



# of the Rochester Hills Public Library

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## **GM Heritage Center Tour**

It's been three years since the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library sponsored a tour of the GM Heritage Center in Warren. Properties change at the museum regularly, so after three years there should be a lot new to see. The Friends have been able to arrange another tour for your viewing pleasure on May 25, 2017. So come again and bring your friends.



The GM Heritage Center, which is not open to the public, showcases the vehicles that have made General Motors a leader in the automotive industry for over 100 years. The "Heritage Collection" is made up of approximately 600 cars and trucks, which are rotated in and out of the facility regularly to allow them all to be appreciated. About 200 are on display in the Heritage Center at any given time.

Come see the amazing vehicles, and support the Library at the same time. All proceeds are used to fund Library programs.

The GM Heritage Center is located at 6400 Center, Sterling Heights, Michigan 48312

Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017  
 Time: 9:30 am to 11:30 am  
 Location: GM Heritage Center, Sterling Heights  
 Cost: \$25 per person

To reserve your place, go to <http://rhpl.org/friends-of-rhpl> and navigate to the "Special Events" tab to download the reservation form. Instructions for payment and mailing are included on the form.

Please make your reservation by May 15, 2017.

We certainly hope you can join us this year for this unique event either again or for the first time.



## THANK YOU FOR THE DONATIONS

After each used book sale, we sell the left-over books to a company that sends a large truck from Cleveland. Once the shelves in our sale room are emptied and dusted off, we start filling them again. While we do get library discards, about 70 percent of the items in our sales are donations from the community, many of them in like-new condition. Incredibly, within three months, we have 35-40,000 items ready for the next sale. And it is more than books. We have used DVDs, CDs, books on CD, jigsaw puzzles, games, toys, and yes, even VHS; all at very low reasonable prices.

Thanks to these generous donations, (and the help of our dedicated volunteers), the *Used Book Sales* were able to raise \$150,921 in 2016 for the Friends of the RHPL, all of which goes to the library. This includes \$20,926 from the Lobby Cart and over \$43,000 from our on-line sales.

Mark your calendar for our big Summer Used Book Sale July 26-29. Remember that the library is closed on Sundays during the summer, so our Bag Day sale will be Monday, July 31 from 10 AM to 1 PM.

From the Friends  
President

Ron Meegan



I love history, always have. Back in high school, history was my favorite subject – world history, American history, Michigan history; I loved it all. My reading program now is to always have a non-fiction (read that history) and a fiction book going at the same time. I read the non-fiction during the day and fiction in the evening when I'm winding down for the night.

Speaking about history, what about this "Friends of the Library" group we're all a part of? What is its history?

A couple of years ago, while we were looking at revising our bylaws, we also looked at the Articles of Incorporation filed with the state when the Friends were born. That was back in January of 1961, 56 years ago. The organization was actually incorporated as "The

Friends of the Woodward Memorial Library" in honor of Eva Woodward Parker who donated the first Avon Township Library building at 210 West University. It was incorporated for 30 years, and four of the

12 directors signed the incorporation form. One of the purposes of the Friends group was to "establish closer relationships between the Avon Township Public Library and its constituents."

In 1973, the Articles of Incorporation were modified to change the name to the "Friends of the Avon Township Public Library" and Millie Knudsen, a name you might remember, signed the change as the President of the Friends. In 1985, the name was changed once again to "The Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library" signed by Jerry Funkhouser, President; and then in 1990, the term of the existence of the corporation was revised from 30 years, which was about to expire,

to "perpetual". Madge Lawson, one of the current Library Board Members, was the Friends President at that time.

In the 56 years since incorporation, hundreds and hundreds of people have served the Friends as board members, committee members for fundraisers, department heads, book sale volunteers, book cart volunteers, Library Store volunteers, on-line sales volunteers, and on and on. The key word there is "volunteer" – a person who 'freely' offers to undertake a task or get involved. Whether the involvement was for a couple of hours or multiple hours per week, it has all blended together to make our Friends organization the strong, dedicated group it is. And we are still dedicated to "establishing a closer relationship between the Rochester Hills Public Library and its constituents in the Rochester, Rochester Hills, and Oakland Township communities."

Thanks for doing your part and let's look forward to the history we'll make in the next 56 years.

**2017 Friends Used Book Sales**

**APRIL 26-30 Spring Sale**

**JULY 26-29 & 31 Summer Sale**

**OCTOBER 25-29 Fall Sale**



Like us on Facebook @ Friends of RHPL

**eTapestry Delivers to You**

What is eTapestry you ask? It's our new database to record and manage members and volunteers of the Friends' group. It is an expedient way to handle membership data and share information that the Friends' sponsor.

New is a loose term, as we've had it for over a year... but then there's that learning curve to consider. With over 800 members of the Friends it was no easy task to transfer all of the information from one database to another. Learning all the ins and outs of a new program with plenty of new features took a well guided team of professionals, including the Library's tech team to get us to where we are today.

Members, volunteers and those who have attended Friends' events are included in the database. Volunteers can be accessed by the jobs they perform, their specialties and other specific fields. Each event chair had input as to what type of information they needed to compile and what they would want to be able to extract. For example, when preparing for a book sale various volunteers with specific skills need to be gathered. Which volunteers can work the Square for handling charges, who can chair a session, who can only hold a sitting position and who knows how to maintain the shelves after customers leave books astray, to name a few.

Emails can be sent to any specific group, or to all. Having this type of database allows us to send messages that are not robo-mail and assure us that it was received.

Renewals will soon be handled by email rather than snail mail. Payment will be able to be made using PayPal. The database will generate letters/messages automatically saving both time and money on postage and stationery. Additionally, we will be able to send our spring and fall newsletters online using eTapestry.

Opting out of the communication system will be an easy check at the bottom of any email-but ***who wouldn't want to know what's happening with the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library!***

**2017 Board of Directors**

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**Phone Numbers**

|                    |              |
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| Friends Membership | 248-650-7160 |
| Friends Events     | 248-650-7176 |
| Friends Store      | 248-650-7179 |
| Used Book Sale     | 248-650-7178 |
| On-Line Sales      | 248-650-9790 |
| Main Library       | 248-656-2900 |

**Website**

[www.rhpl.org/friends-of-rhpl](http://www.rhpl.org/friends-of-rhpl)

**Newsletter**

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Do you order from Amazon.com? If so, you can contribute to the Friends of RHPL at the same time at no additional cost to you.

The Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library have signed up to be a part of the AmazonSmile program. Before you start your shopping just log into Amazon via [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), sign in with your current Amazon account information and select a charity to support - who else but the "Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library Inc". Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase total to the Friends every time you shop.

*It's that simple.*



## National Library Week, April 9-15, 2017

April 9-15 is National Library Week, and the Rochester Hills Public Library joins libraries at schools, campuses and communities nationwide in celebrating the many ways libraries are transforming their communities every day through the services and invaluable expertise they offer. This is a time to highlight the changing role of libraries, librarians and library workers. Libraries aren't only a place of quiet study, but also creative and engaging community centers where people can collaborate using new technologies and learn new skills such as using a 3D printer.

Libraries of all types are evolving to meet the needs of the communities they serve. Elected officials, small business owners, students and the public at large depend upon libraries and the resources they offer to address the needs of their communities. By providing such resources as e-books and technology classes, materials for English-language learners, programs for job seekers or a haven in times of crisis, libraries and librarians transform their communities.

At the Rochester Hills Public Library, we are transforming our community by providing not only a vast array of books, magazines, music CDs, and videos but all kinds of programs and services to our patrons. Seniors can go to the library and learn basic computer skills. Children can attend story groups to discover the joy of reading or attend classes to learn about crafting, science, and the world around them. Teens can attend writer's workshops, the Teen Advisory Board, and the Geek Club or Teen Pokemon Club. Adults can join book discussion groups or attend evening lectures on a variety of topics. People of all ages can attend concerts, book discussions with authors, and other programs sponsored by the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library.

Libraries also offer something unique to their communities, the expertise of individual librarians. Librarians assist patrons in using increasingly complex technology and sorting through the potentially overwhelming mass of information bombarding today's digital society. This is especially crucial when access to reliable and trustworthy data is more important than ever.

Our library embraces the entire community, offering unlimited opportunities for personal growth and lifelong learning. The RHPL levels the playing field for people of any age who are seeking the information and access to technologies that will improve their quality of life. It's rewarding to walk through the doors of our library and see so many people from all walks of life learning together and enjoying a sense of community; and to see the expressions of joy and wonder on the faces of children who are listening to stories and reading books and making discoveries and new friends.

Please become a member of the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library. If you can, volunteer your time or make a monetary donation, which may be tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. You will have an untold return on your investment. All money donated to the Friends goes to support library programs as well as providing funds for projects, activities and acquisitions in excess of those provided by the general library budget. Donating to the Friends helps to keep the Rochester Hills Public Library vibrant and up to date.

You can find more information through the Friends of RHPL tab on the bottom of the rhpl.org website, or call the Friends membership line, 248-650-7178.

***The Friends of RHPL are thankful for the donors who help support our organization and through us the Rochester Hills Public Library. Below is the list of donors since our last newsletter.***

***You may send a donation to the Friends of RHPL at 500 Olde Towne Rd, Rochester, MI 48307 at any time...  
We will be pleased to publish your name in future newsletters.***

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From the Library Director Christine Hage...

### The Impact of the Federal Budget on Our Library

Funding for the Rochester Hills Public Library is primarily derived from local tax dollars from the residents of Rochester Hills, Oakland Township and

Rochester. We also get portions of our revenue from Oakland County for providing service to Oakland County residents who are blind and physically handicapped.

The White House budget that was released a couple of weeks ago calls for eliminating the Institute of Museum & Library Services (IMLS), the only federal agency charged with providing support to the nation's hundreds of thousands of libraries and museums. Four point three million dollars from IMLS goes to the Library of Michigan to fund all things related to the Michigan eLibrary (MeL). What MeL "is" would have to dramatically change if the proposed federal budget goes through.

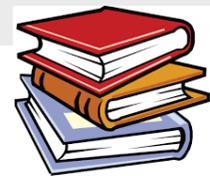
MeL is administered by the Library of Michigan, in partnership with Michigan's libraries of all types and provides all Michigan residents with free access to online full-text articles, full-text books, digital images, and other valuable research information at any time via the Internet. MeL also provides an easy-to-use interlibrary loan system

(MeLCat) to allow Michigan residents to borrow books and other library materials for free from participating Michigan libraries.

The State Librarian has stated that if the federal budget eliminates IMLS funding, all of our shared electronic databases would be unfunded. These include databases that allow students to search periodicals for research material; ebooks on U.S. history, travel, business, health and the environment; biography and genealogy materials; small business resources; and research materials on books and authors. The Rochester Hills Public Library would only be able to afford to pick up the very basic magazine indexes and that \$62,000 cost would have to come from our already tight book budget.

So what can we do? We can write our senators and congressional representatives asking them not to cut funding to IMLS. The easiest way for YOU to do this is to go to <http://www.districtdispatch.org/>. Then click on the "TAKE ACTION" button. Next, click on the "Send an email" button and fill out the form. You might want to click on the opt out button at the bottom if you don't to get updates on other library legislative issues.

Libraries are vital resources to their communities. Libraries help students do research for school. Libraries help small businesses plan and expand. Libraries provide materials to their patrons that enrich lives and help people live more fulfilling lives and federal funding is part of what allows libraries to do that!



## Online Book Sales - 2016

2016 was a good year for the Online Book Sales Group. Total profit for 2016 was \$43,237. That is down a bit from the previous year's record, but we're all very pleased with the results.

The group has grown to almost 20 volunteers. These dedicated folks scan donations, list items for sale on Amazon, take photos of our items to post on Amazon, pack sold items for shipment and remove unsold inventory.

For 2016, we sold the most items in these categories: CDs - 473; Textbooks - 384; DVDs - 365; Fiction - 306; Government & History - 298. And regarding profits, these categories were the leaders: Textbooks \$6,164; DVDs - \$5,430; CDs - \$3,557; Government & History - \$3,227; How To - \$3,054.

It's always interesting to note the biggest sellers. The item that brought in the most money was a book donated by the library, "*Harris Michigan Industrial Directory 2015*", which sold for \$265. Runner up was a DVD set, "*Banacek: The Complete Series*", which sold for \$235.

We continue to enjoy a 100% rating on Amazon, thanks to the care and dedication of the volunteers. We get many positive comments from buyers regarding our prompt shipping and stellar packaging. Most of the items are wrapped in gift wrap, and the customers enjoy the extra perk.

The Online Team can always use more dedicated volunteers, to cover shifts when snow birds head south, or other vacations are enjoyed. Please leave a message on (248) 650-9790 if you'd like to get involved.

## FRIENDS VOLUNTEER OPORTUNITIES

The Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library is an all-volunteer organization. Its heart beat is the hundreds of volunteers and thousands of hours each year to plan, organize, conduct, and communicate a wide variety of activities and fund raising events to support the library.



See the list below for most of the opportunities. In every case, training is provided. Your service can be a few hours per year or several hours weekly. Volunteers develop new friends, learn more about the library and have a great sense of accomplishment.

- Friends Library Store: Stop in to get an application. Job includes sales, assisting customers, housekeeping, opening and closing tasks.
- Book Cart: Spend a 2-hour shift with a cart of books located by the information desk. Straighten shelves, collect cash, and answer questions. Work as often as you like, within a schedule.
- Used Book Sorting and Shelving: Sort donations from patrons as well as Library discards and prepare them for the book sales. Organize the donations that have been sorted onto shelves in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor used book room. Both tasks involve working a few hours a week in the sorting area and/or used book room.
- On-Line Book Sales: Research books and other media to determine if the value is high enough to be sold on-line, list items on on-line websites, prepare items for shipping to customers.
- Used Book Sales: Volunteer for a shift on one of the sale days as cashier, bagger, or book arranger. You could even be the chairperson for a shift. Big sales happen 4 times a year with other smaller sales.
- Wine Wit & Wisdom: Annual event in the spring that includes speakers, a strolling dinner with wine and beer and dessert, and a silent auction. Help with set up and teardown the night of the event, solicit businesses for silent auction items, etc.
- Holiday Home Tour: Annual event in November that features homes for viewing that have been decorated for the holidays. Help with obtaining homes for the tour, arrange for sponsors, publicity, ticket sales, docent captain at a house, or be a docent yourself.
- Mailing: Label and sort mail to go out to all members. Two to three times a year.
- Friends Board Member: Serve on the board for a specified period of time, as elected at the annual meeting, and serve on a board committee. Attend 10 meetings a year.

*If you are interested in volunteering, stop by the Library Information Desk for an application form*

### Search for a Newsletter Editor/Publisher

How do you like our Friends Newsletter? Would you like to get in on the nuts and bolts of producing it?

After many years of putting out the Friends Newsletter, our Editor/Publisher is planning on stepping down after this edition. So that means we're looking for someone new to come on board and create and publish the fall edition next October, and then continue on from there.

Does that mean I have to write all the articles that are included in the newsletter? Absolutely not!! We have a dedicated group of folks who prepare the articles and send them in for inclusion in the newsletter. The job of the Editor/Publisher is to make sure that each of the articles is properly formatted, check for errors, and then put them together in a creative way so the newsletter is pleasing to look at and enjoyable to read. The addition of clipart to

reflect the messages being presented, the use of different fonts, colors, and highlighting along with the use of sidebar articles to draw your attention are all part of editing and producing a quality newsletter.

So what kind of skills do I need to do this volunteer job? You will need intermediate to advanced computer skills. You must be able to import and edit graphics, text, layouts, and format cells. You need to be creative with design and have the ability to problem solve. And you must also be able to take direction from computer tech support when necessary. The newsletter can be done on either a Mac or a PC. You don't need to be a newsletter expert to take on this job, you just need a desire to learn and be willing to ask questions as you move through the process.

If you are interested in applying for or learning more about this position, please contact Ron Meegan at [ron.meegan@rhpl.org](mailto:ron.meegan@rhpl.org).

## Wine, Wit & Wisdom Was, Well, Wonderful!

With a name like "Wine, Wit & Wisdom," how can an event be anything but wonderful? True to its name, WW & W delivered on March 25 to the delight of 240 guests. After savoring their choice of more than enough tasty treats and drinks, guests attended two 30-minute presentations which they had pre-selected from a list of seven. In-between and after, they nibbled on snacks, compared notes with others in attendance, and satisfied their sweet tooth with scrumptious desserts and coffee.



The annual event has become a top of the list of "Great Things to Do In and Around Rochester" for many. "As they were heading home for the night," said Theresa Meegan, chairman of the event, "several people asked the date for next year so they could put it on their calendar now." Some were disappointed that they couldn't attend all of the presentations.

This year's topics and speakers included:

- Bourbon and the Angel's Share – Alan Tenniswood of Buffalo Trace Distillery in Frankfort, Kentucky
- Rivera's Detroit: The Detroit Industry Murals - David Galli of the Detroit Institute of Art
- The Underground City beneath Detroit - George L. Davis of the Detroit Salt Mine
- Healing Through Music - Michelle Lynch of the Detroit Medical Orchestra
- A League of Their Own - Mary "Sis" Moore of the 1950 All-American Girls Professional Baseball League
- Cheese 101: Where Basics are Never Boring - Lynn Kaiser and Kimberly Judd of The Cheese Lady in Rochester
- "Why Can't We Just Be Nice!?" - Lee Meadows, specialist in management consulting

"We seek out engaging speakers and topics that we think will appeal to a broad range of tastes," said Ron Meegan, Friends president. Apparently the committee chose well, as every presentation was very well attended.

While they mingled and munched, guests also were treated to a silent auction of a myriad of items, the vast majority donated by local restaurants, entertainment venues and merchants. "We are always thrilled with the support we get from our friends and neighbors in the community," said Christine Hage, Library director. "Every year they seem to outdo themselves with the quality and quantity of items they offer to us."

To get in on the fun, food and enlightenment next year, keep watching for the announcement of the date for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Wine, Wit & Wisdom coming up in March 2018.

***The Friends of RHPL gratefully express sincere thanks and appreciation to the donors for their generous contributions, to the many volunteers who made this delightful event possible, and to the Wine, Wit & Wisdom committee members Ruthann Bajorek, Christine Hage, Theresa Meegan, Jeannine Moreland, Sandy Tabacchi and Rene VanderEyck. Special thanks go to our seven speakers, each of whom gave freely of their time.***

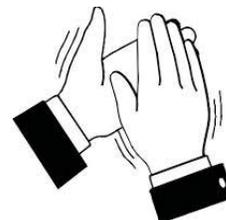
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## **Save the Date for the 2017 Holiday Home Tour**

The 2017 Friends of the RHPL Holiday Home Tour will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2017, from noon until 5 pm. ***Yes you heard right, this year's event will be on a Saturday, not on Sunday.***

### **Only 8 Months til Christmas!**

For those of you who like to get an early start on your Christmas projects, we place the holiday craft books in a separate place. Just as you enter the sale room, they are on the shelves to your immediate left, next to the cashier's table. We accumulate them there until the fall sale, when we move them to the HOW TO section.



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