



FRIENDS *of the*
EAST LANSING PUBLIC LIBRARY

Friend to Friend Newsletter

Spring 2018

Books, Bites and Bids

Phyllis Thode, Community Development Specialist & Volunteer Coordinator

Can you believe we are about to have our 7th Annual Books, Bites and Bids? This annual fundraiser for the East Lansing Public Library (ELPL) is one of the community's favorite nights to gather and celebrate the library. This year's event will take place on Friday, April 13, from 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Books, Bites and Bids will feature a silent auction, heavy hors d'oeuvres from Grand Grillin' and other local restaurants, beer and wine, live music, children's activities and a short program at 6:30 p.m. with Joe Sam from WILX-TV 10 as the emcee.

This year's silent auction will include an assortment of exciting items. A few of the items donated so far include:

- * a signed MSU basketball by Tom Izzo
- * a signed MSU football by Mark Dantonio
- * a one-night stay at the English Inn
- * Lansing Lugnuts tickets
- * Lansing Symphony tickets
- * gorgeous Kate Spade purses
- * an American Girl doll
- * tickets to the Williamston Theatre
- * East Lansing Family Aquatic Center passes
- * a one-night weekend stay at the East Lansing Marriott
- * tickets to the Purple Rose Theatre and dinner at the Common Grill in Chelsea
- * a variety of gift cards/certificates to a number of local restaurants and businesses
- * book baskets and much, much more



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Proceeds from this year's event will go towards the purchase of a Pop-Up Library – a low-speed, electric vehicle specially customized to transport and display library materials. The Pop-Up Library will allow ELPL to extend its reach outside of the library walls at special events and locations throughout the community.

A tax-deductible donation of \$30 per individual and \$60 per couple/family is suggested for this event. Community members can RSVP and make their donation ahead of time at www.elpl.org or by visiting the ELPL Service Desk, 950 Abbot Road. Donations can also be made at the door on the night of the event. This is a much-anticipated, staff and patron favorite event at ELPL. A lot of fun is in store for those who plan to attend this special community event in support of the library!

Visit www.elpl.org for additional information and updates about the 2018 Books, Bites and Bids event.

President's Remarks

Maureen McCabe-Power



The Friends of ELPL continue to work hard on several fronts to showcase the library, the Friends and to raise money for the East Lansing Public Library. Please consider joining this hardworking group of people as they work diligently for you and your community library.

The Friends are very excited to donate a piece of art with much local interest to Books, Bites and Bids this year. Well-known Michigan artist Irene Gayas Jungwirth (1911-1992), painted the piece entitled "Hopscotch". Irene was a prolific and self-taught artist, painting with hand-ground colors with egg tempera on Masonite or canvas. She was an outspoken woman, using imagination, religious beliefs, emotions, and everyday encounters with others to give meaning to her paintings. "A person paints what they are, emotionally, temperamentally, physically and philosophically." (IGJ). Irene felt that "art should make you gasp". Her art was in numerous invitational and juried shows

around the country, is in the Detroit Institute of Arts, Kresge Art Museum, and many private collections. Husband Leonard Jungwirth made the frames for all of her paintings during his lifetime and is the sculptor of our beloved Sparty statue. Irene felt that art should be shared and appreciated by as many people as possible. The Friends hope for a very robust silent auction bidding war for this remarkable piece.

Friend's Special Art Display

Sheila Taylor

For April, The Friends' art show at East Lansing Public Library will be a display of its collection of local artists. This will be the first time the Friends have featured the collection as a whole, and all items will be for sale.

Some readers will remember that many years ago, The Friends had an art leasing program. The works of many artists were donated or purchased for this program. Some of the artists have become even more notable over time. Although they no longer lease the art collection, the Friends have displayed a rotating sample of these pieces in the Friendshop, as space allowed, and several pictures have sold.

With research help from the Friendshop director and other volunteers, friends and relatives of various artists have located forgotten pieces and purchased them as keepsakes. One enthusiast has chosen several pieces he likes, and taking his chances they will still be available, is purchasing them one by one. Many people who look up from perusing the shelves of books in the shop are amazed to discover original art work above the bookcases and purchase something on the spot. As the Friends offer pieces from the collection at very good prices, some purchasers pay more than asked to make a donation.

Now the Friends have decided to showcase the collection, including pieces never displayed in the shop. For the April show, these pieces will be displayed on the north wall of the cybercafé and on the east wall of the carrels area as is usual, but larger items will also be displayed on the north wall of the public meeting room. In the far northwest corner of the library, the meeting room will be open during a variety of events through April, and library staff will also unlock this room by request when someone wants to view or purchase the artwork there.

FOELPL volunteers with expertise have curated the art collection, researched the artists, and will provide useful information with each picture on display, as well as a fair price. People can arrange their purchase at the library service desk, and will agree to leave the artwork on display through April.

If you remember a picture from the days of the leasing program and always wished you owned it...if you like a local artist whose work you wish you could afford...if you want to brighten up a room at home or work...this art show may well be the opportunity for you. And if you find something you want, you have the satisfaction of knowing the purchase price will benefit your community library.

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using your credit card.

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*Every size donation helps -
thank you!*

Marsha's Friendshop News

Lanette Van Wagener

It's been a whirlwind few months in the Friendshop. The donations keep coming, for which we are grateful, but sometimes feel overwhelming! For instance handling the 129 cases of books from Schuler's was daunting. It was too difficult in the snow to get them into the basement at the Hannah Center...so we again thank Joan Fairey for opening her garage to us for storage of these lovely used books. Over the next months these will be brought to the library, priced and put out for sale.

We are experimenting with some very specific window signage to prompt newcomers where to turn the corner and find us once they enter the library.

Our marketing strategy to help move books seems to be working. It is ...
A BIG SALE EVERY DAY!

\$.50 Non-Fiction gems of varied subjects, hard and soft covered, in two carts!

\$.50 Social Sciences in a FLASH SALE. We will swap this out with other genres that we are overstocked in. So check regularly.

\$.50 Trade Fiction...these are beauties and bargains! See the cart in the Cyber Café.

\$.25 Mass Market Fiction; including Mystery and Romance.

\$.50 Music CDs.

\$1.00 Adult books on CD; \$.50 kids.

\$2.00 DVDs.

A selection of books that are valued by researching online. We call them Better Books, and they are priced at less than ½ of the LOWEST price online.

These prices can't be beat. Please help us spread the word and continue our valued objective to support our beloved library!

East Lansing Public Library News

Kristin Shelley, Library Director

"A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never-failing spring in the desert." Andrew Carnegie

Spring is in the air at the East Lansing Public Library! We are coming off a couple of months of fantastic programming in February and March including:

- * the Black History 101 Mobile Museum
- * African American Film Festival
- * Moving Forward: MSU/EL Community Healing Conversation
- * One World Many Stories
- * March is Reading Month Literacy event

Our variety of programs harkens back to the library being open to everyone and a gathering place. Libraries bring people together. They are shared space where everyone belongs. Frederick Stielow wrote in *Libraries and Democracy: The Cornerstones of Liberty*, "At the local level, the public library would evolve into the most visible civic statement and monument to a democratic way of life." I could not agree more. The East Lansing Public Library develops programs and selects materials that promote civic engagement and community discussions on many sides of many issues. Thanks to donations to the Friends of the East Lansing Public Library by our patrons, we are able to continue to provide quality programming and a vibrant library environment. Andrew Carnegie said, "A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never-failing spring in the desert." Well said, Mr. Carnegie. Stop by your oasis, the East Lansing Public Library, for great programs, books, music, movies, community connectivity and more.

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I would like my donation to be anonymous Please contact me about volunteering for the Friends

Make checks payable to: Friends of the East Lansing Public Library or FOELPL

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

You can donate online with a credit card at: <http://tinyurl.com/Donate2FOELPL>

Your donation is needed and appreciated!

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