

# Friends' of Cheboygan Area Public Library



100 S. Bailey Street  
Cheboygan, MI 49721

231-627-2381

November 2024

## Friends of CAPL Minutes September 10, 2024

President Sue Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Attending: Sue Johnson, Rosita White, Jeanette Mateer, Mali Thomas, Mary Ellen Sheridan, Fay Gibeau, Regina Harrington, Debbie Schumacher  
Representing library: Brice Bush, Paula Jewell

Mary Ellen presented minutes of June 11, 2024. Motion to approve minutes as printed was made and seconded. Minutes approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Sue noted that Gwen Kuehn, long-time Friends Treasurer had resigned due to illness. Sue is recruiting a new Treasurer.

Sue distributed the financial report for June–August May, 2024. Friends \$1,500 contribution to 2024 reindeer visit in December has been expensed. Ending balance is over \$8,000. Report accepted subject to audit.

Jeanette reported Gwen is working from home to update Book Nook Volunteers name and contact information. Jeanette will share the updated list with all Volunteers.

If volunteers cannot make their Book Nook commitment, they should check Volunteer list for a substitute. If a volunteer is at the Library on a Book Nook Day (Tuesday or Saturday) and notices it is closed, the volunteer can go ahead and open the Book Nook for whatever time they have available.

Volunteers purge[d] the Book Nook of old titles, books in less-than-optimal condition, and multiple titles to create shelf space. Books were donated to the Cheboygan Area Humane Society for its used book sale at the fairground.

Brice Bush: donations of used books continue to come in and it is her intention to keep the Book Nook going.

She and Library staff were pleased to welcome visitors from the Alpena Library recently. The opportunity to share practices and programs was a good experience for all.

October: Library will host a "Wanted: Bat Biologists!" Program offered by the Detroit Zoo's Society for Wildlife Biology. The Straits Area Audubon Society has funded half the program cost. Jeanette made a motion to donate \$1,500 to support the Program; Mali seconded, motion passed.

A discussion about giving children who participate a free book about bats. Rosita offered a motion to reimburse Jeanette up to \$200 to purchase books about bats; Mary Ellen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New Children's Librarian, Sasha Wright has started a Lego Club which meets after school and planned a Teddy Bear picnic that had an excellent turn-out even if the weather forced the picnic to move indoors.

Sasha organized a workshop for parents/teachers who are home schooling

to meet other home-schoolers and for Library to learn how it can provide support to home schooling educators.

Brice: the Library is coordinating with a community event, "Tap into Trails," to offer children who ride the bike trail to come to the Library Book Nook and pick out a free book

Paula Jewell: The Summer Reading Program ended with a Foam Party; 300 children and adults attended.

December 8th: Reindeer visit to the Library. Friends' Gift of Reading will host a "Free Book" for children.

Old Business: many free books were handed out to children at the Friends Fairgrounds Family Fun Day.

New Business: Gift of Reading/Halloween Party October 31st. Friends will host a GOF booth at Festival Square.

Plastic containers used to move books to the main floor for GOF Event in December are cumbersome to pack and transport for events outside the Library. Mary Ellen offered a motion to reimburse Jeanette for up-to \$100 to purchase smaller storage boxes. Motion seconded by Mali. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn made at 2:10 P.M. by Mary Ellen; Rosita seconded. Motion passed.

Next Meeting  
Tuesday, November 12, 2024 1:00 p.m.

Minutes: Mary Ellen Sheridan

## Special Report & Help!

### Book Nook / Gift of Reading

Sue Johnson, Mary Ellen Sheridan and I recently weeded the Book Nook of duplicates, tired looking books and some that had been around forever, to contribute them to the County Humane Society sale.

Weeding may become an annual event. If you would like to help in the future, contact Sue Johnson, davesusanjohnson@gmail.com. You can pick the section to work on and we will provide training.

On the first day of the County Fair, Leslie Carmen, Sue and I distributed free books to children as part of our GOF program. We will repeat this at Festival Square for the downtown Halloween activity and in the library when the reindeer visit in December.

Last year we incorporated GOF into the EarthWeek Plus celebration, distributing non-fiction science & nature books. We purchase a few books but most are pulled from those donated.

### Friends Membership / Meetings

Membership remains stable although we are losing older members through attrition. Membership and donations are critically important to what friends donate to the library.

Our Friends are very generous and this does make a difference. We have membership meetings, four times a year, April, June, September and November. Meetings are open to everyone and usually don't last more than an hour. Some think these are only for officers, but that is not the case. Through the years we tried having presentations, speakers, visits to other libraries and luncheons but found with busy schedules, we never had good attendance. So we've morphed into 4 short meetings, which give us a chance to find out what's going on with the library, the programs, and do a bit of friends business.

It is important for members to know you are most welcome to attend these meetings. They begin at 1 pm, the second Tuesday of the month and are a good way to keep up with library news, I meet other Friends and have a chance to talk about books we've enjoyed. Please feel you are welcome.

### Book Nook Help Needed

We need Friends to help in the Book nook. This volunteer activity is not strenuous at all. For those who are comfortable straightening books or help put books away, your help is most welcome. Others would prefer to sit at the desk, chat with customers and take money, we need you too.

Many do more than one session per month because we do not have enough volunteers. The best way to find out

what's going on is to stop in when the Book Nook is open, talk with the volunteer and have her show you around so you can see exactly what we do, We do need all to become more involved if at all possible.

### Future of the Friends

Sometimes, when Gwen was trying hard to find more people to fill in slots for the book nook, we questioned if we could keep the Friends group going.

Comments as to what you would like to see us do or what you would be willing to help us do would be most valuable. This is one reason coming to meetings gives you a chance to input ideas.

It is new ideas that make this group vibrant. Contact Sue Johnson with any suggestions or ideas. I have been a Friend since the early 90's. This is a wonderful organization and the library needs us.

Jeanette Mateer

## 2024 Library Calendar

### November

- 10 .....Grandmother Moon Drummers.....1-3 pm
- 12.....Michigan youth challenge Academy.....6 pm
- 14 .....Author, J. C. Vande Zande .....6 pm
- 14 .....Half Day Lego Club .....12:30 pm
- 19 .....Creative Writing Workshop.....5:15 pm
- 20 to Dec 23..Wrap your gifts at the library
- 21.....Teen Book club.....4 pm
- 24.....Grandmother Moon Drummers.....1-3 pm
- 26.....Tuesday Afternoon Sewing.....3:30

### December

- 3 ..... Tuesday Afternoon Sewing.....3:30
- 3 .....Taste the Blues, Dale Rieger & Nauti Im Barstro
- 4 .....Gingerbread house.....1or 6 pm
- 8 .....Reindeer at the library and GOR .....2-4 pm
- 10, 17.... Tuesday Afternoon Sewing.....3:30

Dungeons and dragons every Wednesday at 3:30 pm

Preschool story time, Tuesdays at 10:15 am

Kids playgroup every Wednesday starting at 10:30 am

Some events may require registration. Check with the library for more information.

## Treasurer's Report

### June to May, 2024

Balance Forward .....	\$6,277.21
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Book Nook</b>	
June.....	\$464.00
July .....	\$633.00
August.....	\$535.00
<b>SubTotal .....</b>	<b>\$1,632.00</b>
<b>Membership</b>	
June.....	\$1,145.00
July .....	\$50.00
August.....	\$10.00
<b>Subtotal .....</b>	<b>\$1,205.00</b>
<b>Life Member Donations</b>	
June.....	\$375.00
August.....	\$100.00
<b>Subtotal .....</b>	<b>\$475.00</b>
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$3,312.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
<b>2024 Christmas Reindeer Program.....</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance.....</b>	<b>\$8,089.21</b>

## Libraries Can Help Celebrate the Holidays

Head to your library for a cookbook! You can access plenty of recipes there. Some libraries have cooking and baking classes and even kitchen gadgets to borrow. Delta Twp. Dist. Library has a pasta maker & fondue pot. Oscoda County Library has an 18" turkey roasting pan. You can access movies online with your library card or find DVDs available for check out at your local library. Ann Arbor District Library has a variety of movies to stream. Grosse Pointe Public Library has a portable movie projector for check out. Libraires have fun events, crafts you can take and make at home, or borrow instruments or supplies to try something new. Highland Public Library has a general fossil collection and a juggling kit to keep the kids entertained. Traverse Area District Library has a telescope kit and musical instruments. Research your family tree. Both Spies Public Library and Grand Rapids Public Library have a variety of genealogy and family history resources. Dearborn Public Library has New Year's Eve take-home craft kits for fun indoors. The holidays give us an opportunity to pause and reflect on what is most important, time spent away from the hustle and bustle of life, so we can be with those who matter most. Count on your local library to help you create a festive, special and magical time with family.

milibraires.org

December 2021

### Gwendolyn Kuehn Obituary

Gwen Kuehn

(Nee Gwendolyn Pearl Schultz)

March 24, 1941 – September 22, 2024

Goodbye dear family and friends. Please know that I love you and have cherished our time together.

I have no need for an overly long and flowery review of my life. I loved and was loved. Now, Bob and I are together again. I do want to dedicate a paragraph to family members who have preceded me in death.

First, of course, is my beloved husband and best friend Bob Kuehn; my mom and dad, Pearl and Floyd Schultz;

Sisters Marvella Kellogg (whom I never knew) and Claudia Kellogg Williams; brothers Raymond and Russell Kellogg; and

my niece Barbara Jean William. I am survived by 8 nieces and nephews as well as many grands and great grands.

I am eternally grateful to my niece Rhina and her husband Paul Westenkirchner as well as my niece Barbara Williams. Their love and support have been unwavering over the last five years in my fight against colon cancer.

In accordance with my wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no services.

Memorials may be directed to the Bob and Gwen Kuehn Respiratory Care Fund at the University of Toledo or to the Bob and Gwen Kuehn Biological Station Fund at the University of Michigan.

Friends of CAPL  
100 S Bailey St  
Cheboygan MI 49721

### Friends' Calendar

#### November

12.....Friends' Meeting .....1:00 pm

### Reading Recommendations

Kristen Hannah..... *The Women*  
Abraham Verghese .....*The Covenant of Water*  
Tom Lake.....*Ann Patchett*  
Doris Kearns Goodwin.....*An Unfinished Love Story*

#### FRIENDS OF CAPL EXECUTIVE BOARD

Presidents.....Sue Johnson ..... (406) 291-3411  
**davesusanjohnson@gmail.com**

Secretary.....Mary Ellen Sheridan..... 532-2085  
[mesheridan@charter.net](mailto:mesheridan@charter.net)

Treasurer .....Rosita White.....

Membership.....Jeanette Mateer.....(420)-1125  
**jmateer49721@gmail.com**

Publicity .....Pat Hubbard..... 597.9467  
**talpine17@yahoo.com**

Program .....Paula Jewell .....627.2381  
**paula.cheboyganlibrary@gmail.com**

Book Nook.....

Lib. Director .....Brice Bush.....627.2381  
**Brice.Cheboyganlibrary@gmail.com**

Newsletter Ed. ....Randy Mateer ..... 420-1125  
**rjmat22@gmail.com**