



## *News from the FRIENDS*

Fall 2013

The Friends of the Otsego County Library are dedicated to enhancing the collections and services of the Otsego County Library by providing sustained financial support as well as educational and cultural opportunities for its members and the community.

Summer is almost over and soon we will be celebrating another beautiful Autumn in Northern Michigan. As usual, Summer has gone way to fast, but this year especially so since Summer came a little late. Now we are off to another season and more fun for the FRIENDS of the library.

First though I want to take time to congratulate our Executive Director, Maureen Derenzy. Maureen was chosen as Buergermeister for Alpenfest 2013. Maureen served as Honorary Mayor of Gaylord during Alpenfest. She attended the Honors Luncheon with her family and was honored by the Alpenfest Committee. We, the FRIENDS, are proud and happy for Maureen.

The Library Float won first prize in the Johannesburg 4th of July Parade and also won Best Use of Theme in the Alpenfest Parade. Thank you to all who worked hard to make the float so special.

### **SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

This years program Dig Into Reading was very popular with the youngsters. 279 children took part. There were six different shows which were well received and well attended.

### **FALL MICHIGAN READS PROGRAM**

This program is where the whole state reads the same children's book. The book chosen is Woolbur by Leslie Helakoski. The Otsego County Library is bringing the author to Gaylord for a presentation to 1st and 2nd grade students on Monday, October 14th. A special "Woolbur" reading area will be set up in the library to encourage parents/caregivers and children to read the book together, with weekly prize drawings for participants.

**TEEN TRY IT** will be returning this Fall with special events for the Teens and Tweens

We would like to extend an invitation to join the FRIENDS. Perhaps you have wanted to volunteer , but don't know if there is a need. We are looking for:

**Newsletter Chairperson** The library has a laptop that you can take home and work on the newsletter. We publish twice a year, winter and fall. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Sandy Allison at 989-939-8745

- **Event or Program Chairperson** It would be great if we could have someone who would do the research to find interesting programs (authors, music, or whatever you might think of). We have a budget for events. This would be a once a year commitment. Please contact Sandy Allison to discuss this interesting opportunity at 989-939-8745
- **Home Services Delivery Program** We have a request from a lady who lives on Springay Road in Hayes Township. She is unable to get to the library for health reasons. She would like to have someone pick out about 6 books every once in a while.. She can get them returned, This would be great for someone who lives in Lake Arrowhead or Lakes of the North. We have a Home Delivery committee, but they are busy with other requests. They could always use more help. If you are interested, please contact Jackie Skinner, Public Services Librarian.

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**SEPTEMBER 27, 2013**

**SHOP SATURN BOOKSELLERS AND SAVE 10%**

**BENEFITS THE FRIENDS**

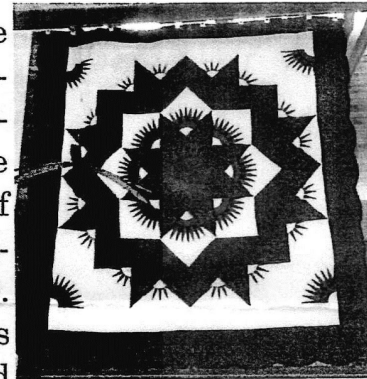
The FRIENDS of the Library is participating in **Saturn Booksellers Friday Fund Raiser**. On **Friday, September 27, 2013** all purchases at Saturn Bookseller will be 10% off if you mention **FRIENDS of the Library** when you check out. Saturn Booksellers will give an additional 10% to the FRIENDS for our participation. It's a perfect way to get a head start on gifts for the holiday season, help the FRIENDS and save 10%. So make a list, mark your calendar and visit Saturn on September 27th and don't forget to mention the FRIENDS at checkout.

### **Friends Book Sales support Library Programs**

Stop by the Friends of the Library Book Sale shelves during your next library visit to find some great deals on gently used books, audio, video and magazines. The profits from the ongoing book sale make up the bulk of the Friends fundraising budget, and we appreciate the donations we receive from library supporters year round. This summer has been a particularly busy time for our book sale volunteers, as several voracious readers donated entire rooms full of books. The library staff pulls out those titles needed to add to the collection or replace worn out favorites, but there is always a great selection left to stock the sales shelves. Donations can be dropped off any time the library is open, or call Library Director Maureen Derenzy at 732-5841 to make arrangements for pick up of large quantities.

### **Beta Sigma Phi Sorority**

Tickets are available for a raffle to benefit the Otsego County Library. The raffle is for a beautiful, Amish made, king size quilt that is on display at the Library. The colors of the quilt are white, navy and cranberry. It is truly a work of art. Please stop in to see it. Tickets are available at the Library for \$1 each, or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing for the quilt will be at the Ladies Tea held by the sorority every fall. You need



not be present to win. The Annual Tea is on September 28th, 2013 at the First United Methodist Church. Doors will open at 11:30 am and lunch will be served at noon. True Colors will be the entertainment. Also the proceeds from the tea will benefit the library's literacy programs. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket to the tea please call Barb Kaly at 732-5901.

## Library Hours

### Main Library, Gaylord

700 S. Otsego Avenue

(989) 732-5841

Mon, Tues, Wed 9 - 8

Thurs, Fri 9 - 5

Sat 9 - 1

Sun 1 - 5

### Johannesburg Branch

10900 East M-32

Johannesburg, MI 49751

(989) 732-3928

Mon, Wed 2 - 6

Tues 9 - 1

Thurs, Fri 1 - 5

### Vanderbilt Branch

8170 Mill Street

(989) 983-3600

Mon 3 - 7

Tues, Wed, Thurs 1 - 5

Fri 9 - 1

## FRIENDS Calendar

### Jan. Meeting

Hot Read for Cold Nights

Newsletter

### Feb. Meeting

### Mar. Meeting

### Apr. National Volunteer Week

Volunteer Luncheon

Meeting

### May Meeting

### June Meeting

Summer Reading Program

### Jul. Meeting

### Aug. Meeting

### Sept. Meeting

Newsletter

### Oct. Meeting

Membership Drive

### Nov. Meeting

Show Your Card

### Dec. Meeting

Family Craft Project

## FRIENDS of Otsego County Library

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The FRIENDS of Otsego County Library meet the 1st Tuesday of the month. Please feel free to join us. Our meetings last one hour. Come find out what is new and whats happening at our library.

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