

Just Between Friends

Friends of the Hope Borbas Okemos Library
4321 Okemos Road, Okemos Michigan 48864

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LIBRARY HOURS

SUNDAY
CLOSED

MONDAY
10 A.M. - 7 P.M.

TUESDAY
10 A.M. - 7 P.M.

WEDNESDAY
10 A.M. - 7 P.M.

THURSDAY
10 A.M. - 7 P.M.

FRIDAY
10 A.M. - 7 P.M.

SATURDAY
12 P.M. - 5 P.M.

Schedule pickups of your holds by phone at 517-525-8541 or online at CADL.ORG

Curbside Pickup
Appointments are available Monday through Friday between the hours of 10 a.m. - 6:45 p.m. and Saturday 12 - 4:45 p.m.

Upon arriving for appointment time, call 517-525-8541 and your Holds will be brought out to your car. Please have Library Card/ID and Mask available.

Behind Closed Doors ~ The Current Situation

This edition of *Just Between Friends* offers an update on our Friends' organization and a "behind the scenes" pictorial peek of what's happening at the Library.

It almost goes without saying that the Friends must **cancel the September 8-9 Okemos Friends of the Library Used Book Sale**. We truly regret this cancellation. Our book sales have become beloved events that always attract scores of densely packed book lovers. But as you know, Governor Whitmer issued a pandemic-driven extension of her Safe Start Plan effective July 31 which limits the number of people gathering indoors to no more than ten (10) at one time.

In another bow to the coronavirus, we have turned over our Friends' Book Collection Room for use by the Library to aid in their sanitizing work. Library books and materials returned through the Book Return Slot on the building's west side are efficiently boxed to wait out the 96 hour rest period before the librarians process them. That puts the Friends out of the Library building, but not "out of business."

Please note: we are still collecting books for our scheduled December sale, which we are hoping will take place. However, it is too early to confirm, we will keep you posted. To promote pandemic safety, the Friends are picking up books from the homes of those who wish to donate them.

So while you are safely at home, do take the opportunity to look through your personal library for those books, both hard cover and paperback, with which you can part. Set them aside for us to pick up. The Friends will accept gently-used fiction, non-fiction, Books-on-Tape or -CD, DVDs, and CDs. We cannot accept textbooks, encyclopedias, or musty-smelling volumes.



Head Librarian Betsy Hull shows off the boxes of materials waiting 96 hours before returning to circulation

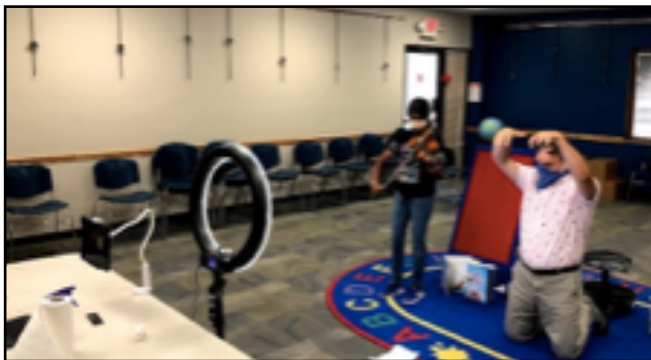
Summer at the Okemos Library - COVID19 Style



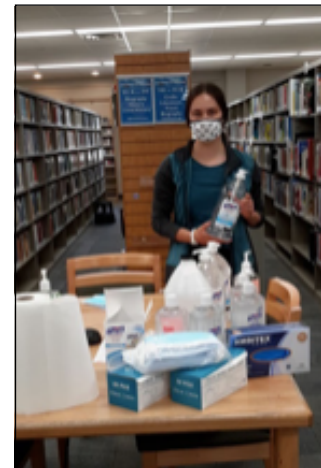
Clerk Mike McCann will help remind you that you need to wear a mask when you come to the library. There will also be plenty of hand sanitizer to help you feel safe.



The Summer Reading Challenge took off with bang in June and continued with strong participation throughout the 9-week program. Of the 4,357 system-wide enrollees, 758 readers were from Okemos.



Okemos senior Aparna Krishnamurthy was a guest violinist for Mr. Tom during story times, which were done virtually through Facebook.



Library Page Sophia Mota Cichy shows off just some of the products now in daily use.



Library Page Keumyun Sihh helps to process books at a computer station set up to keep staff at safe work distances from each other.

Friends Membership Renewal

Please look on your address label for the date your membership is due to be renewed. You can use the enclosed envelope to return your check, payable to Friends of the Okemos Library. Your membership and additional support of the Friends and our Okemos Library are always appreciated.

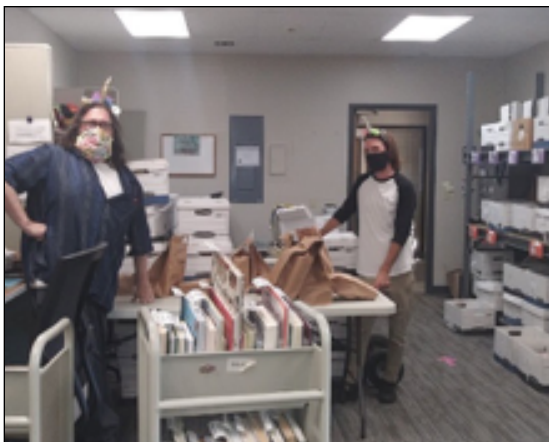


Library Page Christa Scheck sanitizes the returned items that have to be quarantined for 96 hours before they can be processed.

Head Librarian Betsy Hull, right, thanks Estella Gan, a member of the local chapter of the Alliance of Youth Leaders in United States, who coordinated a donation of 500 masks to the Okemos branch.



Librarians Chris Potts, left, and Eric Stanton, have learned to work in their shower-curtained protected cubicles.



Library unicorns Eric Baylis and Mike McCann ready bags of materials for curbside pick up. Okemos processes some 130 daily appointments for pick up.



Library assistant Levi LaBruzzy readies packages for readers who visit the mobile library. The mobile library parks at the Okemos branch, and mobile staff now work inside the branch to main a safe staff distance. The mobile library makes 20 stops throughout the county at various day cares, assisted living centers, and apartment complexes.

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To donate items, call Jim Tellner at 517-775-3959, or email him at jmct1965@aol.com, and he will arrange for your bags or boxes of books to be picked up at your home. Please, **DO NOT** take your books to the library. Call Jim to arrange for a pick-up, no matter how small. Our used book sales make up the Friends' major source of funding.

We thank you sincerely for all your book donations over the years. We are most appreciative of your efforts!



Friends volunteers sorting books for future book sales are from left: Lou Henkel, Peggy Kelly, Lowell Spotts and Karen Spotts

Look for your Membership Renewal Envelope Inside! Your Support of the Friends is Needed!



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