

# Friends' of Cheboygan Area Public Library



## Friends Minutes November 14, 2023

Called to order at 1:05 pm by Sue Johnson, co-president.

Members in attendance: Fay Gibeau, Sue Johnson, Jeanette Mateer, Mary Ellen Sheridan, Rosita White. Representing library: Brice Bush, Paula Jewell

Minutes of Friends meeting of September 12, 2023 approved, as in the Newsletter, without comment.

Treasurer's Report: for September & October by Sue Johnson in Gwen Kuehn's absence. Balance of \$5,450.42. Report accepted subject to audit.

Membership/Newsletter: Jeanette Mateer commented on renewal of annual membership and gifts during September and October.

Director's Report: Brice Bush updated Friends on library maintenance projects. She is continuing her review of non-fiction shelf titles, assessing usage and condition.

She also examines donations for those in good condition and potential appeal which could be added to the circulating collections. Other donations are passed along to the Book Nook for resale.

She commented on the strength of the staff and their support and cooperation as she becomes more familiar with the operation of the CAPL.

Program Director's Report: Paula commented on the number and diversity of CAPL activities in recent

and coming months. She shared handouts describing many of these programs, classes and children's events.

Library staff are looking forward to a repeat of last year's live reindeer visit. This program is coordinated with a gift of reading event, staffed by Friends' volunteers, with a free book for each child.

Other seasonal events: making gingerbread houses, a gift tag workshop, and a 'make & take' ornament workshop. During the winter holiday break, CAPL will host several movies.

Old Business: Discussion of need to review soft and hard cover books in hand prior to the Gift of Reading event coordinated with the reindeer visit to assure enough books for variety of ages are available.

**New Business:** Sue Johnson announced that Mary Ellen Sheridan

agreed to serve as the Friends of CAPL Secretary.

Jeanette made a motion to provide \$400 for a Librarian's Discretionary Fund to support special projects needs for CAPL. Motion was supported by Mary Ellen. Motion passed.

Mary Ellen moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 with support from Sue.

Next meeting of Friends of CAPL is Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 1:00 pm.

I have members with both email and snail mail addresses with newsletters being sent to both. If you are one of them, would you please let me know your preference.

Randy

### 2024 Friends Calendar

#### April

- 9 .....Friends' Meeting, Linda Neuss Rm.... 1 pm
- 9 .....Mushroom Seminar ..... 6 pm
- 10....."Aquatic Insects" ..... 6 pm

#### June

- 11 .....Friends' Meeting, Linda Neuss Rm.... 1 pm

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**American Sign Language**

Classes begin on Tuesday, April 2nd from 5:30-7:00pm in the Neuss room located on our lower level.

Join educator Judy Ryan for an informal discovery of American Sign Language. Conversational signs will be practiced and all skill levels are welcome including young learners eight years or older.

The six week ASL session will continue through May 7th. Attend when you can, registration is not required.

**Mushroom Seminar Tuesday, April 9 at 6 pm**

Brianne & Burt Crittenden from Moonlight Mushroom Co. will be at the library to talk about mushrooms in the wild and the "wood wide web." Find out how mushrooms help humans. The basics of edible mushroom cultivations for at-home hobbyist will be discussed.

If you'd like a free take home mushroom growing kit, register at the library or call (231)627-2381. Registration is not required for attending the seminar only.

**Aquatic Midges**

On Wednesday, April 10th at 6:00 pm, in collaboration with the Straits Area Audubon Society, we welcome U.S. Forest Service Insect Specialist, Robert Haaks. His presentation, "Aquatic Insects, Concentrating on the Value of Midges to Migrating Birds," will cover information relating to many groups of aquatic insects and interesting aspects of their life histories.

Did you know hatching aquatic midges serve as the primary food source for birds and fish? Join us to discover more interesting facts about aquatic insects and learn the important roles they play in keeping freshwater ecosystems functioning properly.

**Notable Books May 1st at 6:00 pm**

Join us to meet accomplished author and English Professor Emeritus from Northern Michigan University, John Smolens, as part of the Library of Michigan's 2024 Michigan Notable Books Author Tour.

Smolens' latest novel, *A Cold, Hard Prayer*, is a work of historical fiction and his 12th novel. Smolens previously made the MI Notable Book list for *Wolf's Mouth* in 2017 and *Day of Days* in 2022. Refreshments will be served at this event, all are welcome to attend.

The Michigan Notable Books (MNB) program is designed to promote reading of Michigan authors and stories by annually selecting twenty titles that best reflect the diverse ethnic, historical, literary, and cultural experiences in the state Each MNB selection offers a unique touch point into the rich stories and beautiful landscape of our great state.

In addition, the Library of Michigan Foundation is hosting the Night for Notables reception on Saturday, April 20th to honor the 2024 Michigan Notable Books authors. Stephen Mack Jones, the two-time Michigan Notable Books award winning author of *August Snow* and *Dead of Winter* will give a keynote and attendees will get a chance to meet many of the 2024 Notable authors. For more information about this event taking place at the Library of Michigan in downtown Lansing, visit [www.libraryofmichiganfoundation.com/mn-bnightfornotables](http://www.libraryofmichiganfoundation.com/mn-bnightfornotables).

The 2024 MNB program and Author Tour are made possible thanks due to the generous support of the Library of Michigan, the Library of Michigan Foundation, and Michigan Humanities, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For additional sponsors, please visit the Library of Michigan Foundation's website at [www.LibraryofMichiganFoundation.org](http://www.LibraryofMichiganFoundation.org).

-Paula Jewell, Program Director

**Preschool Story Time Tuesdays 10:15 am**

Every Thursday starting March 5 through April 30.

**Tech Help Fridays**

Call or stop by the library to schedule one-on-one help with your phone, tablet, laptop, e-readers, or other device.

**Library Calendar**

**December**

Saturdays 2-16 ..... Gluten, Free, Baking ..... 11-1 pm

Call Library for more information.

**Reading Recommendations**

- Herman Diaz ..... *Trust*
- Barbara Kingsolver ..... *Demon Copperhead*
- William Kent Kruger ..... *Ordinary Grace*
- James McBride ..... *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*
- Abraham Verghese ..... *Covenant of Water*

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The Community Quilt Show hosted in partnership with the Rivertown Patchworkers and the Piecemakers quilting groups was once again a huge success! Thank you, community members, for sharing your beautiful, unique art pieces with the library. Many compliments were received and hundreds of people enjoyed the nearly 70 quilts on display. We will begin accepting quilts mid February 2025 to participate in the March 2025 Quilt Show.

The Friends of the Library invite you to their meeting, Tuesday, April 9th at 1:00pm on the lower level in the Linda Widrig Neuss Room.

Our volunteer friends group help with many projects and events that support the community and represent our library. There are many ways you can participate as a Friend, the level of involvement is up to you.

Volunteers are needed [in] the Book Nook bookstore on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10:30am-2:00pm. Friends also help with Gift of Reading events to provide books to children.

The monies raised through membership, Book Nook sales and other fundraising efforts support library programs and services. Specifically, the Friends donate to the library's annual Summer Reading program and contribute to digital service subscriptions for patrons.

Meetings are held quarterly, everyone is welcome. Consider joining the Friends of the Library and make a difference for your library and the community.

The Michigan Seed Library Network One Seed featured seed for 2024 is the "Mammoth Long Island Dill." Thanks to our helpful volunteer Deb Weisberger these special edition dill seeds have been recently added to our Seed Library.

This heirloom variety of an essential herb for cooking, preserving and healing is easy to grow. Dill may be used at any age: micro-greens, young leaves, flower heads, seeds and is great for container growing and companion planting.

This variety of dill which attracts

pollinators, will stand 24"-48" tall and is often a host plant for Swallowtail Butterfly caterpillars. Seed heads form in seventy plus days.

Michigan is the number one pickling cucumber producer in the United States with 35,000 acres in production. Dill is an integral part of creating the finished product.

A seed library is a community-oriented project that allows participants to share seeds with one another by "checking out" seed packets of their choosing.

A wide variety of flower, herb, fruit and vegetable seeds are available for anyone interested to take home and plant.

The "borrowing" of seeds is open to anyone and you do not need a library card to take seeds out or to bring in seeds to share. The Seed Library operates on the honor system.

We encourage members to learn basic seed-saving techniques. If you are unable to save your own seeds, please consider donating a packet or two of fresh, commercially grown, open-pollinated seeds to keep our Seed Library stocked.

Please drop off any seed donations to the front desk. A special thank you to Harvest Thyme Farm for donating seeds to our Seed Library!

-Paula Jewell, Program Director



### Treasurer's Report August-October 2023

Beginning Balance.....	\$6,577.36
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Book Nook</b>	
Sept.....	\$461.15
Oct.....	\$371.00
<b>Membership</b>	
Sept.....	\$50.00
Oct.....	\$150.00
<b>Life Membership Donations</b>	
Oct.....	\$100.00
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$1,132.15</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Teen Take & Read.....	\$1,200.00
Santa Reindeer .....	\$800.00
Gift of Reading Books (Sept) .....	\$145.18
Gift of Reading Books (Oct) .....	\$113.91
<b>Total Expenses.....</b>	<b>\$2,259.09</b>
<b>Ending Balance.....</b>	<b>\$5,450.42</b>

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