



NEWS from the Friends

SUMMER 2014

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.

IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER MILLAGE VOTE!

Have you visited the Library lately? Have you borrowed a book, taken part in a reading program, used a computer, volunteered, had kids/grandkids in the Summer Reading Program or the Battle of the Books? Have you asked a question and had it answered in a timely manner? Do you take

it for granted as I do that our Library will always be here with all of the programs intact, with all of the staff and all of the support? What I am getting at is the millage renewal election. On August 5th, you and I have the opportunity to vote for our Library, to keep the funding available, to say yes to keep all of the things we love about our Library. Remind your friends and remind your family. Vote Yes!!

~Sandy Allison, President of the FRIENDS

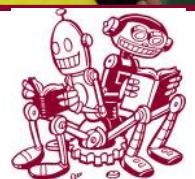
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Same millage - Same Rate!	

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

This years science-themed Fizz-Boom-Read! program has been well received. Lab Days featuring hands-on science experiments were scheduled in Gaylord, Johannesburg and Vanderbilt, and participation remained high throughout the summer. Topics included Natural Sciences, Flight and Air, States of Matter, Magnetism, Engineering and Sound. Preschool children also enjoyed a Read With Me program every week and the Tales 2 Tails (reading to dogs) was offered monthly. With library staff, volunteers, and led by Patrick and Karen Pokorski from Shout Eureka! Science program, children discovered new ideas about the science of everyday things. Thank you to our generous sponsors, including O.W.L.S. (Otsego Wildlife Legacy Society), Perfecto Industries, Mid-States Bolt and Screw Company and The FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY.



**FIZZ BOOM
READ**





BETA SIGMA PHI SORORITY TEA

Each year the sorority hosts a Ladies Tea at the First Methodist Church to raise funds for the library's family literacy activities. Everyone is invited to this year's tea on September 27th at noon, with great food and a program about Aromatherapy. The group will raffle off a beautiful, king size Amish quilt called "Star and Mini Star" to benefit the Otsego County Library.

Tickets for the raffle are now available at the library for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The quilt will also be on display at the library. Please stop in to see it. For more information about the Tea or Raffle Tickets, please email Carrol Austin at caraus@hotmail.com.

Beta Sigma Phi International (BΣΦ) is a non-academic sorority with 200,000 members in chapters around the world. Founded in Abilene, Kansas, in 1931 by Walter W. Ross, the organization has spread to every state of the United States, to every Canadian province, and to 30 other countries. The sorority was founded for the social, cultural, and civic enrichment of its members. Otsego County has had a chapter since 1977.



Become a Friend of the Library

Just \$5 per family

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Alternate Address Dates: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I have enclosed my \$5 membership fee. New _____ Renewal _____

I have enclosed an additional donation of _____ to support library services and programs.

Mail checks payable to Friends of the Library. Return or mail to 700 S. Otsego, Gaylord MI 49735

Please contact me when volunteers are needed: yes _____ no _____

RURAL LIBRARY CONFERENCE

Sandy Allison, our President, was invited to join Maureen, Jackie and Cathy for a Conference on Mackinac Island at the end of last April. It was very interesting. I sat in on several programs including fundraising and Community Read planning. I met several people from northern Michigan Libraries, some of whom were Friends and staff. I came back inspired and renewed. Our FRIENDS group isn't the largest, but we are able to support our library with funding for many different programs. We are active and interested.



We have reason to be proud of our library and library staff. The Library of Michigan honored Public Services Librarian Jackie Skinner with the statewide Patron Service Award. This award recognizes a librarian from a small or rural library who has made significant contributions to and a positive impact on library service to patrons through outstanding programs or services. Congratulations, Jackie, for a job well done!

Jackie and State Librarian Randy Riley.

FRIENDS WEB PAGE (Check it Out)



Our newsletter can now be found on the web page. You can also learn about the programs we fund, any new information about the FRIENDS, keep track of all the activities at the Library, and maybe try out one of the library's online resources like Mango Languages, Legal Forms Library, or Zinio downloadable magazines. Share the web address with your family and friends.

Just type www.otsegocountylibrary.org and click on the FRIENDS link.

SHOP AT THE LIBRARY

The FRIENDS are selling Book Bags for \$12.00 each. The bags are large enough to carry several books and have pockets on the front. They come in blue, orchid, lime green and black with the Library logo in black. They would also work great to carry your vegetables from the Farmer's Market or as a gardening bag with pockets for your tools.



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
Vanderbilt, MI 49795
(989) 983-3600

Mon 3 - 7
Tues, Wed, Thurs 1 - 5
Fri 9 - 1

Calendar

October 2014

Membership Drive
Regional Meeting with Friends

November 2014

Children's Michigan Read
Show Your Card

January 2015

Hot Reads for Cold Nights

February 2015

Battle of the Books

March 2015

Community Read

April 2015

National Library Week
National Volunteer Week
Library Volunteer Luncheon

June 2015

Summer Reading Program

Don't Forget...Vote YES



on

**Tuesday,
August 5**

for the

Library Millage Renewal
Same Millage - Same Rate

FRIENDS of Otsego County Library

Sandy Allison President

Marilyn Rairigh Membership Vice
President

Frank Rock Treasurer

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the Month at noon. Reminders are sent by email and will notify if there is a change of date.

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