

Friends of the Darcy Library of Beulah

Fall - Winter 2011

President's Report: The "Friends of the Darcy Library of Beulah" Fulfill a Fiduciary Responsibility. As most library patrons know, the "Friends" of the Library have the mission of enhancing the funding of the library. I find that our Friends continue to be very committed and responsible as they go about the task of supporting our library, and securing its future.

With the help of many friends and supporters, money is raised by a series of fund-raising activities, such as bake sales, book sales and the popular chocolate, champagne and auction held each year in February. In addition, we are so fortunate to have a community of people who value our library and who care enough to support the library through library memberships, donations, and memorials. Most of the funds are committed for the purchase of new books and materials for the library's collection and for the support of library programs.

Planning for the future: The Friends board of directors, consists of an executive committee and five members at large. They meet each month on the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30. In addition to the board meetings, there are often sub-committee meetings. This summer, the finance committee met with a financial advisor to plan for the protection and growth of our endowment. The endowment was established several years ago as part of the capital campaign. Our goal for the library's financial investment is first, to protect the principal; and second, to grow as much as secure investments allow. The board takes their fiduciary responsibility very seriously.

Our board meetings are open and we welcome friends and members of the library. Please feel free to join us as we grow and protect our library resources.

Carol Davidson, Friend's President

Director's Report: Our big news is that passage of our joint millage with Benzonia has made it possible to hire an Associate Library Director, Heather Doran. I am very happy to have her

here. All this additional activity has generated a genuine need for an additional Librarian of her caliber. After reviewing many resumes and interviewing qualified candidates, we are very pleased with our choice of Heather. She introduces herself in this newsletter. We plan to have a reception for her soon. Meanwhile stop by and say hello.

Many of you have watched our library grow tremendously after we moved into our new Darcy Library of Beulah. Our Summer/Fall visitors this year really kept us hopping.

Thanks to our generous Friends, we are able to extend summer hours into winter. We will stay open M W F 12-5 T Th - 12-7 Sat - 9-1 .We plan to add more open hours and have more cooperative programming with Benzonia, when the YES vote of our recent millage kicks in.

Anne Damm, Director

Book Group Again: The book club meets every third Thursday at 11 AM in the Library. Everyone is welcome. It is interesting to share your ideas on the books. Often you will get a new insight from someone else. The list of the books being read monthly is on the desk at the library or call the library to check.

It is fun to bring your lunch so the discussion can be a bit longer or spin off in a related direction. The December 15th meeting will be the time to line up book titles for the next six months. We will share a favorite poem and have a party lunch together. Please come and join us! Pat Jehle

Book Expert Needed: The library needs a volunteer(s) with special skills. We are looking for someone who is interested in helping to identify possible rare or collectable books to sell on-line or in special markets. We need people who can work on Ebay or Amazon or who knows some collectible book experts/sellers or how to research for potential buyers.

Please call Bev Toomey (231 352 8004).

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Kid's Corner: The spring/summer season of 2011 was, as usual, busy and fun with summer reading programs and continuing story times. It started off with a great visit by Platte River first graders in April. A team of fantastic volunteers pitched in and helped stage three activity areas for the kids to learn about the library. The first area was run by Al Bryant and Carol McAnulty in the meeting room talking about libraries, touring the building and touching on responsibilities of patronage. The second area was a fun planting activity with Marti Mollema, Janice Schoonmaker, and helpers Danica, Linda, Lois and Diane. The third was in the kids room with music with Terri and a quick learning session on where to find books in their special part of the library.

We thank Shelly Szymanski for putting her talents to work in helping with story time in June. Sailor Cleary and his favorite person, Kay, came in July and read new tales of Sailor's escapades. Sailor, the Portuguese Water Dog, enchanted the group of children eager to make his acquaintance and welcome him back to Darcy Library.

In August, Kris Dykstra, Carol and Rosie, and Terri did a four day library camp. Each day featured a special theme from nature to making Petoskey stone pendants, to a hugely successful day of watercolor painting. We had a good turnout and everyone seemed to enjoy the programs by our special volunteer Kris.

The Fall Fest program featured autumn and Halloween projects in October. Thank you to the parents who brought kids out on a rainy fall evening to see Carol, Rosie and Terri that evening and hear some tales to set the mood for Halloween and fall harvest. We also had the chance to meet Dex, Heather D's dog, that night. He was very happy to be a part of the evening fun, but Rosie will take a bit of time to accept and welcome Dex. We think she'll get there eventually.

The story time was changed from Friday mornings to Tuesday mornings at eleven.

Now the planning is underway for Christmas with Rosie. Kris, Carol, Rosie and Terri are thinking of thematic fun for an evening in mid-December. With featured stores, music, and decorating Kris' special Christmas cookies, it's always a wonderful time together....thanks to our special fantastic volunteers, as usual!

Heartfelt thanks goes to our Friends group who underwrote the cost of printing summer reading coupon books. We appreciate the support of any and all Darcy programming efforts.

Terri Corner, Children's Librarian



Sailor shared stories with friends at the Darcy

Volunteer News: As books and materials circulate, they fall into disrepair: they develop wrinkles and tears, creaky joints and dislocated spines- they just look tired. Last winter, Jim Thompson and his wife Diane (who is a regular in-house volunteer) happened to see a short segment on book repair on the TODAY show. Jim decided he would like to try it. Diane took some rather shabby-looking books home, a "career" was born, and a very specialized volunteer was added to the Darcy volunteer roster. Thus far, Jim and Diane have rescued and repaired 143 books and items suffering everything from small tears and loose pages to broken spines and separated bindings. Jim even

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built a “book press”, an apparatus to help return shape to a book. (The purchase price for such an item is about \$180.00.) We all greatly appreciate and admire their work!

We currently have ten in-house volunteers who work from two to 19 hours per week. Between April 1 and September 30, 2011, our volunteers provided 1908 hours of service in and on behalf of the library. During this same time period, members of the Friends and the Library Board contributed another 235 hours of meeting and planning for library operations and fundraiser events. Carol and Rosie McAnulty provided another 280 hours, bringing our total hours of documented service for this period to 2,423 hours.

“Documented” hours of service does not reflect the dozens of uncounted hours generously given by members of the Friends in organizing, preparing for and executing events such as, book and bake sales. Nor does it portray the time so generously given by members of the community in assisting with and supporting library activities. The basic goal of the Darcy volunteers continues to be to assist our librarians in the provision of quality library services to the community. Thanks to everyone who supports the library in thought, word and deed!

Janice Schoonmaker, Darcy Volunteer

AVOID CABIN FEVER COME TO THE PARTY!

Winter is on its way. We look forward to the pristine beauty of the new snow, but...

Getting up in the dark each morning, navigating the icy patches on the driveway to retrieve the mail and morning paper, tiring of winter jackets, and loosing yet another pair of mittens makes us view the upcoming months with less than enthusiasm.

Survivors of winters up-north recommend getting out the snowshoes, making pots of soup, lighting candles to bring a glow to evenings at home, and getting together with

friends for a fun evening out. High on the list of “evenings out” is the Darcy Library’s

Chocolate/Champagne Party

February 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Ticket donation is \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the door

Planning for this year’s party is well under-way. Friends and supporters of the library are already calling to volunteer their help. George Granlund built us some new coat-racks, Bonnie and Dan Smith offered to donate the champagne once again. Penny Szczechowski will arrange the display of lovely chocolate treats and many others library supporters are planning amazing chocolate delicacies to serve with champagne or coffee.

You’ll have a chance to bid on our donated auction items and services.

Join your friends and neighbors to celebrate Valentine’s Day and to celebrate our wonderful Darcy Library of Beulah by attending our 2012 fund-raising event.

Library News and Activities:

- The well received foreign film series continues this winter. Films with Judy Heit, start at 6:30 pm. Check the papers, the web or blog sites for updates, check the window posting or just call, 882-4037
- Fall Fest cookie sale brought in over \$770-many thanks to bakers, sellers and buyers!
- Christmas Cookie & Book Sale on Dec 9/Fri and Dec 10/Sat at the Beulah Trailhead Bldg. Sale is 10-2 each day. Bakers and workers are needed. Come early and come often!
- Food for Fines, bring in non-perishable food item and get credit for your overdue fines.
- Book Group: 3rd Thursday at 11 am
- Read with Rosie on Thursdays. Call for a time.
- Children’s Story Hour has changed from Fridays to Tuesdays at 11 am. Mark your calendar and bring your kids to have fun!
- Darcy has WiFi available all day, every day!

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- Chocolate, Champagne and Treasures Party is Friday, February 10, 2012 at the Darcy.
- Book sale is every day at the Library. Your new or nearly new books are welcome and needed. Thanks for donating and buying books!

If you have ideas for an event, please stop by or email annedamm@sbcglobal.net We'll try to set it up.

August Book Sale: The annual summer book sale on August 6 was somewhat disappointing but nonetheless worthwhile. We netted \$825. The day was overcast and showery, so sharply fewer buyers than usual were out for Beulah's street sales. As always the sale was set up and staffed by twelve volunteers, a few newcomers, the rest dedicated returnees (Sally Miner has taken part in every sale since their beginnings.)

All went smoothly, and many people returned home with bags o books and smiles of satisfaction.

Dan Orr, Chair

Friends of the Darcy Library Executive Board:

President: Carol Davidson
Vice President: Dan Orr
Secretary: Diana Sosnowski
Corresp/Secty: George/Catherine Granlund

Treasurer: Bill Inman
Asst. Treasurer: Bev Toomey

Friends meet the 1st Wednesday of each month at 9:30 at the library, all are welcome.

Library email: beulahlibrary@sbcglobal.net

Phone: 231-882-4037

<http://www.beulahpubliclibrary.blogspot.com/>
www.darcylibraryofbeulah.org new web site

Library hours: M-W-F 12-5, Tu-Th 3-7, Sat 9-1

“Green” Foster Parents needed for our summer potted plants. We'd like to keep them alive for next year but need someone who can 'foster' them for the winter. Please contact the library.

Darcy Library of Beulah Board of Trustees

Trustee: Kathy Ross
Treasurer: Dan Hook
Trustee: Nicole Olney
Trustee: Dennis Pace
Trustee: Leah Sirrine
Trustee: Dan Schoonmaker

An election of officers will take place in January. In the interim, trustees are taking turns chairing the monthly meetings.

The Board meets on the 1st Tuesday at 7 pm. Changes to meetings will be posted.

Christmas Cookie and Book Sale: This annual event will be on December 9 and 10 at the Trailhead Building in Beulah. Sale times are 10-2 each day and for \$6/pound, you can pick from a wide selection of your favorite cookies. Next you can find your favorite books for gifts for yourself or others! Come early and come often!

Bakers and workers are needed to make this event possible. Sign up sheets are at the Library desk or call, 882-4037 and staff will help you.



Come to the Christmas Cookie/Book Sale. We need help with baking, working and of course, buying! Tell your friends!

News from the Darcy Library Board:

New Associate Director Hired: As a result of the successful Benzonia Township millage vote

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last spring, we will be expanding hours next year. To provide the staffing needed to accommodate those hours, we have hired Heather Doran as Associate Library Director. Heather is a 2007 graduate of Wayne State University, holding a Masters of Library & Information Science degree and just recently received her Master of Arts, English Literature from the University of Birmingham (UK). Heather also brings experiences as a youth services volunteer from libraries in Ferndale and Milford and as an archivist and librarian with the Shakespeare Centre Library & Archive in Stratford-on-Avon, UK. A reception for Heather will be held at the library on Tuesday, Nov 29 from 4 - 5:30 PM. Please stop by to welcome her to the Darcy family!

Darcy & Benzonia Public Library Cooperation: Ongoing cooperative efforts continue with the formation of a working group of representatives of the two libraries. The primary focus of this group is to explore cost-effective ways to improve and expand library services. Coordinating expanded hours of operation will be one of their first priorities.

New Assistive Listening Devices Now Available: With grant funds received for the recently completed computer upgrade program, we have purchased assistive listening equipment. For events that utilize the audio/video system, such as movie presentations and lectures, patrons will have a choice of equipment including headphones and neckloops. Assistance will be available to those requesting use of the equipment.

Friends of the Darcy Library Membership and Donation Envelope: In this newsletter is an envelope that you can use to send in your new or renewal membership information as well as your always needed and welcomed donations. We hope to expand our email list to include more members in effort to increase awareness of events or special information to support the Friends and the Darcy. Please check your

mailing label to determine your membership renewal date. If there is no date on the label, consider formally becoming a paid member of the Friends of the Darcy. Together we've made the amazing...possible!

Check the date after your name to know if your membership is current. No date, please fill out the enclosed envelope and become a Friend member! Let us know of any errors.

From Heather Doran, Associate Director:

Since starting in October, I've met several Friends, patrons, and members of our community, but I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself a bit more and give you a brief overview of what I've been up to at the library. Though I've lived in a lot of different places, including Boston, New York, and Stratford-upon-Avon, I was born and raised in Michigan and grew up wandering around Greenfield Village, volunteering with my church, and reading my way through the library. I graduated from Oakland University (MI) with a BA in English Literature, completed an MS in Library and Archival Science at Wayne State University (MI), and was just awarded an MA in Shakespeare Studies from the University of Birmingham (UK). I'm very committed to supporting my local community, so I've worked at nonprofits almost exclusively, including the New York City Rescue Mission and, more recently, the Shakespeare Centre Library & Archive. I've been a resident of Bear Lake for the past year, enjoying having a quiet place to finish my dissertation, and I'm grateful to now have a job that's both in my field and so close to home. I've been keeping busy at the library, working on, among other things, writing grant proposals for our Helen Tanner American Indian Collection and the Benzie County Summer Reading Program, reviewing library policies, drafting a strategic plan, meeting with the staff at Benzonia and Benzie Shores Libraries, setting up a Facebook page, and redesigning our website. I'm thoroughly enjoying my time at Darcy

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Library and am thankful to be surrounded by such wonderful and dedicated colleagues, volunteers, and supporters. I look forward to what we can accomplish together as a community, and I hope to see you in the library soon. – Heather



Welcome to Heather Doran, Associate Director

Our thanks to the many Friends who made donations to the Library in the last 6 months:

Donations: William & Paula Anderson, James & Barb Baltazar, Priscilla Belden, Cynthia Berg, Michael & Pat Brougham, Conrad & Judy Caris, Larry Carp, Brenda & Leonard Case, Jr., James & Diane Catton, Greg & Anne Clark, Crawford Trust, Betty Croft, Sharon Current, Carol & Steve Davidson, Earl & Anne Dryden, Norma Eason, Flynn Family Foundation, Robert & Bev Forsland, John & Carolyn Fredal, Chris Gehring, Clarence & Alice Gibson, Bill & Karen Gilmore, Thor & Susan Goff, Diane Goodson, Doug & Trudy Green, Mike & Diana Heller, Richard & Mary Heglin, Ralph & Sharon Hillquist, Alice &

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In Memory Of: Madonna Cussans by Phil Downs & Vicki Carpenter, Jo Ann R. Jacob, Jane Johnson, Shirley Kebler, Cathy & Terry Mercer, Marjorie Nolan

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Fran Forrester by Bernie & Carol Rice

Jim Adams by Shirley Serrine

Ronald B. Seymour by Ron & Mary Seymour

Sally Bennett by Brenda Case

We also extend our many thanks for the numerous donations of books, services and materials.

Mark Twain Presentation: Nearly 20 folks braved the wind and rain on 10/9, to hear our own Al Bryant, volunteer and retired college and public librarian, present an entertaining evening

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on Mark Twain. Al's own sense of humor matched nicely with Mr. Twain's. Audience members learned about his different jobs, styles of writing and his personal life and its lessons. Al read from several different works of Mr. Twain which demonstrated his skills in satire, as an essayist and observer of the events of the times. Along with the information and flavor of Twain's life and work, a "universal" piece of sarcasm from Twain's work was shared with the audience. "In the beginning God created idiots. That was for practice. Then He created ____ (insert your choice or words here)".

Feel free to use and share!



Al Bryant knows about Twain and Tanner

Tanner Collection: The Helen Tanner Michigan Native American collection is almost completely cataloged now. The collection, some 800 items, is avail at the Library. The next step of the process is the production of an annotated bibliography which then can be accessed on the Internet or through a very limited edition book. Our new Associate Director Heather has applied for a grant from the Carnegie Foundation, facilitated through American Library Association. We are so fortunate to have this

outstanding collection and are working hard to promote it to scholars and the general public.

Al Bryant, Volunteer

Benzonia Library Pilots Kindles: Along with books, audio books, movies, magazines, and music, the Benzonia Library has added three Amazon Kindles to loan. "We are very excited about this addition to our collection", said Library Director, Marjorie Porter. "Many of our patrons would like to try using an e-book reader, but are not certain they prefer this media instead of paper. They are not ready to invest in an e-book reader. Other users do not have money in their budgets for this type of purchase. Our mission has always been to provide our community with educational and cultural materials, and, by offering an opportunity to borrow the Kindle for a three week loan period, we offer everyone a chance to read an e-book.

The Kindles were purchased by the Friends of the Library. The Friends also have supplied money for the startup costs of e-book titles, covers, and an adapter. The Kindles may be checked out in the same manner as other library materials. However, renewals are not permitted.

From the Editor: As I meet with volunteers, library staff, Board and Friends members to gather information/stories for the newsletter, I'm always amazed at all the activities. Our library is quite the hub of activity. Additionally, since working with the Benzonia Library team as well as the Darcy Library team on last spring's millage, I've come to appreciate the people and programs of the Benzonia Library as well. As economic times remain challenging and needs increase across all age groups, our libraries step up to meet those needs. It is exciting to see the collaborative efforts between the two libraries and know that our Benzonia Township voters value our libraries. Many thanks to all the supporters of the Friend's activities and the programs and activities of the library, we value you and hope that you let us know what else is needed. Vicki Carpenter, Volunteer Editor

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SAVE THE DATE

Darcy Library of Beulah
Chocolate-Champagne
Party
Friday, February 10, 2012

Sparkling Champagne-Live
Auction-Kickoff to Winterfest
-Silent Auction-Socialize-
Specialty Chocolates-Music

Sponsored by the Friends of the
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Come and Meet

Heather Doran

Our new Associate Director
of the Darcy Library

Welcome Reception
November 29 (Tuesday)

4:00-5:30 p.m.

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