



# of the Rochester Hills Public Library

Dedicated to Promoting a Closer Relationship Between the Library & Its Constituents

## *Wine, Wit & Wisdom*



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## A Note from the President

### Bookmarks

One of the neat things about sorting used books that are donated to the Friends is the various “treasures” that are found in the books. We have come across money, pictures, excerpts from diaries, airline stubs, gift cards, receipts, etc. and these are all removed and the proper owners notified if possible. But the main thing we find is ‘bookmarks’.

I love bookmarks. Each one is unique. Some are advertisements, some are inspirational, some are informative, some are funny, some are corny, but all are useful.

Please, always use a bookmark, please don't turn over the corner of a page.

I'd like to talk to you about two of my favorite bookmarks. The first is a bookmark that was created for the Friends 50th anniversary in 2011. I use this one all the time. Someone was very creative in using a checkout card from the 'old days' and listing names of who had checked out the item – names like 'Paige Turner', 'Dew E. Decimal' and 'B.A. Writer'. I chuckle every time I look at it.



The second is a bookmark I found in one of the books I was sorting for the booksale. It's all about volunteers, pretty appropriate I'd say. One side says that volunteers are “Always Caring” and “Always Sharing”. The other side lists characteristics of volunteers in an acrostic format.

Volunteers are “valuable”, “optimistic”, “lending support”, “unselfish”, “notable”, “trusted”, “effective”, “esteemed”, “ready to serve”, and “special”.



Do those words describe you? I hope so. Whether you volunteer for the Friends of the Library or some other group, your contributions are valuable and appreciated. Many organizations would not be able to function, or at least function at their best, if it wasn't for their faithful volunteers.

The Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library have many volunteers and I would like to thank each and every one for “always caring” and “always sharing”.



Ron Meegan

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Friends President

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## Message from the Library Director

As we look ahead to spring and the renewal it brings, I am excited to update you on some new collections and services at the Rochester Hills Public Library. In 2023, we made the decision to rearrange our collections with the intention of improving the patron flow and Wayfinding. Our goal was to reduce or remove shelving that was no longer necessary and potentially blocked a line of sight. As you walk through the lobby of the Main Library you may notice that the shelving has changed outside of the Friend's Library Store. We have lowered the shelving to highlight the glass display windows and to spotlight items in the store. We will be adding soft seating and side tables at the base of the stairs near the Friend's Store as well.

In addition to changes on the first floor, we opened up space in front of the elevator on the second floor with new display units. Later in 2023 RHPL will add a tenth study room to the existing spaces at RHPL in response to demand for more enclosed, quiet study options. The long term plan is to update the second floor soft seating and lighting options to create casual conversation areas for you, and fellow patrons to enjoy while browsing the collections.

We know our patrons value books, music, and DVDS, but one of our most exciting and newest collections is the Innovative Items collection. This collection resides at the back of the Adult Services department and features equipment for checkout that helps you stay productive, explore a new hobby, or master new skills. We have a variety of items to checkout ranging from instruments, to metal detectors, to GoPro Cameras, and commercial grade microphones. We are grateful to the Friends of RHPL for providing startup seed money for this collection. Based on the success of patrons checking out a library of things, we will plan to sustain it for many years to come.



*Juliane Morian*

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Library Director

## Save the Date

**Sunday, December 10, 2023**



The Friends of RHPL will host their annual holiday extravaganza featuring five area homes decorated to the max. Don't miss the Holiday Home Tour, it gets better every year.

**Look for details in our fall newsletter.**

## Brighten your days with special finds at the Friends Store!

Spring is in full swing in the Friends Store at RHPL. Is it time for a refresh of your home décor? The trend this year is vibrant yellow with touches of green. Come in and see what we have to bring a smile to your face and brighten up your space.

We have special treats for your spring holidays too. Whether for Passover or Easter, you'll love our sweet bunnies and birdies and even the adorable gnomes that you can gift to your favorite little ones. And there are collectible tokens for all tastes, ranging from honey bees to butterflies to fairies.



## We're Looking for Hours!

We would love to expand our store hours, but we need additional volunteers to do that. If you have a couple free hours a week, come in and join our volunteer staff. You'll have fun, and you'll meet new people while you save on your purchases at the store! Stop in soon for an application.

### Current Store Hours:

Monday – Sunday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

# Recent Additions to Friends Board of Directors

## Vickie Baker

Vickie Baker joined the Friends Board in January of 2022. She has been a volunteer in the gift shop since 2015 and is currently responsible for training new volunteers in the gift shop.

Vickie worked for General Motors and Electronic Data Systems for 20 years in Corporate Logistics. She returned to school and became a licensed psychotherapist, working in that field, for 20 years.

Vickie has degrees from the University of Dayton, General Motors Institute and the Center for Humanistic Psychology. Her love for reading and books motivates her to enthusiastically support the library.



## Connie Dowe

Connie Dowe is a CPA who retired from a management position at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan in 2009. In addition to serving on the Board of the Friends, Connie is the accountant for the library's gift store and ticket chairman for the Holiday Home Tour. Connie also serves as treasurer for the Rochester Area Democratic Club.



**Detroit  
Red Wings**

## Tour Little Caesars Arena

Tuesday May 2, 2023  
(See Page 10 for Details)



# Friends Volunteer Opportunities

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.



The list below is 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, and opening and closing tasks.

**Book Cart:** Volunteer one day a week as scheduled to re-stock book carts, collect cash and record earnings. Or, serve as a substitute when needed.

## Used Book Sorting & 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 2nd floor used book room. Both tasks involve working a few hours a week in the sorting area and/or used book room.

**Online Book Sales:** Research books and other media to determine if the value is high enough to be sold online, list items on online 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 four times a year and smaller sales at other times.

**Wine Wit & Wisdom:** Annual event in the spring that includes speakers, a buffet dinner with wine and beer and dessert, and a silent auction and 50/50 raffle. Help with set up and teardown the night of the event, solicit businesses for silent auction items, etc.

**Mailing:** Label and sort mail, two to three times a year, to go out to all members.

**Holiday Home Tour:** An annual event held the second Sunday in December featuring homes decorated for the holidays. Help with obtaining homes for the tour, arrange for sponsors, publicity, ticket sales, house docent captain, or be a docent yourself.

Please pick up a Friends Volunteer form at the Library Circulation Desk or go online at [rhpl.org/friends](http://rhpl.org/friends) and download a form from the "Useful Links" section under Volunteer Opportunities.

We would love to have you join us! **Thanks.**

# Wine, Wit & Wisdom

It's time to get ready for one of the Rochester area's annual prime social events — The Friends of the Rochester Hills Library's Wine, Wit and Wisdom!

Set for Saturday April 29 from 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm, the evening consists of entertaining and informative speakers, beverages and food, as well as a silent auction and 50/50 raffle. (Because alcohol will be served, guests must be 21 or older.)

## Each guest will have the opportunity to:

- Choose and attend two, out of six, 45-minute presentations
- Enjoy a buffet dinner and beverages (wine, beer, soft drinks)
- Bid on an array of silent auction items
- Enter to win a 50/50 raffle prize



Tickets are \$80 per person when purchased March 1st – April 10th, and \$90 per person after April 10th.

Ticket Sales begin March 1.

Click on [rhpl.org/friends](http://rhpl.org/friends) for the registration form and the latest information.

Tickets will be sent to email address listed on registration form. Suggested attire: Smart Casual.

(50/50 Raffle Tickets: 1 for \$10, 3 for \$20, cash only, and you must be present to win)

## The Six Presenters at a Glance:



**1. Car Design:** *From Sketch to Reality* by Darby Barber, a Rochester resident and General Motors car designer.



**2. Home Vintner:** *How to Make Your Own Wine* by Michael Gerstenlauer, Rochester home vintner.



**3. Never Stop Growing:** *In Pursuit of Low Maintenance Gardening* by Janet Macunovich, gardening expert.



**4. The Dockporter:** *Life on Mackinac Island* by Jim Bolone and Dave McVeigh, co-authors of a book about their experiences on the legendary resort island.



**5. A Walk Across Michigan:** *Oscoda to Empire* by Will Swartz, who'll conduct a virtual hike across Michigan's hidden hiking trails.



**6. Selfridge Air Force Base:** *at the Beginning of American Military Aviation* by Steven Mrozek. The Executive Director of the Selfridge Military Air Museum will discuss the origins of powered flight and military aviation.

## Welcome New Friends Members

As of February 2023

Kat Anaudu  
Melanie Balkany  
Craig Barton  
Carol Girard-Barton  
William Belcher  
Peggy Chapman  
Alice Clark  
Jalen Couter  
Henry & Karen DeGrendel  
Tim Derey  
Gregory Formanczy  
Joyce Genat  
Keith Hall  
Sally Hayne  
Elana Izraeli  
Dennis & Lee Jakubik  
Jerry & Pam Lesperance  
Susan McGill  
Sasha Mitevski  
Kathleen Olds & family  
Sheila Sarver  
Jennifer & Steven Schettenhelm  
Rodney & Jill Tapani  
Yuksel Taskin & family  
Bette Wattles  
Nancy Westhoff  
LouAnn Zechmeister

## Friends & Friends Store Donors

As of February 2023

|                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Stephen & Jennifer Arkwright  | Susan Hagaman            |
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| Nancy Gaydos                  | Darlene Tomczyk          |
| Frank Glasgow                 |                          |

**Thank you to our faithful donors!**

## Are You on Facebook?



Be sure to like the Friends of RHPL for their updates and reminders of events and sales in our Library Store. Remember, members get into the Used Book Sales before the sale is open to the general public and you get a 10% discount in the store.

**Plus, your membership fee goes to support the library.**



## Friends Book Nook Coming in the Spring!



The Friends Used Book Carts continue to serve library patrons looking for good deals on books and puzzles that are donated to us. Here's the book cart history. Originally located in the Rotunda, volunteers manned the carts every day for four hours. Then Covid came and we looked at how we could serve our customers without personal contact. Along came the Self-Serve/Honor System at which time the carts were placed near the Friends Store all-day, every-day. It soon became apparent that more room was needed for the two carts, plus a third cart on which we sell jigsaw puzzles – a welcome addition. The West Hallway became the new home for the book carts - still all-day, every-day. Stay tuned and look for the "Friends Book Nook" slated for the spring. Be assured, wherever the used books are located and however they are sold, we will continue to work diligently to make this popular feature available to our customers. We are grateful for our volunteers and book cart customers who were responsible for earnings of almost \$340,00 since its inception in 2004.

## Spring 2023 Used Book Sale



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| <b>Spring</b>  | April 19 - 23     |
| <b>Summer</b>  | July 26 - 29 & 31 |
| <b>Fall</b>    | October 18 - 22   |
| <b>Quality</b> | Nov 30 - Dec 2    |

**Wednesday Presale for members of the Friends**  
**5:30 pm to 8:00 pm**  
(memberships may be purchased or renewed at the door)

### Sales to the public:

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Thursday</b>         | 10:00 am to 8:00 pm |
| <b>Friday</b>           | 10:00 am to 5:00 pm |
| <b>Saturday</b>         | 10:00 am to 5:00 pm |
| <b>Sunday (Bag Day)</b> | 1:30 to 4:00 pm     |

Note: Bag Day in the summer is on Monday because the library is closed on Sundays during the summer.

# The Friends of RHPL Sell Little Free Lending Libraries

Friends of RHPL is offering a fully constructed Little Free Lending Library, complete with post and installation instructions; just finish the little library with your own personal touches to make it your very own. Please consider joining this book-sharing movement by ordering a little library for \$325.00 (tax-free) and installing it in your yard, subdivision, and/or parking lot.



A sample Little Free Lending Library is on display outside the RHPL Friends Store. Orders will be filled in 1-3 weeks and you will be notified when your little library is ready for pick-up. We are taking pre-paid orders for these wonderful additions to your home, community, or business. For more information contact Kim Whitney at 248-224-0887 or email: [whitney.kim2347@yahoo.com](mailto:whitney.kim2347@yahoo.com)

Not only will your purchase support reading, but also our state-of-the-art Rochester Hills Public Library. Just “plant” a little free lending library and watch the readers “grow!”

## Tour Little Caesars Arena with Friends of Library



The Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library invite you to attend a tour of Little Caesars Arena, home of the Red Wings and the Pistons, on Tuesday, May 2nd.

All proceeds will benefit Library programs.

You may have attended a hockey game, or a basketball game, or a special event at Little Caesars Arena; but you’ve probably never seen what goes on behind the scenes at the Arena. There are things like the Red Wings training area, the Press Box, the various suites, and the family rooms of the players. Oh, there’s also the Red Wings organ!

The Red Wings were founded in 1926 and have won 11 Stanley Cups.

The Pistons were founded in 1937, in Fort Wayne, and moved to Detroit in 1957. They have won 3 NBA Titles (remember the ‘Bad Boys’?)



Come see where your favorite Red Wings and Pistons play, and support the Library at the same time!

**Date:** Tuesday, May 2  
**Time:** 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm  
**Location:** 2645 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48201  
**Cost:** \$30 per person

Tour participants will meet at the Arena. Parking is available at the Little Caesars Arena Garage and the Temple Garage. Note: that there is a fee for parking, so carpool if you can. The tour lasts approximately 90 minutes and includes lots of walking and some stairs, so wear comfortable walking shoes. Photography is permitted on the tour.

To reserve your place, go to [rhpl.org/friends](http://rhpl.org/friends), and look for the “Special Events” link to download the reservation form. Instructions for payment and mailing are included on the form.

Please make your reservation by Monday April 17.

We certainly hope you can join us for this interesting fun event!

## 2023 Board of Directors

### Officers

|                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| President      | Ron Meegan     |
| Vice President | Bill Kroger    |
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Tom Asmus  
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### Ex Officio

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Library Director      | Juliane Morian    |
| Used Book Sale        | Ann Gruenewald    |
| Lobby Book Cart       | Theresa Meegan    |
| Friends Store         | Darlene Tomczyk   |
| Membership            | Connie Livingston |
| Asst. Treasureer      | Bill Girardin     |
| Little Free Libraries | Kim Whitney       |

### Phone Numbers

|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| 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

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

### Newsletter

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## Get Your Newsletter by Email!!

Consider receiving your future Friends of RHPL Newsletters by email rather than waiting for a hard copy in the mail.



The benefits of an email newsletter include:

- Email version is in color
- You will receive your newsletter earlier than those who select mailing
- You can easily save back issues for future reference
- **The Friends of RHPL will save money on printing and postage by not mailing**

If you would like to have future newsletters sent by email please send a message to [friends@rhpl.org](mailto:friends@rhpl.org). Please include your name and address since some email addresses are cryptic, and we want to correctly update our mailing list.

**We greatly appreciate the growing number of Friends that have decided to receive the Newsletter via email.**

**Thank You!**



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## Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library...What We Do!

- Friends Store
- Book Carts
- Used Book Sorting & Shelving
- Online Book Sales
- Used Book Sales
- Wine, Wit & Wisdom
- Holiday Home Tour
- Little Libraries

And More



Our lovely store at the RHPL is stocked with some of the nicest gifts you can buy anywhere and at very reasonable prices with great sales year round. The stock is changed often so there is always something new to find as a gift or just a new treasure for yourself.

