

FRIEND TO FRIEND



East Lansing Public Library

Maureen
McCabe-
Power

President's Message

President, treasurer exchange roles

Lanette VanWagenen, who has been president of the Friends during the past year has exchanged her role with Maureen McCabe-Power as treasurer. The change took place in May.

VanWagenen, who has managed business offices, owns a company with her husband called Triton Industries, Inc., which manufactures Manitou Pontoon boats. McCabe-Power, who earned a master's degree in library science, most recently owned her own Human Resources and Labor Relations consulting company. While living in southeastern Michigan she was head of the children's Department of the Bloomfield Township Public Library and head of adult services and assistant library director at Baldwin Public Library in Birmingham. She also has a master's degree in Labor and Industrial Relations



Maureen McCabe-Power

Lanette says - It's been quite a year for the Friends, with lots of changes. Long time members transitioned to other pursuits and other members transitioned into new positions. The board brought on four new members. All of this added up to a learning curve for all of us!

During this tumultuous year, the Friends did accomplish a lot. Below is a brief list of the highlights:

- Continued our co-sponsorship of One Book One Community
- Purchased two benches for North Foyer Gallery
- Donated two interactive wallboards for the children's area
- Produced a quilt raffle which earned \$2,000.00
- Supported the Library requests:
 - Databases over \$27,000
 - Programming \$18,000

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- o Renewed the library's annual subscription to Book Page
- Held the annual used book sale
- Continued the in-library ongoing book sale
- Contracted with the original children's area artist to create a North Gallery sign
- Replenished stock of Friends T-Shirts
- Purchased 4 annual used book sale banners
- Filled the North Foyer Gallery for the year with local art

April 30th marked our fiscal year end, which also is our annual board renewal. One change is that I will exchange positions with Maureen McCabe-Power as Treasurer, while she will become President. Additionally,

look for information on the 3 new board members we happily accepted!

Maureen says - As I take over as President of the Friends of the East Lansing Public Library I recognize the shoes I need to fill and the thought just might keep me awake at night. This esteemed organization has been in existence and a vital supporter of the library for decades. The challenges continue to grow for the library world as print material gives way to electronic-everything it seems.

You will notice that membership levels are rising and you will be hearing more from us with respect to the help we need both with volunteer activities and membership dues – see the updated dues structure in this newsletter. The main fund raising activity of the Friends is the sale of used

books – both continuous in the Friends' store at the library and the big book sale held in late October. Fewer books are selling in the market place; so fewer books are being donated for re-sale. Additionally, others, including retail establishments are getting into the act of selling used books.

The Friends of ELPL –and that includes you - will therefore put on our creative hats and brainstorm additional ways to raise funds for the Friends in order for us to remain the vital support for the East Lansing Public Library.

If you have fundraising ideas to share we would love to hear from you. Please call 517-332-5196 and leave a message for Maureen or email me littlemo668@littlemo.org We are all looking forward to a great year!

Friends earn library thanks for helping to provide services

More than 13,000 East Lansing Public Library patrons benefited through contributions from the Friends of the East Lansing Public Library during the fiscal year ending on April 30, 2014.

Among the programs made possible, in part, through our contributions of about \$18,000 were movies including the *The Great Gatsby*, *Gravity* and *Monsters University*, shown to about 600 people.

Another 900 patrons took part in programs celebrating African American History Month, in writing center groups, in English language practice, in a Spanish conversation group, in French Club and Arabic Club.

Book Clubs, including Books on Tap, allowed readers to discuss *Annie's Ghost*, *The Introvert Advantage*, *The Life List* and *Slaughterhouse Five* among other books.

About 2,300 young adults attended after school programming as well as worked on duct tape creations and gingerbread creations.

More than 8,300 children took part in programs including

summer tutoring, claymation animation, code camps, LEGO programs, Story Time and got homework help.

Other programs and items included the summer reading program, One Book, One Community author reception and contributions to the Books, Bites and Bids. Friends also supported the library's 90th birthday celebration and a volunteer recognition luncheon.

Librarian Director Kristin Shelley has asked Friends to help support more programming, a laptop lab and teen supplies and gaming during the 2015 fiscal year.

Friends also purchased two benches for the art gallery, bought play wallboards for the children's room and earned more than \$2,000 through a



Merchandise at Friendship Store includes T-shirts.

quilt raffle. We had a new sign painted for the North Gallery, produced new t-shirts, filled the art gallery with artists throughout the year and purchased used book sale banners.

One Book, One Community announces 2014 selections

The City of East Lansing and Michigan State University recently announced the selection of three voices on race in America as the 2014 One Book, One Community program.

The Friends of the the East Lansing Public Library has donated \$3,500 to the program again, continuing our co-sponsorship of this wonderful community program.

According to a release from the City of East Lansing, MSU and the East Lansing Public Library, the One Book, One Community is offering students and community a menu of literary and cinematic works, including a graphic novel, a memoir and a film.

The graphic novel, "March Book One" by U.S. Congressman John Lewis, Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell, has been called a vital, first-hand account of Lewis's lifelong struggle for civil and human rights.

The memoir, "The Grace of Silence," by NPR contributor and the award-winning journalist Michele Norris, explores her family's racial legacy and discusses how America talks about race.

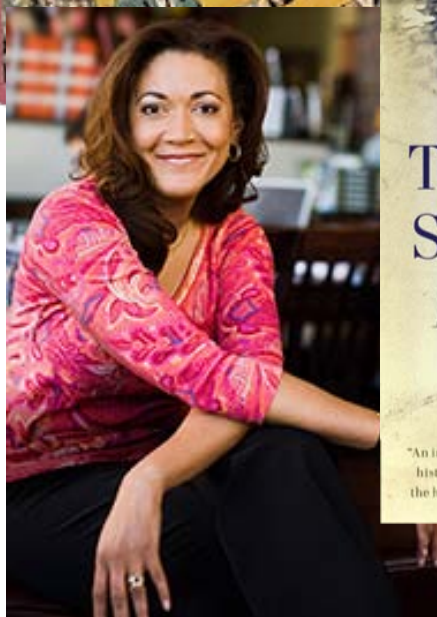
The film, "Fruitvale Station" by director Ryan Coogler, is based on a true story of a 22-year-old black man who was killed by a Bay Area Rapid Transit police officer on a subway platform in Oakland, California.

Lewis, Norris and Coogler will visit East Lansing for three community events this fall. Community members are encouraged to read the books and watch the film.

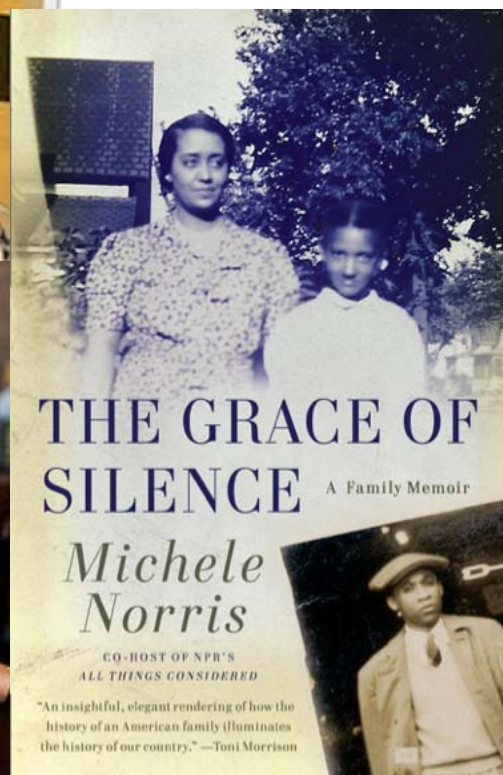
The program is coordinated in conjunction with MSU's year-long Project 60/50, which commemorates the 60th anniversary of the Brown v. Board of

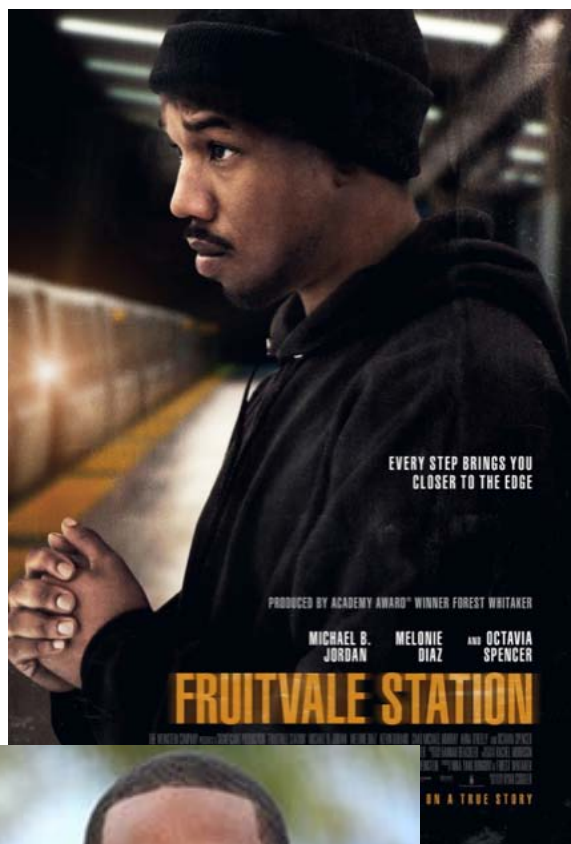


John Lewis
-- Photo by Eric



Michele Norris





Ryan Coogler

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Friends contributed items to auction

Books, Bites and Bids raises
\$19,000
for new digital maker lab

With help from many organizations, businesses and individuals including the Friends of the East Lansing Public Library, \$19,000 was raised for a new digital maker lab at the library.

The funds were collected during the third annual Books, Bites and Bids event held in April. The Friends donated items for bid in the silent auction.

The money will allow the library to purchase the digital maker lab by the end of the summer. The lab will provide community members with a place to innovate, create and produce high quality digital documents, movies, sound recordings, art as well as other items.

The lab will include a 3 D printer and high end computers that allow use of software like Photoshop and video and music editing and digital design programs. The computers will use large monitors and different input devices such as drawing pads and 3 D scanners.

Library Director Kristin Shelley has been quoted as saying that the digital maker lab “will be a place where patrons can do everything from learning a new piece of software to creating a PR package for a new business or making a digital collage of family photos or writing and recording a track of music. We are excited to add this new, innovative space to the library. It would not be possible without the tremendous support of the community.”

At the Books, Bites and Bids, patrons were treated to music by the Now Know quartet and Josh White Jr. Grand Grillin’ provided food and the Grand Traverse Pie Company donated a king-sized pie.

Speakers included June Youatt, provost of MSU, who noted the “amazing relationship between MSU and the library. There are times when students need to get away from campus and you have opened your arms to them.” She thanked the library for sharing and reinforcing the values of the university.

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Josh White Jr. sung at the fund raising event



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Some of the dozens of items for auction at Books, Bites and Bids.



Art Gallery Showings Announced June-December

Barbara Schmidt, a member of the Friends' Board of Directors and in charge of the North Foyer art gallery at the library has announced the following showings:

June- Deb Drew-Brown

Along with family members Jack, Jack A. and Sandy from Sweden, these artists will display photography, painting and collage.

July- Cindy Evans

Ms. Evans will display watercolor works titled Dee's Garden, August- Neil Reicter and Hiro Iman

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This is an unexpected pairing of mathematical equations and computer generated colorful art.

September- Pam LaCoursier

This artist will show her photography which Schmidt said are beautiful images by a recent winner in the 2014 East Lansing Photography contest.

October- Sharon Tarr

Painting students of the East Lansing Recreation Center/Bailey School will display their recent works for the community in 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. Schmidt said her lovely paintings are inspired by Northern Michigan as well as nature.

Thank you to all our volunteers

Sarah Boling
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 Liesel and Lilly Carlson
 Joan Fairey
 Marny Figenshau
 Carol Gruen
 Lorri Jacobs-Gruner

Jan Hines
 Barbara Lowes
 Deborah Smith
 Lanette VanWagenen
 Additional multiple students
 from the National Honor Society
 at East Lansing High School

New public services librarian sees long term need for libraries

Her smile lights up the room.

A Lansing native, Annelise Gordon is the new Public Services librarian at the East Lansing Public Library.

She began her new job, the contours of which are still evolving, in March.

Calling herself Annie, Ms. Gordon helps gather books for a reading club called Books on Tap that meets at Jimmy's Pub on the second Tuesday of each month. She works at the reference desk and is beginning to archive local historical documents. She has certification in archival administration and earned a master's in library science from Wayne State University.

"We want to have the local historical material displayed and used rather than rotting away in cabinets," she said.

She is coordinating her work with that performed by Teen Librarian Shannon Lake and with Jill Abood, head of Programming and Outreach Services.

In a time when the future of books is being debated, Annie said she believes paper books will be around for the foreseeable future even though e-book usage is growing.

"I think there is a role for both. Even with digital devices increasing in use, libraries will always have a strong community role," she said. "The idea of a library will never go away. Even if libraries eventually only exist digitally, you will always be able to get access to material at your local library not available cheaply or easily elsewhere."

Annie said she uses her e-reader when she travels but "for me, there's nothing like holding a book in my hands."

She said East Lansing's library has done a "particularly good job in embracing technology rather than standing back. We have been at the forefront."

She comes from a "library family" in which her mother is a processing librarian at the downtown branch of the Capital Area District Libraries. Annie has volunteered in libraries since she was 14. Most recently she has worked at the Lansing Campus Davenport University and the South Campus of the Lansing Branch of the Capital Area District Libraries.



Annelise Gordon

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East Lansing
Public Library**



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the fun!

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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)

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