

FRIEND TO FRIEND



East Lansing Public Library

Lanette Van Wagenen

President's Message

It's hard to believe that the Library's 3rd Silent Auction, Books, Bites and Bids, is around

the corner. Mark your calendar for April 25th and for fun!

For Books, Bites and Bids, the staff of the library and our community come together to raise money for the Library.

Budgets for libraries have been hit hard over the past few years, and East Lansing's is no exception. At a time when libraries need to transform to keep up with the changes occurring with digital media, they are being asked to make do with less. To call it challenging is



Books, Bites, and Bids

Benefitting
The East Lansing Public Library

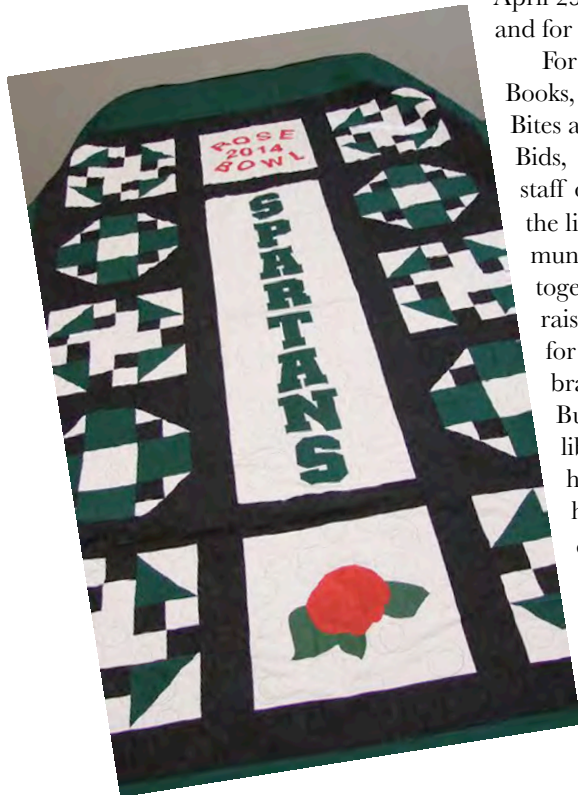
April 25, 2014

6-8:30 p.m.

Silent auction, live music, children's' activities, heavy hors d'oeuvres, drinks and a short program.

Suggested donation: \$30 per person; \$50 per couple/family

Proceeds will go to a digital maker lab at the library.



Quilt Auction

This quilt, created by Kathy Songer with materials donated by the Friends, will be auctioned at the event.

an understatement. That is why Books, Bites and Bids works so very well. Through this enormous organizational effort, the staff accomplishes a successful fund raiser that brings our community together to donate, buy and socialize. The winners are many. The Library, of course; but the supporters who buy and donate win as well. Whether you leave with a basket of goodies, have donated something that

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promotes your business, or you just come to mingle and eat some exceptional food, this is community in the best fashion.

I speak from experience. I did a fair amount of personal spending the first year. But nothing compared to the next year when I brought my husband. He had a great time, and still holds a little anger toward the last minute winner of the Izzo signed basketball. You know who you are! He really thought he had that one locked up. We still left with plenty of gifts for family and additions to our Spartan recreation room.

I encourage you to attend. See what is new at the library by checking out areas you might not usually traverse. Witness how the library looks in full social regalia. View the North Gallery and the current art display. Over the door you will see the sign the Friends had custom designed by the original artist to match the rest of the children's signage and decorations. Your

Friends of the East Lansing Public Library donate items for auction. The library needs empty baskets.

evening will change your view of the library, what it is, and what it can be. And it will become what it can be with your continued support!

Friendship donations

Used books, DVD movies, LP records and books on CD get a second life at the East Lansing Public Library. Sometimes a third or fourth life! In our Friendship, which is to the left of the circulation desk, these items are categorized, displayed and sold by the Friends of the East Lansing Public Library. These sales benefit the library and are the primary fund raising activity by the Friends.

In charge of the operation for well over a decade is Friends board member Marsha Bristor. Through her guidance this well organized shop makes every attempt to provide high quality materials at costs below online sales or other local on-going used book sales. Book categories include:

- Science and Nature
- Social Science, Anthropology and Psychology
- Philosophy
- Anthologies
- Classics
- Rare and Collectible
- Writing
- American, World and Black History
- Children's and Young Adult

Science Fiction, Horror and Mystery

- Fiction
- Romance
- Poetry and Drama
- Self-help and Health
- Religion
- Travel and Foreign Language
- Sports
- Education
- Cooking
- Biography
- Crafts and Fine Art
- Architecture
- Business

Additionally, she rotates new donations and special collections allowing for easy and interesting shopping. The Friendship is open during normal library hours and one does not have to have a library membership to shop. Tell your friends!

The Friends success in this effort depends on your donated materials. Bristor reminds donors that books which are defaced, deteriorating or have missing pages are not usable. In fact, these books are recycled at a cost to the Friends. Any in unacceptable condition can be dropped at the MSU Surplus and Recycling Center, 468



Purchasing Friends merchandise helps the library

Green Way for recycling for free recycling.

Donations can be dropped at the circulation desk, or, in the case of a large donation, they will direct you to bring them to a back entrance. For ease of handling, please box large donations, which allows stacking in our limited space. Since we are a non-profit, you will receive a tax-deductible donation receipt. For more information contact Marsha Bristor at (517) 351-3608.

Please remember us with your used materials and help us continue this valuable work. Spring cleaning time is coming! We would love to find new homes for your unwanted used books.

In the Art Gallery

FRIENDS OF THE EAST LANSING PUBLIC LIBRARY-- MARCH 2014

Upcoming Art Gallery Features Painters and Photographers

Showings at the library's Art Gallery are organized and maintained by the Friends of the East Lansing Public Library. Artists are charged a nominal fee for a monthly display. If artists want a reception, the Friends provide that and charge to cover costs. Costs for artists are well under gallery rates and no sales commissions are collected by the Friends.

The Friends' Board of Director member Barbara Schmidt, herself an artist, lines up the artists and handles all the arrangements. It is a large undertaking which makes fine art available for patrons of the library to view as well as giving artists venues for their work. Currently the board of directors is seeking an assistant for this post. (See story on page 4).

Watch for the new hand-painted sign by artist Kathryn Darnell, a calligrapher, who also painted the signage in the children's library and the Friends' dragon logo. The new art gallery sign was purchased by the Friends.

Upcoming artists at the Art Gallery for months of March, April and May are:

March: Juanita Baldwin, based out of Okemos, who paints a wide variety of subjects in oil and pastels.

April:

Freshtsh Parvizi, painter, of East Lansing, who works in acrylic.

May :

Jack Downer, a photographer from Lyons, shoots all kinds of subjects including portraits and scenic rural areas in Michigan.

The artist in January was Kathy Sutton, a metal sculpturer who also paints in acrylic. In February, the artist was Anita Brett, a painter in watercolor and oils.

There are several openings for upcoming month-long displays. Contact Schmidt at 517-899-5905 to apply.



ART BY ANITA BRETT



Thank You to all our volun-

Sarah Boling
Marsha Bristor
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 So-
ciety at East Lansing High
School.

The Friends' Board of Directors seeks two members

The Friends of the East Lansing Public Library is looking for two new members for its board of directors.

One is assistant art director to

The board meets only eight times a year at the library; meetings last about an hour.

No meetings occur in December,

June, July and August. Currently the board meets the 3rd Tuesday at

Assistant Art Director

help the director set up gallery viewings at the library. This person would get information to the news media, act as a liaison with the artists and, as needed, would be available for receptions, show removals, hangings and other tasks.

The second is member-at-large.

6 p.m.
"Join our board and help the Friends continue to raise money for this wonderful library. Our work is interesting and rewarding. It's a good way to learn more about the library, East Lansing and meet other committed people," she said.

For more information contact VanWagenen at

Member-at-large

Board President Lanette VanWagenen said this position requires attending meetings and assisting in other board activities. The position takes part in board decisions and over time could become chair of a committee.

The Friends purchase paver to help "re-imagine" Patriarche Park playground

Friends have contributed to a project that will replace the former wooden play structure at Patriarche Park with a modern, eco-friendly play structure. A paver, or sidewalk segment, that will say *Friends of the East Lansing Public Library*, has been purchased to assist with the costs.

The goal is to provide a safer and handicap accessible playground.

Demolition of the former wooden playground took place in January; a community build is scheduled for June 18-19.

The task is being headed up by the Rotary Club of East Lansing. Fundraising continues, with \$170,000 more to collect.

More information about the undertaking can be found at www.cityofeastlansing.com/playgroundinthepark.

At right above is a teeter-totter of the type to be built in the park.



Thanks to a generous donor

Manitou Pontoon Boats donated \$1,000 to the Friends in the last quarter of 2013.



Our library: one of first in area to get digital audiovisual services

The East Lansing library is one of only six libraries in the state to offer a digital download service that lets patrons watch movies and listen to music and books on a computer or on a mobile device such as a tablet or phone.

Called Hoopla, it joins Zinio as a program designed to make library materials available to those who want information and entertainment wherever they go.

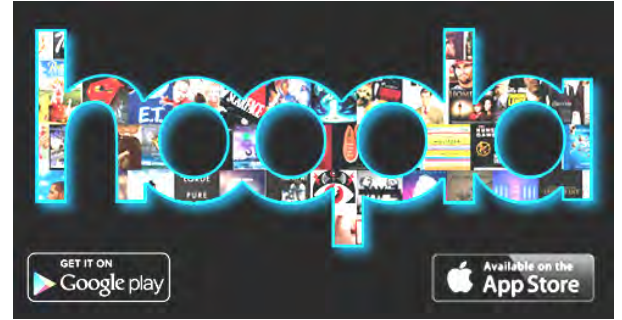
Zinio is a digital magazine download resource that offers the latest editions of popular magazines and can also be used on any mobile device or computer.



Amber Laude, collections and technical services librarian, helped bring the two programs to the library.

“We look carefully at what patrons are interested in and what they’re checking out. Our e-book numbers have been rising and rising and rising. This tells us that they want more digital materials they can stream from home.”

Zinio was launched Aug. 1, 2013 and Hoopla was added Jan. 6, 2014.



Said Laude: “We are very much in the mind set that we are here to serve the community; as patrons become more accustomed to using e-readers, we respond by

building those kinds of collections. The idea is to have materials here that our patrons are looking for before they even know they want them.”

Both programs, as well as e-books, are easy to use. Patrons can go to the library website: www.elpl.org. An orange box marked eBooks@ELPL on the home page has links directly to both Zinio and Hoopla. Patrons can print off instructions and can put the apps on their phones and tablets.

Movies, audiobooks and television shows can be checked out for various lengths of time; there are no loan periods for the magazines downloaded through Zinio.

Welcome and Welcome Back

Kwadwo and Kathryn Ekye-Addai
Marilee Clark and MaryAnn Lathrop
Stanley Lichtstein
Marguerite & William Mahler
Rebecca Grumet and Jim Smith
Ann H. McCall
Sakamoto Family
Gordon and Sheila Taylor

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

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Our work
supports
your library.
Join us in
the fun!

BECOME A FRIEND!

I wish to be a member of the Friends of the East Lansing Public Library. I have circled my membership choice.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Membership New/ Renewal (Circle One)

Membership dues are not tax deductible

Donations over and above membership dues are tax-deductible.

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\$ 5.00
- Individual\$10.00
- Family\$15.00
- Lifetime\$50.00
- Business Gift\$100.00
- Other\$ _____

Interested in volunteering?

Yes / No Phone Number _____

Contact us at FriendsELibrary@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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