

Just Between Friends

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

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Winter 2022

LIBRARY HOURS

SUNDAY

12 PM - 6 PM

MONDAY

10 AM - 7 PM

TUESDAY

9 AM - 8 PM

WEDNESDAY

9 AM - 8 PM

THURSDAY

9 AM - 8 PM

FRIDAY

9 AM - 8 PM

SATURDAY

9 AM - 7 PM

Capital Area District Library Upcoming Closings:

December 24 & 25, 2021
Christmas

December 31, 2021 &
January 1, 2022
New Years

April 17, 2022
Easter



Winter elves have struck our Okemos Library. The front of the library has received the magic-wand treatment and been turned into a winter fairyland. Friends of the Library members Mo McMullen and Peggy Kelly of our Winter Elf Committee have cast their spell over the landscape adding giant snowflakes, a small evergreen filled with mittens and silver garland to the awnings, pergola and flower pots that grace the west front of the library. Our thanks to both of our Winter Wonderland Workers for the magnificent transformation to welcome all the library patrons by brightening up their visit during the dark hours of the year.

Winter Wonderland



A Tip of the Hat

We tip our hats and give a very hearty "thank you" the following Haslett/Okemos Kiwanis members for your 'Book Sale Truck Unloading' of countless large heavy boxes on September 10 in preparation for our Friends of Okemos Library's Fall Used Book Sale:

- Derek Perry
- Gail Riegle
- Dave Rainone
- Vic Samuelson
- Larry Bacon

Friends' Member and Box-Schlepping-Elves: Jim Tellner, Rick Beaderstadt, Lowell Spotts, and Michael Leon. We are grateful for all your efforts packing, storing, and loading boxes of books in preparation for and, especially, on Sale Set-Up Day.

Okemos Thursday Book Group

Visit cadl.org/events for activities in the system.

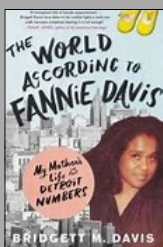
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January 6th



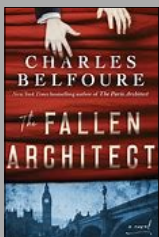
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February 3rd



The World According to Fannie Davis: My Mother's Life in the Detroit Numbers by Bridgette M. Davis

March 3rd



The Fallen Architect
by Charles Belfoure

From the Librarian's Desk



As I write this, Thanksgiving will be in a few days and I still haven't decided what dessert to make: Lemon pie or apple crisp? Why not both? Yes!

When you read this, snow will have fallen and chased all the Snowbirds to someplace warm and sunny.

A New Year will soon arrive.

At home, my family is mostly healthy having mainly dodged the terminal meanness of COVID. For that I am grateful.

At work, the staff is mostly healthy as well. We've been able to cope with the presence of COVID without horrible effects debilitating us. For that I am grateful. Others have not been as fortunate and have lost family and friends to the Pandemic. We have all been shocked by grief.

As always, I am grateful to the Okemos staff who make my job easy. They have been thoughtful and kind to each other and to visitors, even though they have had their own personal traumas. They show up for work with a sense of humor. We follow the health protocols to keep each other safe, although we all hate wearing the masks. That's why there hasn't been a COVID outbreak in the CADL system. We keep each other safe, which in turn keeps library visitors safe, too.

I am grateful to the visitors who have returned to the library. We all enjoy greeting each other as if to say: "Hey, we've made it this far!"

I am grateful for the visitors who tune into our virtual programs and have kept their connection to the library. The virtual world is convenient but as everyone knows, it has its problems..."You're on mute!" "I can't see you!" "How do I share the screen?"

I am grateful for the Okemos Friends of the Library. You show up week after week to sort the many boxes of donated books. You show up time after time to work the book sales. There is a lot of heavy lifting and standing and knee bending and back straining that goes into the successful operation of the Friends. Your hard work sold the books that bought the lunches that kept the staff happy, all of which makes my life easier.

I don't take any of this for granted. I am grateful. Here's to a happier and healthier 2022!

Betsy Hull
Head Librarian



From the Friends President

Cecelia Kramer, Friends' President

A Stocking Stuffer That Keeps on Giving

As the Holiday Season nears, I hear more and more people reciting the mantra, "What to get (so and so) for the Holidays?" It is always difficult to choose gifts for people you want to thank for their friendship, or for their help during the past year. You want to give them something valuable, something they can use, something that reminds them of you in the coming year. Something (please!) that is not another calendar. Something that will add neither calories to their waistlines nor more dust collectors to their current dust-collections.

I would therefore like to suggest a perfect alternative to your holiday gift choice that sidesteps all the above land mines: an annual membership to the Friends of the Okemos Library!

The Friends of the Okemos Library is an organization dedicated to support, nurture and advance the cause of our beloved Okemos Public Library. Memberships to the Friends reflect how the community feels about public libraries generally, and ours in particular. Memberships are the backbone of an organization like the Friends.

The gift of a Membership in the Friends entitles the member to four (4) quarterly newsletters, each of which informs the reader on how our Friends' support is being utilized. It also provides a calendar of upcoming social and sale events. A Friends' membership additionally grants reduced entrance fees to Friends events, and most excitingly, admittance to 'Early Buying Time' at the Friends' mammoth quarterly used book sales.

Memberships start at \$10 for a Single Individual; \$15 for a Family, and \$25 for the Patron/Supporter. Or, should you be so completely in debt to a colleague, family member or neighbor, a \$300 Lifetime Membership might be appropriate. See the last page of this publication for additional details and membership form.

This gift could be the perfect answer to your holiday list gift selections. It would be appreciated by the recipient and at the same time help the Friends and the library gain a wider influence in the community.

If you tell us you are purchasing a membership as a gift, the Friends would be happy to return to you a card to present 'under the tree' to your happy recipient.

Finally, if gifting an annual membership for another person doesn't fully reflect your own support of our organization, consider giving a year-end donation. As a 501(c)(3) organization, donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. We appreciate all the support we get from our community. Happy Holidays, one and all!

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FRIENDS MEETINGS

Second Thursday of each month
September through May

7:00 p.m. Business meeting. Board meetings are now held via Zoom. To register contact Cecelia Kramer, 517-349-3297.

Okemos Library Events

Okemos Book Group

1st Thursdays • 12 p.m.

Enjoy a casual discussion about listed books.

January 6 : *Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity and Love* by Dani Shapiro

February 3: *The World According to Fannie Davis: My Mother's Life in the Detroit Numbers* by Bridgett M. Davis

March 3 : *The Fallen Architect* by Charles Belfoure

ESOL Reading Group for Adults

Wednesdays, Jan. 5 – Feb. 23 • 12-1:30 p.m.

Practice your English reading and speaking skills by reading articles, books and stories. This group is not formal English instruction. Registration is required by emailing Eric Stanton at stantone@cadl.org.

Virtual Mind Benders (Adults)

2nd Thursdays, Jan. 13 & Feb. 10 • 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Join us online for word games and puzzles to stimulate your brain and help you to remain sharp and alert.

Registration required by emailing: stantone@cadl.org

You will receive instructions on joining our Zoom session. This program is a collaboration between CADL Okemos and The Meridian Senior Center.

Virtual U.S. Citizenship Test Practice (Adults)

Make an appointment to practice for the U.S. Citizenship / Naturalization Test. Call 517-347-2021 x2029 or email stantone@cadl.org for more information.

Beading 101

2nd Fridays: Jan. 14 & Feb. 11 • 1–2:30 p.m.

We'll provide supplies, you provide the creativity!

Limited to the first 8 to arrive. Get a green ticket at the info desk up to one hour prior to the start time.

Registration is required by emailing Paola Sanchez at sanchezp@cadl.org.

Art Reception

Sunday, Jan. 2 • 2 – 4 p.m.

Meet local artists from the Mid-Michigan Art Guild who exhibit their work during a 2- month show.

Refreshments provided by Friends of the Okemos Library.

Conversational Spanish for Fun!

Thursdays, Jan. 13 – Feb. 24 • 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Interested in enhancing a career, planning a trip to a Spanish-speaking country, or just want to learn about the culture? Refresh and practice the Spanish you know with native Spanish-speakers and a different theme each session. Not a formal Spanish class. Registration required by emailing your name to sanchezp@cadl.org.

Celebrate Lunar New Year (Families)

Sunday, Feb. 6 • 1:30 - 3 pm

Bring out your inner dragon dance and enjoy games, food and crafts that highlight the Year of the Tiger.

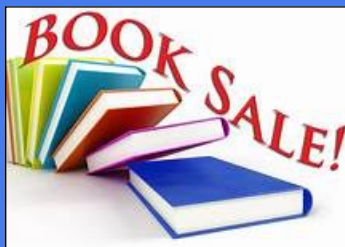


Friends helped to sponsored a Teen Advisory Board ice cream social and book swap this fall.

About 115 students enjoyed ice cream outside in October!



Upcoming Book Sales:



March 5 & 6, 2022
September 10 & 11, 2022
December 3 & 4, 2022

Mark your calendar for the Friends Used Book Sales dates. Each Book Sale is a two-day event, Saturday and Sunday, and held at the Okemos Masonic Center from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Your Membership Counts! Annual dues are an important part of the funds that the Friends donate to the Library in the form of books, furniture, programs and services. Please use the coupon below to renew or join.

Be a Friend of the Hope Borbas Okemos Library!

Membership Application: ☐ Renewal ☐ New

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Individual	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$10.00
Family	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$15.00
Patron	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25.00
Business	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50.00
Lifetime	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$300.00
Contribution	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____

I would like to support the Friends with an extra **DONATION** for (please indicate)
Framing & Artwork, Staff Kitchen Project, Books & Display Shelving, Any Friends' Project, or
Other _____ Amount \$ _____

I would like to support the Friends by **VOLUNTEERING** for: (please circle) *Book Sale
*Hospitality *Grounds & Gardens *Programs *Membership *Communications
*Curatorial & Decorations *Other _____

Please make checks payable to: Friends of the Okemos Library. Return to the Library at 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos, MI 48864. Friends of the Okemos Library is a 501 (c)(3) corporation. Gifts are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

Little Display Case Shows off Unique Facets

The personal interests of the Friends of the Okemos Library has often resulted in some very creative artwork over the years. We put these in the Collection Display Case near the front Circulation Desk to exhibit the fascinating and diverse interests and talents of our Friends.

Our thanks this last half year goes to Friends' Members **Quenda Story, Mo McMullen** and **Andrea Baderstadt** for the opportunity to enjoy their impressive collections. Quenda offered us a collection of salt and pepper shakers that her Aunt Arlene and Uncle Ish had gathered during their 50 years of travels across the United States.



Mo brought her more recently gathered bird nest collection showing the variety of nesting materials and techniques used by our birdie friends to create a home for their babies. Mo

artfully displayed these in candelabras, bowls and with a flock of hand carved and painted wooden birds. She wanted to make certain that we knew that no birdie families lost their homes, or were otherwise harmed in the creation of this unique collection.



For this year's holiday season, Andrea brought another portion of her collection of Christmas Ornaments, again gathered over 50 years. This year she is showing circus ornaments featuring the "Big Top" tent, a merry go round, figures of Ringmaster, Lion Tamer, and acrobats, as well as circus regulars: an elephant, circus pony and juggling bear, all done in artful glass to decorate a tree.

If you have a collection appropriate for the small display case, there are a number of openings for a two-month display during the up-coming year. Contact Cecelia Kramer at 517-349-3297.



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