



FRIENDS *of the*
EAST LANSING PUBLIC LIBRARY

Friend to Friend Newsletter

Spring 2017

LIBRARY NEWS: by Kristin Shelley, Library Director

THE NEED FOR FUNDRAISING: BOOKS, BITES and BIDS

It would be wonderful if libraries had all the money they needed to operate and to be innovative; however reality is that many public libraries struggle to balance their budgets and to keep up with rising costs of materials, staff and technology. The East Lansing Public Library (ELPL) is no exception to this, and this is why ELPL holds our annual fundraiser, Books, Bites and Bids, every April.



Books, Bites and Bids
Special Guests:
Tim Busfield and Melissa Gilbert

Books, Bites and Bids: **April 21, 2017** **5:30pm to 9:00pm** **at the library**

Tickets are \$30 per person
or \$60 per couple/family
Check out elpl.org or stop by the
library to buy tickets and for more
information



Books, Bites and Bids is on Friday,
April 21 from 5:30pm to 9:00pm.
With the library's interior renovations
completed, the event is returning to
ELPL this year, 950 Abbot Rd.

Mark your calendars for this fun event, which is a great time for families, couples and singles. This year features Tim Busfield and Melissa Gilbert as special guests, music by Treble Hook Conundrum, food by Grand Grillin', beer and wine, children's activities and a silent auction. Some of the silent auction items include a romantic getaway at the English Inn, a season ticket package from Lansing United, art pieces from Mackerel Sky, Lansing Symphony tickets and so much more!

The library is hoping to raise money to purchase a pop-up library that can be taken to area festivals, the farmers market, schools and retirement centers (<http://tinyurl.com/ghplpopuplibrary>), or to create a fun and delightful entrance to the renovated children's area.



Come check out your new library and help ELPL remain vibrant and future thinking.

ELPL NEW WEBSITE AND CATALOG

As the final items of the building renovation are being put in place, the East Lansing Public Library (ELPL) launched a new website and catalog in March. ELPL users will see an updated website and catalog that is a cross between Pinterest and Amazon. It is visually appealing and fun to navigate. You will still get to the website and catalog at elpl.org.

ELPL staff has been busy creating lists of books, movies, music and audiobooks for our patrons. Personally, I have been having a great time creating lists of books and movies from some books I have read in 2016 to my love of cows to my favorite children's books to books on basketball and much more. The new catalog will feature:

Enhanced searching and browsing.

A cleaner and more intuitive My Account interface, now called My Library Dashboard, for viewing and renewing checked out items, placing holds, paying fines, etc.

Shelves, for easily storing titles for later, titles you are currently reading, and titles you have completed.

Lists, for sharing your favorites with other library patrons, and the world, through email, social media and the library website.



We would love for our patrons to create lists and to share what they are reading, listening to and watching!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FRIENDS OF THE EAST LANSING PUBLIC LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

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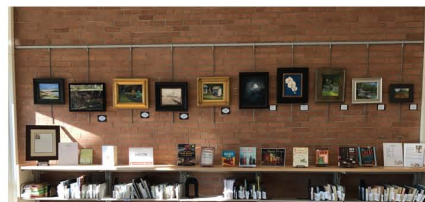
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Please stop in and see what Marsha's Friendshop volunteers have accomplished since the last newsletter – you will be amazed! Yes the shop boasts the best prices in town for used books, "Better Books", DVDs, CDs, magazines and of course children's books - see Lanette Van Wagenen's article in this newsletter and watch for special displays in Marsha's Friendshop.

Come in and visit the Brick Wall Gallery in the Cyber Cafe and enjoy art by Lily LaFollette and Elaine Dobrowolski. They are both plein aire painters and their work is beautiful, fanciful and for sale. A meet-the-artist reception was held on March 4 and many people engaged in chats with the artists and enjoyed refreshments. Be sure to continually check the ELPL website for upcoming events that you don't want to miss.



The Friends purchased an additional hanging system for art to be displayed above the study area.

Enjoy meeting Autumn Rose Norris, a new volunteer in Marsha's Friendshop focusing on children's books. Perhaps Autumn, will inspire you to become a volunteer as well.

Soon the Friends will be launching a fundraising effort in addition to selling used books and other merchandise in Marsha's Friendshop. You will be receiving a letter asking you to continue your support of the Friends so that we together can support the East Lansing Public Library. The money the Friends raise supports materials and programming at the library. The millage supports operations – remember the City no longer funds the Library. So please be as generous as possible.

The Friends invite anyone interested to attend our board meetings. Upcoming meetings are Tuesdays April 25th and May 23rd in the 3/4 room of the East Lansing Public Library at 5:00 pm. Please check our webpage (see below) for future dates.

LEGISLATIVE WATCH

GOVERNOR SNYDER SIGNS LIBRARY TAX CAPTURE RELIEF BILLS

Governor Rick Snyder signed into law SB 619-624 now PA 505-510 providing for specially dedicated library millages to be exempt from a number of tax captures. Tax captures are legal loopholes which siphon money from special library millages into public taxing bodies such as Downtown Development Authorities, and Tax Increment Finance Authorities. Both of these bodies exist and are frequently used here in East Lansing.

This achievement not only ensures millions of future tax dollars will go to libraries, but it is recognition by the legislature and administration that libraries are unique and important. This is an incredible recognition by the Michigan legislature of the importance of libraries in this state. This landmark legislation took 20 years of outstanding efforts by the Michigan Library Association, hundreds of MLA members, and many dedicated librarians.

Senator Jack Brandenburg of Harrison Township, along with multiple House members, sponsored the legislative package. East Lansing's State Representative, Sam Singh, voted against tax capture relief for libraries, and favored the tax capture authorities. Our State Senator, Curtis Hertel, voted in favor of the tax capture relief package.

Further details: <http://www.milibraries.org/mla-advocacy---january-26-2017/>

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MARSHA'S FRIENDSHOP NEWS

It's been hopping at Marsha's Friendshop. With creativity and flexibility, we have continued to adjust to our smaller work space while still providing you, our customer, with great book choices. We scurry and pack and move boxes and reinvent ourselves seemingly weekly. You probably have seen some changes in the shop. Here are some highlights:

* Trade paperbacks are now \$.50 each, unless within three years old.

* Our Better Books are valuable books that have been researched for price. We take the lowest Amazon price and halve it (often discounting more than half!). This is regardless of the condition that the online price book is listed at.



* We have put out a cart of \$.50 non-fiction that is very popular as well as a bin of \$.50 CDs and DVDs.



* With some new acrylic shelves forward facing books give you an easier, quicker view!



* DVDs are reduced to \$2.00 each, unless otherwise marked.



* Children's and Young Adult have had a complete and thorough restructuring. Displayed beautifully, you will find Early Readers, Reference, Board Books, Series, etc. Now it is much easier to find what you want!



* Music CDs are reduced to \$1.00 each, unless otherwise marked. Newly placed in tubs, they can be removed for easy referral to the CD fronts.



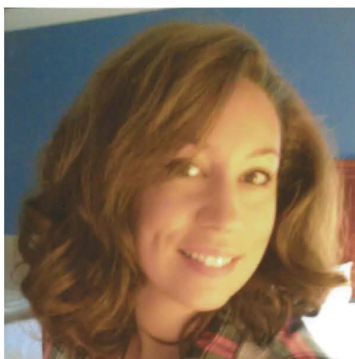
* Some of our Art-for-Sale items have been drastically reduced!

As always, we have the best prices in town, the most generous donors and incredibly loyal customers. Please help spread the word to those in your circle. Book lovers should know what we have to offer for their own pleasure, for research and school, and for gifts!

As the saying goes, "No gift can be opened over and over like a book!"

HIGHLIGHTING OUR VOLUNTEERS - AUTUMN ROSE NORRIS

In our last issue you met our oldest volunteer, Joan Fairey, and in this issue we highlight our newest and youngest. Autumn Rose and her husband, Randy, have 3 children; 12, 10 and 4 years old. Autumn's love for reading and



libraries was instilled by her mother who read to her, and with her, every morning (with hot cocoa!) in addition to frequenting their local library. Autumn is now sharing the love of reading and utilizing the local library with her children. They take advantage of the Children's Programs not to mention borrowing books from the library and buying books from the Friendshop. In fact, it was while Autumn was in the Friendshop, on one of her regular Sunday afternoon trips there, that a volunteer thought Autumn was a new worker because she was able to answer where some books were shelved! Upon finding out that she was a regular shopper, Autumn was asked if she would consider volunteering and now she oversees our Children's and Young Adults sections. At home, Autumn and her children have a special Tea Time every afternoon which includes them reading the books recommended by the Books and Bagels ELPL Program. Bedtime routine includes Autumn reading to her children while they color. We are grateful Autumn has joined our dedicated Friendshop volunteers!

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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Mail this form to: Friends Treasurer c/o East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823

Thank you for your donation!

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