



NEWS from the FRIENDS

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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.



Before we know it, Fall will be upon us. The kids will be back in school, leaves will be turning red and gold and a hint of frost will be in the air. It is also time for our 2016 FRIENDS membership renewal. This newsletter contains a membership form. Membership is just \$5 for an individual or family and helps the FRIENDS fund the different programs offered at the library. We also provide money for items the library needs.

This year, the FRIENDS approved matching funds up to \$5,000.00 for three grants from the Otsego County United Way, Otsego Community Foundation and Great Lakes Energy People Fund. This funding will be used for an early literacy center, computers and workstation furniture for the new addition at the Vanderbilt branch.

The FRIENDS provided funding for the Summer Reading Program—**“Every Hero Has a Story”**. **One of the programs we supported was Painterly Pottery where children designed their very own hero made out of clay.**



We also helped support the Summer celebration of books with guest speakers for *Outlander*, *Gone with the Wind* and *A Night to Remember*. All three programs were well received, and the last event was standing room only. The next featured book is *The Mystery of Lizzie Borden* with a presentation by Al Bryant of the Benzie Historical Society on October 20th. Please check for the time at the library.

Enjoy the season.

Sandy Allison, President of the FRIENDS

GREAT MICHIGAN READ KICKS OFF SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

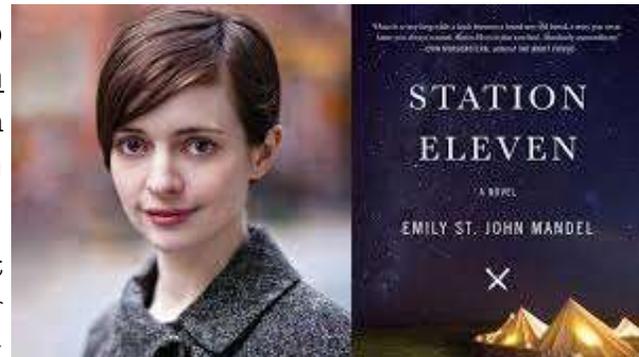


The Michigan Humanities Council's Great Michigan Read is a book club for the entire state with a focus on a single book—Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel. Station Eleven is the story of the Traveling Symphony, a troupe of Shakespearean actors and orchestral musicians travel the shores of the Great Lakes in post-apocalyptic Michigan. Striving to maintain their humanity in the altered landscape of a world where 99% of the population has been wiped out by a flu pandemic, the Traveling Symphony operates under the **credo “Survival is insufficient”**. **From the fear and terror of a**

flu pandemic, to rebirth and rebuilding through Shakespeare, music, newspapers, museums and the forging of communities, Station Eleven is both a memory of a world lost and the chronicle of a new society.

The Otsego County Library, a Great Michigan Read partner, will kick off its Station Eleven celebration, Sunday, September 20th with a performance by the Pigeon Creek Shakespeare Company. At this event, community members may pick up a book, sign up for a discussion group, or learn about other Station Eleven **themed programs**. **Otsego County's program** will wrap up with a visit by author Emily St. John Mandel on Monday, November 2nd.

Check the Library's web site at www.otsegoountylibrary.org or call 732-5841 for forthcoming information regarding the Great Michigan Read.



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Just \$5 per family

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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 _____

BETA SIGMA PHI TEA



The annual tea will be held at noon on Saturday, Sept. 26 at the First United Methodist Church. After enjoying a light lunch, Martina Hahn of Walloon Lake will share a story about a famous person as she speed paints their portrait. There is also a beautiful extra large Amish broken star quilt up for raffle. Tickets are \$25.00 for the tea and raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and both are available at the library. All proceeds benefit the library and its literacy programs. Past events and raffles have raised over \$5,000 for **the library's literacy efforts, including this summer's family literacy program and volunteer tutor training.**

THANKS FOR TEEN T-SHIRTS

“Look at our cool shirts!” Teen Advisory Board members smile with pride. Friends of the Library generously purchased teen t-shirts that say **READING ...** It is the best. The shirt is a custom design by Anna Burt (front row, blond, with feather). The library offers teen programming monthly for 7th-12th graders; events vary from pumpkin carving, to scavenger hunts, to cooking competitions. Young adult specialist **Laura Mastenbrook says, “We want teens feeling welcome in the library. Attending a variety of events helps them explore the services available.” This year the library has hosted 7 teen events with 135 young adults participating. READ ON!**



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

ATTENTION: GREAT LAKES ENERGY CUSTOMERS

Great Lakes Energy members who support the **cooperative's People Fund program make possible grants to local** community non-profit organizations such as the Friends.

The People Fund is supported by the voluntary contributions of Great Lakes Energy members who allow their cooperative to round up their bill each month to the next dollar.

Great Lakes Energy members can enroll in the People Fund by calling 888-485-2537 or visiting gtlakes.com. One hundred percent of the funds collected are used for grants.

YUMMY FUNDRAISER

Check out the Alpine Haus Chocolate Bars being sold at the library. They cost just \$2.50 and are available in Dark and Milk. This is a fundraiser for the FRIENDS.

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