



FRIENDS OF THE PORTAGE DISTRICT LIBRARY

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A LETTER FROM THE VP

Hello, Friends Members,
Thanks for a wonderful 2017!
Your generosity has allowed us to continue to support and sponsor various events by the Portage District Library including the Summer Reading Program and Geek Fest 2017.

The Friends Board has decided to simplify our membership and Book Sale pricing in 2018. These changes are in effect, and will be evident at the upcoming February sale:

Membership: Only two types of memberships are now offered:

1. The first membership will be a household membership, which will cover everyone in your household or business. The price is \$20.00.

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2. The second level of membership is our Benefactor. This is available for a donation of \$50.00 or more.

Book Sale pricing: All single items at the sale will now cost 50 cents each unless otherwise marked. These same items will still be offered for the price of 3 for \$1.00. This will streamline our sales for patrons and volunteers.

We appreciate your continued donations and patronage to the Friends of the Portage District Library, and we look forward to seeing you at the next Book Sale.

Kelly Boehme
Vice-President of Friends

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dorilee Crown, Friends Treasurer, reports that our total income in 2017 was 35,455.43: from the six Book Sales, front desk sales, plus memberships and donations. Expenses for 2017 totaled \$4,650.87, which included \$1,499.57 Sales Tax and the purchase of 4 book carts for \$1270.52. Grants/purchases for the library in 2017 amounted to \$ 13,500. These funds were used for the Summer Reading Program and other specific grants.

ODD BOOK TITLES FOUND IN SORTING BOOKS

Turn Left at the Cow
The Man Who Mistook His Wife
for a Hat
Read My Hips
How to Embalm Your Mother-In-
Law
The Portable Procrastinator
10 Top Things Dead People
Want to Tell You
How to Soar Like an Eagle in a
World of Turkeys
Gallery of Regrettable Foods
The Dimwit's Dictionary

2017 GRANTS APPROVED

During the year, staff requested support for several special events. Major funding was for the Summer Reading Program for Youth, Teens, and Adults: This covered expenses for reading incentives, prizes, and special programs, including a visit by Lego City, among others.

What's Cooking in Portage?

On September 9, PDL partnered with the Portage Senior Center to present day long series of food related programs. Our grant covered honoraria for three of the seven presenters, as participants learned how to make their eating experiences healthier and more fun.

Geek Fest. 2017: On October 14, Friends again joined with PDL and other area libraries in sponsoring this convention-style, Geek/Pop Culture event in Mattawan that attracted over 500 participants. Our grant covered a guest of honor, Ruth Barshaw, a children's book illustrator.

Staff Halloween Party: On Oct. 31 Friends happily continued the tradition of hosting a holiday lunch/pizza party for the staff.

GEEK FEST



LEGO CITY DISPLAY



NEW BOOK
DONATION DISPLAY



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2018 BOOK SALE DATES

FEBRUARY 3

APRIL 7

JUNE 2

AUGUST 4

OCTOBER 6

DECEMBER 1

9:00 am-3:00 pm

... Clip & Save...

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE

It's time to renew your membership in Friends again. You may renew at a Book Sale or by using the membership form and envelope enclosed with this Newsletter. (If you have already joined or renewed at the December Book Sale, it is not necessary to send in this membership form and payment again.)

Remember: as a member, you may visit any Sale on the Friday before the Saturday date, from 4:00-5:30 pm, to get first choice of the books and other items on sale.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On every Book Sale weekend, many Friends volunteer to set up the Sale on Friday morning, staff the Sale Friday pm and Saturday, and help clean-up and put away on Sunday afternoon, or Monday morning in summer.

Would you have time to join us? Willing workers are always welcome. Let someone know at the Book Sale if you are interested or leave your name and phone # at the library circulation desk and someone will contact you.