

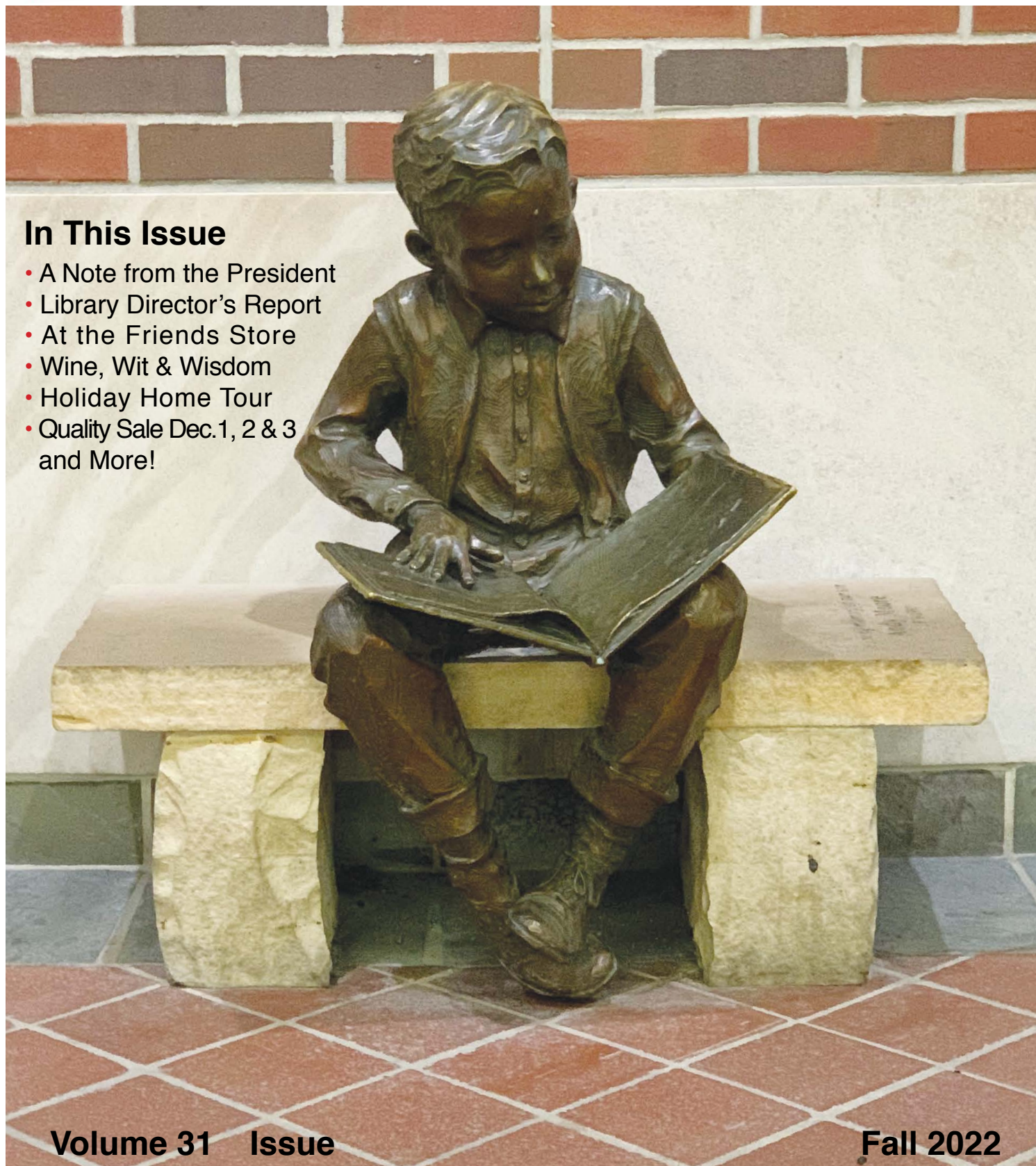


of the Rochester Hills Public Library

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

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A Note from the President



Are You One of the 61?

Will you be one of the 61? If you are, you will also be one of the 1000! Our Friends membership count is currently at 939, so when you and 60 others join our team we will reach the magic 1000 number. Well maybe not magic, but it sure sounds nice.

The Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library have been supported for years by a strong, dedicated group of Friends who purchase memberships every year, attend many of the fundraisers and programs we conduct, and give of their time to volunteer at the fundraisers. We aren't at 1000 yet, but when I've talked to other Friends' groups and tell them we have over 900 members, they are amazed.

Our strong membership base started many years ago when a Board member decided to call all the people who had RHPL library cards and asked them to consider becoming a Friend of the Library as well. She was successful and our membership base has been growing ever since. Over the years we have had Membership drives in the lobby of the library; we have had a membership table set up at various library events and at outside venues like the Farmers Market in Rochester; and we have a membership table set up

on the first day of the quarterly book sales for those who want to be able to get into the opening sale night when the largest selection is available. We've also had ads for the Friends in various event programs in the Rochester area: the Rochester Symphony Orchestra, Avon Player, Meadowbrook Theatre, and Bewitched & Bedazzled (put on by the Meadowbrook Theatre Guild).

Our membership team does a great job of reminding folks when their membership is coming due and also if their membership is past due. And we periodically send an email describing things that are coming up and letting people know that the Friends are always looking for new members and returning members.

I already talked about one of the benefits of being a Friend – being able to attend the first night of the book sale. Other benefits are a 10% discount in the Friends Library Store, getting a copy of our Friends newsletter (hard copy and email copy are both available), and being part of a team that exists to support the Rochester Hills Public Library. We are library ambassadors, we are volunteers that plan and conduct book sales and other fundraisers, and we provide funds to the library so they can offer concerts, programs for children, teens, adults and seniors, mailing for the library's News and Views, and more. And we are 939 Strong.

Will you help us become 1000 Strong?



Ron Meegan
Friends President

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Message from the Library Director

As an Ex Officio member of the Friends of Rochester Hills Public Library, I am privileged to attend the Friends' board meetings on a monthly basis. Usually routine in nature, these meetings provide updates regarding the library news, financial reports, and membership initiatives. You can imagine my surprise at one of the recent meetings when one of the organizers of the Used Book Sale queried the room to ask, "Does anyone here have a talent for assembling Lego sets?" This caught my interest because this was a fairly novel request. I offered the pro-bono services of my tween daughter who loves to assemble Legos. We took the set home and to evaluate if all the pieces were there (and to our amazement, they were!). This experience has me reflecting on the power of ingenuity.

The Friends of RHPL are an ingenious group of volunteers that have always been exceptional when it comes to growing their services, expanding fundraising events, and re-inventing themselves as a volunteer powerhouse in the community. This past year, they were able to donate \$170,000 to the library that helped fund the following services:

- Library wide Summer Reading Club sponsorship with 1,491 registered participants
- News & Views quarterly newsletter mailed to all homes in service area
- Holiday poinsettias and daffodils in the spring for our public service points
- Staff professional development and the staff care fund
- Sunday concerts and over 200 programs for toddlers, children, teens, adults, and seniors
- Innovative items collection, where we circulate equipment for productivity and hobbies

As a Friend and library supporter, you invest in ingenuity daily. When patrons walk through the doors of the library, they are greeted with the potential for more – learning something new, experiencing a new story, practicing a hobby, studying for school, researching premium articles – the options are truly limitless. Thank you for being a Friend of RHPL and sharing the vision of ingenuity. You are the doers, dreamers, and supporters of what's possible.



Juliane Morian

Juliane Morian
Library Director

2022 Friends Annual Meeting Held in October

The Friends of RHPL held their 2022 Annual Meeting this year on Thursday the 27th of October at the library. Minutes from the 2021 meeting were read by Secretary Sandy Tabacchi, and a financial report was given by Treasurer John Coombs. President Ron Meegan presented a check for \$170,000 to the Library Director Juliane Morian, and she thanked the Friends for the efforts they make on behalf of the library. Committee reports on various fundraisers



were given by Ann Gruenewald, Theresa Meegan, Darlene Tomczyk and Ron Meegan. President Meegan got approval for three re-elected board members and for the slate of officers for the next year. The meeting ended with the introduction by Ann Gruenewald of the 2022 Volunteer of the Year, David Landmesser – (see article on page 7 in this newsletter).

A Favorite is Back in The Friends Store

One of the most popular Michigan-made products that we offer at the Friends Store is goodies from American Spoon. Located just outside downtown Petoskey, American Spoon produces fruit spreads and preserves prepared by hand in small batches, using the same techniques home canners have relied on for generations. For 40 years, the small, family-owned business has successfully captured and preserved delectable flavors you won't find anywhere else, and your Friends Store is one of only a handful of "downstate" locations where you'll find them. Come in soon for the best selection.

These yummy items sell out quickly.



Time to Get Cozy and Warm

Regular shoppers at the Friends Store have told us that they love the line of season transitioning items we sell. *Coming soon* will be a great selection of hats and scarves, neck warmers, mittens and gloves. Some are matching sets. Many feature fur or bead embellishments.

You're going to love 'em!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Friends Store is run entirely by volunteers. It's fun and rewarding to be on the team. If you have 3 hours to spare one day a week, why not join us? We have fun and we proudly support our library. Stop by the store for more information and to pick up an application.

Store Hours:

Monday – Sunday, 10:00 am. – 4:00 pm



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Lobby Book Carts... Available Every Day

Need a book to take on vacation? Need a book to give as a gift? Need new recipes? We can serve all those needs, and more, from the book carts offering a variety of donated used materials for sale daily. Run as a self-serve, honor system, the lobby book carts are located in the library's west hallway.

Non-fiction books, fiction books, youth books, children's books and cookbooks are re-stocked daily. A very popular feature is our jigsaw puzzle cart with puzzles for all ages. And coming this winter is a cart devoted solely to Christmas books.

Through the generous donations of used materials from our community, the cart is on track to earn over \$22,000 this year which will be passed on to the library to support adult, teen and children's programs, concerts, staff development, and more.

Stop by and find books by your favorite authors or get acquainted with an author new to you. And don't forget the puzzles.



2023 Used Book Sale



Winter	January 25 - 29
Spring	April 19 - 23
Summer	July 26 - 29 & 31
Fall	October 18 - 22
Quality	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:

Thursday	10:00 am to 8:00 pm
Friday	10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday (Bag Day)	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.

HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

2022 set for Sunday, December 11



When you're planning your way through the upcoming holiday season, make sure your activity schedule includes one of Rochester's oldest and best holiday attractions. The Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library's 2022 Holiday Home Tour is scheduled for Sunday, December 11, from 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

This year, the showcase of five area homes done up in high style for the holidays for all to visit and see, marks a return after being cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid-19

One more thing to take special note of: The tour's popular Gift Boutique will be hosted at a very familiar sixth stop, Rochester Hills' Van Hoosen Museum Dairy Barn. Holiday items of all sorts will help you fill out holiday gift lists; Cider and donut refreshments will be available at the barn for each person with a HHT ticket. And as one more perk, Holiday Home Tour-

goers will also get free admission to the annual model train display in the Van Hoosen complex.

Friends President Ron Meegan said "We are very grateful to the homeowners who offered to keep this wonderful event alive for another year. Many local businesses and individuals have donated money to the Holiday Home Tour to help underwrite the cost of the event. The tour presents some truly singular design options and ideas and shouldn't be missed by anyone who enjoys this time of the year. This has become a signature annual event for the area and we hope everyone will make room on their schedule this year to take in these seasonally decorated residences."

Ticketing details will be available via the Friends link at the bottom of rhpl.org. But it is not too early to make sure your day is free to participate.

Wine, Wit & Wisdom at the Library April 2023

The Friends of RHPL are currently planning the 8th annual "Wine, Wit & Wisdom" fundraiser to take place on April 29, 2023. Attendees receive dinner, drinks, dessert and choose from two speaker presentations. This year our presentations topics range from history to hobbies with speakers on Mackinac Island, the history of Selfridge Air Force, DIY wine making at home, and what it takes to be a master gardener. We know you'll want to save the date for Saturday, April 29th.

Tickets will go on sale in early 2023.



David Landmesser Is Selected Volunteer of the Year for 2022

The Friends Used Book Sales operation provides the greatest share of the funds the Friends are able to donate to the Rochester Hills Public Library each year. This activity is made possible by the hundreds of hours of work volunteers give each month. The Friends Volunteer of the Year for 2022 is David Landmesser who with his wife, Lisa, is a Rochester Hills resident.



David has been a volunteer with the used book sales since September of 2015, working long hours as a sorter and shelper and working multiple shifts during every book sale. He also volunteers to do anything else that needs doing, from setting up tables, hauling boxes, putting up posters, and throwing out trash. The last few years, he has taken a lead on

coordinating donations, even going to pick up donations for folks who were unable to bring them in themselves. During the Covid shutdown, he pitched in to load and unload the U-Haul truck we used as extra storage. When we started having limited sales by appointment only, he worked every sale. He also volunteered to set up and tear down at the 2022 Wine Wit & Wisdom event.

At the end of each quarterly sale all the books are cleared from the shelves. Many books are trucked to local charities. David has been a big part of getting those books loaded into volunteers vehicles.

As Ann Gruenwald, Book Sale Coordinator, says, "He has been an invaluable help during a very difficult period."

The Friends congratulate David Landmesser as their Volunteer of the Year for 2022.

Welcome New Friends Members for 2022

Carmen Abrego
Gary Abusamra
Tammy Arcori
Gautam Balasubrahmany
Linda Ball
Mackenzie Baranski
Perry Battles
Janet Biers
Evan & Janet Blackhawk
Kimberly Blaker
Karen Booker
Larry Brayboy
Brendan Bushbaker
Cathy & Rob Caputo
Dawn Cavallero
Darryl Chimko
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Martha DeMiro
Danielle Depifanio
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Kaye Frye
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Jill Grebe
Iris Green
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Joseph Houle
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Gina & Ralph Krolikowski
Elizabeth Lahmann
Jonathan Lanivich
Lizette LeBoulch
David Lee
Linda Lenk
Liza Liparoto
Kasandra Lizanich
Janet Lombardi-Perwer
Megan McHugh
Ray McMann
Thomas Mikoy
Jessica Miller
Karen Miller
Kimberly Moore
Siobhan Moran
Theresa Mungoli
Megan Neel
Paul Neumann
Bridget O'Brien
Dulcie Amelie Ocampo Andere
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Ken & Sarah Osaer
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Norman Rose
Terri Rose
Kathleen Roth
Karla Ruegsegger
Maria Schaefer
Kyle Sunderlund
Krista Shaw
Sarah Sibert
Bill Sroka
Laurie Starr
Gary & Linda Strappazen
Alexandra Szmanski
Jonathan Taylor
David Teeter
Joann Thomas Michael
Ricchard Todd
Elise Toeniskowtter
Mateo Tovar
William Trarnikar
Judy Tushman
Ky Tuy
Andrea Vandeveld
Bonnie VanMegroet
Maria Villarreal
Mike Wagner
Jeni Walch
Andreah Walenski
Rick Weatherhead
Dean Yeotis
Alaina & Troy Zeigler
Sherry Zemaitis

Friends & Friends Store Donors for 2022

Thank you to our faithful donors!

Jennifer & Stephen Arkwright
David Benedetto
Richard Bolterstein
Ron & Theresa Meegan

Vincent Mungoli
Corey Stringer
Maria Villarreal

November 29, 2022



On Tuesday, November 29, 2022, the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library is participating in the annual celebration of #GivingTuesday, a global generosity movement that was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Over the past 10 years, this idea has grown into a year-round global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.

In this time of uncertainty, there's a fundamental truth that gives us hope – that together we can do extraordinary things. Over the past year and a half, the entire world has been coming together to stand up, help out, give back, and heal. Whether that's through donations to community organizations, celebrating doctors and nurses at shift changes, or reaching out to a neighbor to help with groceries, generosity has been helping the entire world get through this global pandemic. Together.

There are many ways to share your generosity—your time, your kindness, your skills, your voice, and in addition, your charitable donations. Please get involved and inspire others to do the same. Please join the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library in celebrating GivingTuesday and give back to our community. We are a nonprofit organization that is entirely volunteer-run. Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, November 29th, and then go to the library's website at rhpl.org/friends-of-rhpl/special-events. Click on the PayPal link to allocate a donation to the Friends. Also, you may work at a company that doubles donations through matching gift requests – please check with your employer to see if a matching gift may be made. This is a one-day event and should only take a few minutes out of your day, even during this busy time of year.

Also, please check out the Friends tab at rhpl.org/friends-of-rhpl to see if there are any volunteer opportunities you may enjoy; spending time helping out at one of the book sales, waiting on customers in the Friends store, sorting donated books, or assisting with one of the special events we hold each year.

We at the Friends appreciate every donation from our community whether it is used books, volunteer time, or financial donations. **Thank you for being part of the team! Your generosity is very much appreciated!**

Friends Quality Sale



On December 1, 2 & 3, the Friends of the RHPL Used Book Sale will hold their annual Quality Sale in the Multipurpose room of the Library.



Throughout the year, we receive wonderful donations of new items, some still in their original shrinkwrap. Others are so gently used that they look just like new. We save these for the Quality sale to provide our patrons with a chance to shop for holiday gifts at very low prices. There will be books, of course, (including some wonderful children's books), but also DVDs, CDs, puzzles, games, and miscellaneous unusual items.

Mark your calendars with the dates and times:

Thursday, Dec. 1 3:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Friday, Dec. 2 9:30 am to 5:30 pm

Saturday, Dec 3 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

The Friends of RHPL Sell Little Free Lending Libraries

The Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library invites you, your organization, your neighborhood/subdivision to Build Community, Spark Creativity, Inspire Youth, and Encourage Reading by providing a Little Free Lending Library near you.

Popular throughout the USA, these small, wooden libraries (often seen on street corners, in subdivision parks, on neighborhood cul-de-sacs or in owners' front yards) provide a free book exchange for children, teens and/or adults in a safe, neighborhood setting. These little boxes are not meant to take the place of our beautiful city library; but, instead, provide a convenient and close location to pick up a book to read or drop one off to share, 24/7!



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

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!”

Order from AmazonSmile, Donate to Friends of RHPL All at the Same Time



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 <https://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.

Since we started with AmazonSmile, 66 people have signed up to support the Friends with their Amazon purchases. Those purchases have brought in over \$1050 to help support library programs. **Thank you...**

United for Libraries recognizes Friends

NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK

Oct. 16-22, 2022



“United for Libraries” designated October 16th through the 22nd as the 17th Annual “Friends of the Library” week. This is an annual event to promote the Friends in our communities, to raise awareness of what Friends groups do, and to encourage Friends membership. Thanks for being a member of the Friends of RHPL.

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

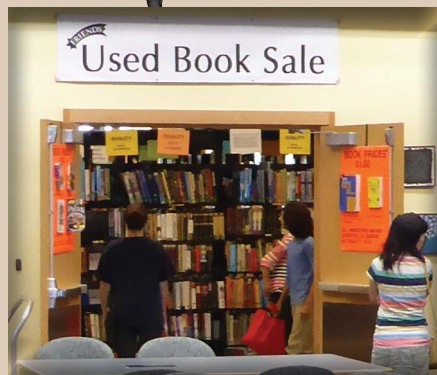
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Friends Store

Our lovely store at the RHPL is stocked with some of the nicest gifts you can buy anywhere 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 as a new treasure for yourself.

