

Friends' of Cheboygan Area Public Library

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September 14, 2021

Leslie Carmin called the meeting to order at 1 pm. Those present: Mali Thomas, Emily Clare, Pat Hubbard, Janet Jones, Leslie Carmin, Sue Johnson, Jeanette Mateer, Gwen Kuehn and Mark Bronson.

Mali Thomas made a motion to accept the minutes of the June meeting. Sue Johnson supported and the motion was approved.

Jeanette reported 34 new or renewal members for 2021 with 33 life members. Members from 2019 and 2020 who did not renew will remain on the mailing list for two years, then be removed.

Gwen shared the treasurer's report with a closing balance of \$5,629.99. The report also listed names of June, July and August renewals.

In his Director's Report, Mark updated the members on new library board members including Nadine Delano from Aloha, Sam King for Grant, Don Gezon from Beaugrand and Bruce Gauthier representing the city.

The dedication and renaming of Room A for Linda Nuess was attended by 40 people including many friends and relatives. New signage has been ordered for outside the room.

Discussing building updates, Mark mentioned that two new sump pumps had been installed, taking care of several issues. The large willow tree was removed before it could fall on the building and additional contract concrete work was being done on sidewalks and parking lot entrance.

Board member Dan Welihan suggested to Mark that the Children's Garden would possibly qualify for an award with Keep Michigan Beautiful. The library did receive the award and

Mark will attend the presentation, October 9 in Lansing.

Three library staff have moved and new faces are manning the main desk. A request to have their pictures available to the Friends and perhaps name tags was made. Mark said some were reluctant to have name tags beyond the STAFF badges.

The makers room will be getting a Cricket machine, a 3-D printer, and a green screen with high-end computer. Staffing to train and monitor the room has not yet been determined.

Emily created 500 bags for the Business Expo. Those not distributed that day will be used in other library promotions. The July 3 parade was a hit and the July 23 Animal Tales program in the park had 150 people attending. Fifty two children and teens participated in the summer reading program, with 8 top readers receiving gift baskets.

Twenty six people attended the showing of the Wizard of Oz movie in the Children's Garden.

December 1 will be the visit with Santa and the gift of reading book distribution. Janet, Sue and Jeanette have agreed to come at 5 PM and set up the tables and books.

New business: Emily reported that the county fair gift of reading was successful. The day seemed better organized and there was an excitement in the air. The Friends publicity group presented a flyer about the Friends that includes a membership form. Gwen made and Mali Thomas supported a motion to approve this with a few changes. It will be printed by Straits Area Printing.

We discussed having an evening meeting and determined June 14, our annual meeting would be the time to try this. Sue moved we do this and Gwen supported the motion. Sue also discussed the idea of having a Speaker's Bureau but there was no decision.

Another idea was to do Gift of Reading with Halloween. Emily suggested we distribute books at the library booth in Festival Square during the Halloween activity for kids.

Friends now have an email address: friendsofcheboyganlibrary@gmail.com. Mail to that address will be blind forwarded to Sue Johnson.

No action was taken after discussion of raising dues, reinstating life memberships or having another fund raiser. Our Friends group will have a Chamber of Commerce membership, piggybacked on the library membership. This will allow us to promote our events on the C of C sign on Main Street. Gwen moved that we spend \$50 for this and Mali supported the motion. Motion approved.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 9 at 1 pm at the library. The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 with a motion from Jeanette and supported by Sue.

Next meeting

Tuesday, November 9
1 pm

At library with masks



Photo courtesy of Dan Welihan

Mark Bronson Wins KMB Award

The Cheboygan Area Public Library maintains an outdoor area on the west side of the building that has become known as a Children’s Garden. It was dedicated in August 2017, in honor of Patricia Hubbard whose family’s generosity supported the creation of the outdoor park environment.

From the Children’s Garden Committee’s first meeting in 2006 through today, many volunteers and paid staff have been involved over the years to make the Garden what it is now.

Recently, it has seen some updates play on the Wizard of Oz theme that was adopted shortly after the park’s creation. The Wizard of Oz features that first brought the garden to life include a Tin Man sculpture, created and donated by Dawn bar in 2008, a yellow brick pathway laid in 2008, a wooden bridge with recycled wood from the new library building project, a sandstone Lionhead carving that was part of the main entrance of the former Cheboygan County Courthouse building which was demolished in the 1970’s and a donated picnic table with a twirling metal umbrella.

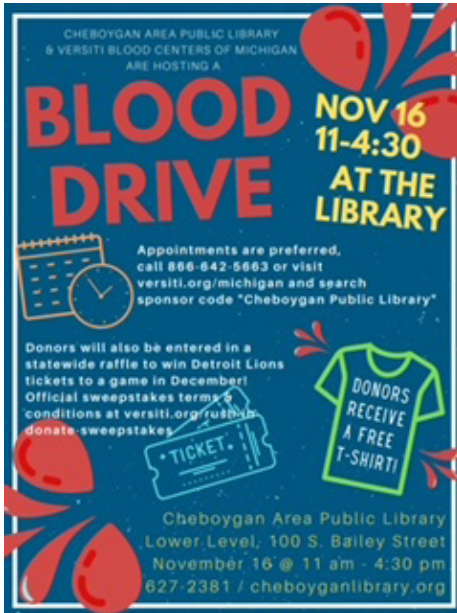
Other aspects of the garden include an all-season outdoor Wi-Fi antenna that was also donated, a retaining wall, irrigation system and general landscaping sod and plants as well as the fencing.

The latest additions have followed the Yellow Brick Road. The Children’s Librarian, Nancy DeWolfe, has added more than a dozen book cover artwork for the wizard of eyes by L Frank bomb-decorative garden stakes that are metal poppy flowers, a scarecrow, and a dog for Toto. It also includes fabric wind spinners as well as a small flying monkey sculpture. The landscaping in general upkeep has occurred with the help of both volunteers and paid staff.

The library has utilized the Children’s Garden for programming: summer reading activities, after school crafts and even a snowman building contest. In honor of the themed updates a free outdoor movie event took place in August 2021 that featured the 1939 Wizard of Oz film. Improvements will continue as they are needed and as funds allow.



Scarecrows created by area organizations and businesses were placed in Festival Square and around the city creating a festive atmosphere throughout.



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Cheboygan Area Public Library is hosting its first Blood Drive. Join us on Tuesday November 16 from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Library to give blood. The field of medicine has come a long way, but there is no substitute for human blood. Your blood donation can help trauma victims, surgery patients, premature babies, people with leukemia or cancer, as well as people with anemia.

You can save lives with the hour you sacrifice to give blood. That's right, the process will only take about an hour. There are four stages. The first is registration, which is where you sign in and say if you have an appointment or are a walk-in. Second, you are given a questionnaire to make sure you are eligible to donate (people with a Versiti account can do this online by VersiPass the day of their appointment). Next, is a mini physical which includes taking your blood pressure and a finger prick to test hemoglobin levels. Then it's time for blood collection. The actual needle-in-your-arm donation time is only about

ten minutes. And you will be treated to refreshments including cookies or crackers and water or juice.

For those who are nervous about needles, it doesn't hurt. There may be a pinch when the needle goes in, but that's about it. If you get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy meal, and stay hydrated before, during, and after your appointment, you won't feel affected much, if at all. For the few moments of discomfort, you are helping others who need blood to stay healthy—you may even be saving their life.

Your blood will be available to patients within twenty-four to forty-eight hours after you donate it. The blood goes through a series of lab tests and [then] made available to those who need it. Whole blood donations are separated into its components (red cells, platelets, and plasma). While platelets expire after 5 days, red cells can be stored for up to 42 days and plasma can be frozen and stored for up to a year. Each component helps patients with different needs. For example, leukemia patients need platelets while burn or shock victims need the plasma.

Unfortunately, Covid caused the cancellation of about 4,000 blood drives which meant 130,000 fewer donations were collected. That shortage is why this blood drive is so important. We need to rally together and support each other in any way we can. Donating blood is one of those ways.

If you are ready to help, you can sign up in a few different ways. First, you can call Versiti Blood Centers directly at 866-642-5663, or call the Cheboygan Library at 231-627-2381 and a staff member can let you know what time slots are available and sign you up for one. Another option is to go online to https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/143595. This web address will take you directly to the Cheboygan Library's Versiti Blood Drive donation portal where you can

see what time slots are available. You will be able to sign up with or without a Versiti donor account, just follow the prompts.

When you are ready to sign up, you will only be asked for your name, birth date, and contact phone and email. This information is kept confidential and will not be used for any other purpose than your blood donation.

You will need to bring a form of identification with you when you donate. Any ID with your birth date and photo will work, including a driver's license, passport, student-identification card, or other state-issued ID. You will also need to wear a mask. The library has masks at the front door if you forget yours or don't have one.

Have more questions about donating? Visit Versiti's Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) webpage at <https://www.versiti.org/faq/blood-donation-faq>. The FAQ section addresses who can give blood and how often; it answers questions about donors who take medications, have had vaccinations, tattoos, or traveled internationally; it gives advice of what to do before and after donating; it describes the different types of donations and their processes; and so on.

The Cheboygan Area Public Library thanks you in advance for your help meeting our goal of 24 donations. And as a thank you from Versiti, they will be giving each donor a free t-shirt. Plus, donors will be able to enter a statewide raffle to win Detroit Lions tickets to a game in December (official sweepstakes terms & conditions are available at versiti.org/rush-in-donate-sweepstakes). So, call today to register 866-642-5663 or 231-627-2381 or go online to https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/143595. And remember, you are saving lives.

Emily Clare

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Books Discussed

Michael J. Stephen *Breath Taking*

Treasurer's Report April-May 2021

Beginning Balance.....	\$7,665.74
Income	
Book Nook	
June.....	\$194.00
July	\$448.25
August.....	\$277.00
Membership	
June.....	\$260.00
July	\$60.00
August.....	\$200.00
Life Member Donations	
June.....	\$25.00
Expenses	
CAPL Overdrive.....	\$3,500.00
Ending Balance.....	\$5,629.99

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