

# Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library



CHECK FOR \$1,500 was turned over to Mrs. Alex Duffield, left, chairman of the Friends of the Library of Woodward Memorial public library, this week by Mrs. Charles Seed and Mrs. Murland Pearsall, co-chairmen of the recent "Red Stocking Revue." The revue was presented by the Rochester Junior Woman's Club to benefit the "Friends" who will use the money to buy library books. —Clarion Staff Photo

1961

Rochester Woman's Club presenting a check to the Friends chairman.



Friends Board 1962



Book Sale at old A&P

Fifty years ago, the Friends of the Woodward Memorial Library (forerunner of our current Library) was established in 1961 at a January meeting attended by about 40 people. In November of that year, a membership drive for the Friends resulted in 486 new members, and the Friends were off and running. The group's name was changed to Friends of the Avon Township Public Library in 1975 and to the current name in 1985.

For 50 years, the Friends of RHPL have been building relationships between the library, its patrons, and the communities the library serves. In May of 1961, the Rochester Junior Woman's Club donated \$1500 to the Friends to use to purchase library books. Since then, used book sales, the Friends store, the Holiday Home Tour and other fund raising events have allowed the Friends to donate over to help provide financial support for the library. Examples of how those funds have been used include the purchase of the bookmobile, the aquarium in the youth room, shopping carts and motorized scooters, computers for patrons to use, and funding for the many special speakers and concerts that the library offers.

The Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library thank all the many volunteers over the past 50 years that have given their time, talent, wisdom and finances to make the organization successful. We look forward to the next 50 years of service in support of the library.



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