



# *NEWS from the FRIENDS*

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.

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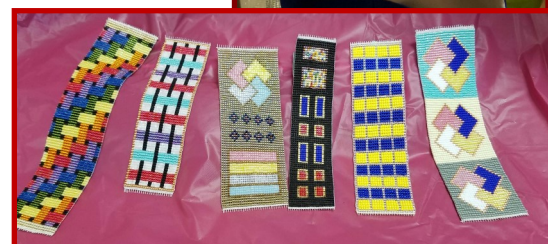


Many of you may be wondering what is happening with the new addition to our Library. Library Director, Maureen Derenzy, has been providing updates at our monthly FRIENDS meeting. Following the successful millage campaign last November, the design was completed for review by the construction manager. For a variety of reasons, including a change in the local construction climate, the cost estimates came in too high. After considerable redesign, the lower level was replaced by a second level addition. This allowed the plan to retain the promised square footage and functional spaces, while keeping project costs within the limits generated by the millage.

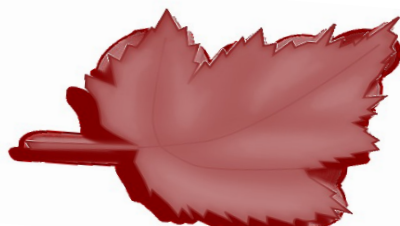
The library expansion has recently gone out for bids, which will be opened and publicly read aloud on September 28th. If all goes as planned, we could begin seeing some signs of construction soon. Work on interior design, including furnishings, is still underway and will offer opportunities for donors.

Our Library continues to be a leader in the state, this time as one of 3 Michigan libraries selected to participate in a Microsoft funded project to use TV White Space (TVWS) to extend wireless connectivity to areas where other technologies do not work. Using TVWS, the analog channels left vacant after television stations switched to digital broadcasting, the Library will create four hotspots in the Johannesburg area, including the Groen Nature Preserve and Charlton Township Hall.

The FRIENDS Gift Shop has a few new items. Thanks to Bill Brautigam, we have a new selection of beaded book marks. These are beautiful and would make a very nice gift for your favorite book lover. Take a look.



Sandy Allison,  
President of the  
FRIENDS



# Beta Sigma Phi Annual Tea



The tea will be held this year at noon on Saturday, September 30th at First United Methodist Church. After enjoying a light lunch, Delphine Miller and AnnMarie Rowland will present a program titled "Sisters by Choice", a quilt trunk show set to folk style music. There is also a beautiful queen-sized Amish quilt up for raffle. Tickets are \$25.00 for the tea, and raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Tickets for both are available at the Library. This is a very nice benefit for our Library and the tea is beautifully set with English bone china cups and saucers and lovely table decorations.

All proceeds benefit the Library and its literacy programs. Past events and raffles have raised over \$10,000 for literacy efforts, including summer family literacy activities, volunteer tutor training, and the new 1000 Books before Kindergarten program.



## A GIFT FROM COMMUNITY FINANCIAL

Community Financial Credit Union offered its 7th "Summer of Sharing" program to recognize and thank those organizations that strive to keep our communities strong and help those in need. The FRIENDS were very happy to be informed that we had been awarded a gift of \$1,000 on behalf of Community Financial members, team members, and the people we help across our community.

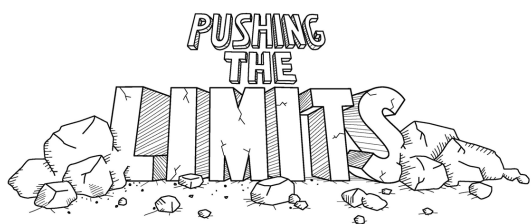
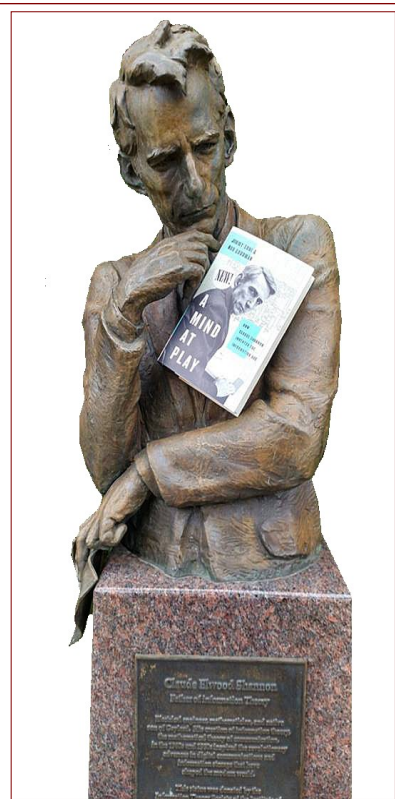


The gift will be used to support our Books for Babies program. The FRIENDS collaborate with Zonta and Otsego Memorial Hospital to provide a new board book and information on the importance of reading to a child from the very beginning. The packet also includes a directory of support groups and early literacy activities. Every baby born at our local hospital receives a Books for Babies bag. We thank Community Financial!

## CLAUDE SHANNON

### Our most famous Gaylord Native

Biographers Jimmy Soni and Rob Goodman, authors of “A Mind At Play” will visit the Otsego County Library on **Thursday, September 21st at 6:30 pm**. This event is brought to you by Saturn Booksellers, the Otsego County Library, and the Otsego County Historical Society. Claude Shannon grew up in Gaylord and became the architect of the information age, whose insights stand behind every computer built, email sent, video streamed, and webpage loaded. The life and times of one of the foremost intellects of the 20th century is chronicled in this new biography. Space is limited, so pick up your free ticket at Saturn Booksellers or the Library soon.



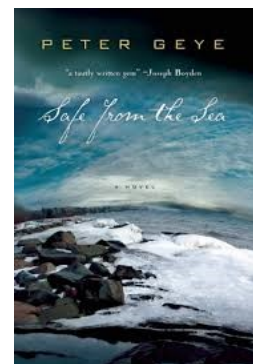
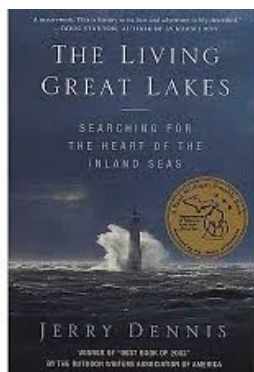
Our Library received grant monies from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Science Foundation to provide a science café style reading, viewing and discussion series on extreme climate events. Our partner for these “Pushing The Limits” events is the National

## Book Club

Weather Service.

The first discussion on Wednesday, October 4th at 6:30 pm features Safe From the Sea by Peter Geye. The novel, set in Duluth on Lake Superior, is available for pickup now.

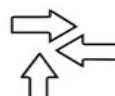
On Wednesday, October 25th Jerry Dennis, author of The Living Great Lakes, will present a program about the natural history and unique microclimate of the Great Lakes, along with tales of storms and shipwrecks. The book discussion will follow on Wednesday, November 1st at 6:30 pm.



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Pushing the Limits is a reading, viewing and discussion program for adults in communities served by rural libraries, made possible by a grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration



## 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

## FRIENDS of Otsego County Library

Sandy Allison, President

Marilyn Rairigh, Membership Vice President

Frank Rock, Treasurer

**Come join us at our FRIENDS meeting the first Tuesday of the month at noon in the Library Community Room.**

## U Create Wednesdays

*Felt & Fiber Wreath*—October 11

*Book Page Snowman*—November 8



**Please save your clear, empty wine bottles for a program in April. Thirty bottles are needed.**

***The Johannesburg Book Club* meets the first Monday of each month at 1:00 pm.**

***Create & Connect*, a make and take art program, is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Vanderbilt Branch Library.**

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