game Haven
- ★ Concerts by the Fireplace
- ★ Spring Break Fun
- ★ One Book, One Community
- ★ Backyard Birding
- ★ Literacy Coalition
- ★ Money Smart Week
- ★ National Library Week
- ★ Downton Abbey Afternoon Tea

Of course it is you, our patrons, friends and neighbors, who shop in the Friendshop, attend our fundraisers, and make donations to the Friends - THANK YOU!!

Goal for Friends: Recruiting new Friends!

By Maureen McCabe-Power

\$1.5 million dollars – wow. As you have heard by now the East Lansing Public Library is about to undergo a renovation thanks to a generous donation from an anonymous donor. [See article page 3.]

While very few of us have the resources to fund a renovation, we hopefully can find a few dollars to make a donation to the Friends. And combining our modest resources does make a difference in what the library is able to offer its patrons.

We are beginning our annual donor campaign and hope you will choose the Friends of the East Lansing Public Library as a worthy recipient of your dollars. Make a tax deductible donation to help further the mission of the Friends of the East Lansing Public Library.

Friends of the Library work hard to raise funds to supplement the programs and materials for the Library. [See article page 4 and 5.]

We have some lofty goals for the next couple of years and new ideas for fundraising to match our newly renovated building. The library's renovation will include updated maker space, cyber café, and new furniture and shelving all very exciting. We will also contribute to the renovation project.

We have plans for a jazz night at ELPL, expanded book sales, art exhibits to enhance the ambience of the new surroundings.

You certainly want to be a part of all that is happening!

Our own Joan Fairey is a 2015 Crystal Award recipient. Check out the East Lansing City website and learn more about Joan's contributions to East Lansing.

WE NEED YOU! Volunteers young and old can work help sort and price books, set up and work the book sale, clean and price purses, help the young folks in the garden, serve on the board in various capacities, and basically spread the word about the important and vital work of the FOELPL.

We want to communicate with you. Providing us with an email address makes that easier and more cost effective.

Please send us your email address to President Maureen's email address at littlemo668@littlemo.org so that we may contact you more frequently to keep you up to date on the activities of the Friends.

**Friends of the
East Lansing
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Please make checks payable to: Friends of the East Lansing
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Detach and mail to: Friends' Treasurer,
C/O East Lansing Public Library

950 Abbot Rd.,

East Lansing, MI 48823

Phone: President's home phone 517-332-5196

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___ \$50.00

___ \$75.00

___ \$100.00

Other _____

Interested in volunteering?

Yes / No Phone Number

Contact us at: littlemo668@littlemo.org

Circle Area(s) of Interest

Big Book Sale - Ongoing Book Sale - Serving on
the Board - Publicity - Mailings - Fundraising

Our work supports your library.

Join us in the fun!

The Friendship 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.