

Friends of the Darcy Library of Beulah

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President's Report: Planning for 2013 as two thousand twelve is rapidly drawing to a close. We're looking forward to a new year, enriched by a variety of library programs, computer services, and a large collection of books, periodicals, and audio and visual materials.. The Friends of the library raises funds to support the programs, and to expand the library's remarkable collection of books and materials.

The Friends Board is mapping out plans for the year ahead. In the next few months we intend to expand the Board of Directors to include more members, and we will be filling the vice-president position.

Each year we plan fund-raising activities. Our book sales and cookie sales are always fun for all of us. An added benefit is the opportunity to be the first to buy very special books and the very best cookies! . Working with others on our chocolate-champagne party is a great way to chase away the winter doldrums. Participating in these and other library events, as time and interest allows, adds enrichment to life and to the life of the community.

Sadly, this past year we lost our good friend and board vice-president, Dan Orr.

In February 2012 Dan experienced some serious medical issues

And died later in the spring.

The Friends board remembers the leadership provided by Dan

for our annual book sales.

We remember his leadership in our annual Chocolate-Champagne party, and as a member of our finance committee.

We miss the humor, ideas and the fun he brought to our monthly meetings.

He was such a wonderful man and will be missed for a very long time.

Our Board meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. We invite interested persons to attend board meetings and join us as

we plan for the year ahead. Your participation is very welcome.

Carol Davidson, Friend's President

Director's Report: Winter's in full swing here at Darcy -- we've pulled out the snow shovels, and patrons are curling up with books by the fireplace -- and we're glad so many of you are braving the cold to pick up materials and attend programs. As you'll read in greater detail elsewhere in this newsletter, while we're keeping busy with Monday movie nights and holidays events, including a Holiday Art Project for kids and teens, we're already looking forward to programs for 2013.

First on the docket for the new year is our Adult Winter Reading Program. Starting up in January and running through the end of March, the program will be the same as last year, though this time around we'll be having an additional drawing at the end of January: early entrants will have a chance to win two tickets to the Friends of Darcy Library Chocolate and Champagne Evening. And while our new Cult Film Mondays will continue through December, Foreign Film Mondays will be taking a holiday break and pick back up in January. On May 23rd, when all the snowbirds have returned, Al Bryant's presenting a Bonnie & Clyde lecture, and the last Saturday in June we'll be hosting Darcy's Bark in Library Park again.

2013 will also see a number of new collaborations between Darcy Library and local institutions. In May we'll be kicking off our inaugural Benzonia Township Author Series in conjunction with Benzonia Public Library, with a June visit from mystery writer Bryan Gruley. Throughout the year we'll be joining with the Lakeside Shakespeare Players to showcase a number of Shakespearean films, including discussion with actors from their summer productions. In the autumn we'll be teaming up with the Benzie Area Historical Museum for the Civil War Sesquicentennial and already have our first speaker lined up to talk about a new archival

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collection at Michigan State University. We're also hoping to work on a project or two with the Oliver Art Center in Frankfort, and we'd welcome your ideas and recommendations on these and other potential programs.

In closing, I'd like to say a special thank you to Helen Dewey. For nearly a decade, Helen has worked closely with Darcy and the other Benzie county libraries to help facilitate our Children's Summer Reading Program. From book talking in the schools to soliciting prizes from local businesses and creating the coupon booklets for our readers, Helen has worked with librarians to maintain this popular program year to year. Next summer she'll be scaling back a bit to focus on other projects, and we wish her all the best.

Reminders:

- December 8, 1:00 pm – Kid's/Teen Art Project Holiday Party
- December 20, 11:00 am – Book Group Selection Meeting
- December 24, 25, 31 and January 1 – Holiday Closings
- End of January/February 9 – Winterfest Outhouse Race. Kids who'd like to help build and/or race should contact the library in January.
- Keep an eye on the website or drop by the library for a monthly Events Calendar, including film, book group and lecture dates, and videos and photos from past programs: www.darcylibraryofbeulah.org. Also friend us on www.facebook.com/DarcyLibrary.
- Hearing Assistive Technology is available for all of our lectures and film nights. Whether you need to block out background noise or would like to turn the volume up or down, our headsets allow patrons to individually control broadcasted volumes.
- Read to Rosie and Computer Help with Carol is available every Thursday from noon to 5:00 pm.
- Storytime with Miss Terri is on hiatus until June.

Requests:

- In need of a winter project? Darcy Library could use your help. We're seeking a weekly volunteer with moderate computer skills to help at the front desk, and we also have a number of one-off volunteer opportunities, including book sale sorting and toting and helping edit an annotated bibliography.
- Adopt-a-Film program – Over the past year we've been gradually phasing out VHS tapes in favor of the better quality and more space-friendly DVDs, and there are a number of popular and foreign films that we'd like to upgrade. So whether you're a film buff or just have a favorite film you'd like to see us keep, we'd love to have you stop by the library to pick a film to replace.



Platte River Elementary students had a busy day with many activities at the Darcy

Kid's Corner: The summer at Darcy was fun starting out with the wonderful Dog Day celebration in Library Park. Attendance was stupendous. The Summer Reading Program was a great success this year. We had a total of 113 kids register and 70 of them finished to obtain their coupon booklet. That's 62 % and the best finishers percentage we've ever had. Thanks again to the Friends Group who underwrote the cost of booklet printing.

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Story Time was a on new morning this summer. We had a pretty good turnout overall. Many of the children who came were visiting family and vacationing in our area. I wish to thank Pam Comstock, Shelly Szymanski, and Jeanne Felter who came in and did wonderful presentations and stories. Rosie was a continuing special and awesome presence all summer too.



Pirate Marti ‘aaarrged’ to everyone’s delight!

Heather planned a fun ‘Talk like a Pirate day’ and it appealed to adults as well as kids. It certainly appealed to our Marti, who came dressed to the nines minus the black beard! We will be handing out candy to kids who come in on Halloween dressed in costume, and we are planning an art project for toddlers through teens with a holidays theme.

Terri Corner, Assistant Librarian.

Coming Next Spring—Authors Talks of Benzie County

Darcy Library and Benzonia Library are coming together on a new endeavor— a series of author presentations. From June to October, regional authors will be interviewed by guest hosts. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from recognized (and perhaps some new) authors, journalists, and story-tellers—without leaving Benzie County.

The Friends of Darcy Library took the lead with their commitment of \$1,000 to assist with stipends for visiting authors and promotional costs. The Friends of Benzonia Library are also contributing, and other sponsors are being sought. Free will donations will be requested at the door but everyone will be welcome. The programs will be held at Darcy Library unless additional space is needed.

Mark Your Calendar

The first program will be held on Friday, June 14 with mystery writer, Bryan Gruley. Gruley is author of *Starvation Lake: A Mystery*, *The Hanging Tree*, and *The Skeleton Box*. He lives in Chicago and is reporter-at-large for Bloomberg News and worked for over 15 years with The Wall Street Journal.

A pre-Halloween program is scheduled on Friday, October 4, with three authors who contributed short stories to *Ghost Stories: Us Haunting You*. Joining us on Friday, October 4, are Keith Taylor, editor of the book; Anne-Marie Oomen of Interlochen Center for the Arts; and Elizabeth Schmuhl.

Working Together

Bringing a sense of community to the pastime of reading is the goal behind this joint effort. By joining resources and patrons, we want to improve the quality and frequency of programs and bring authors “up close and personal.” We also want to explore different genres and encourage reading of new books.

Your recommendations on potential authors or guest interviewers are welcome. If you recently read a good book by a Michigan author, are

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interested in helping with planning or hosting, or have questions, contact Heather Doran, director, at hdoran@darcylibraryofbeulah.org or Leah Serrine, board member at lserrine@sbcglobal.net

Volunteer News Fall 2012:

Between April 1, 2012 and September 30, 2012, the Library benefited from the services of 12 in-house volunteers. We currently have nine in-house volunteers who work from 2 to 19 hours per week. During this time period, in-house volunteers provided 1656 hours of service in and on behalf of the library. Members of the Library Board and Friends of the Library contributed another 405 hours of meeting and planning for library operations and fundraiser events. Carol and Rosie McAnulty provided another 292 hours in computer maintenance and repair, bringing our total hours of documented service for this period to 2,353 hours.

“Documented” hours of service does not begin to reflect the dozens of uncounted hours generously given by members of the Friends and Board in organizing, preparing for and executing major events such as bake and book sales. Nor does it portray the time given by members of the community in assisting with and supporting library events and activities.

The range of jobs performed by volunteers is many and varied. In addition to assisting with the many jobs relating to the acquisition, maintenance and circulation of materials, volunteers have taken an active role in assisting the librarians with the planning and presentation of library programs and events as well as routine jobs relating to maintenance of the physical plant.

While volunteers perform a range of jobs, our basic goal continues to be to assist our librarians in the provision of a variety of quality library services to the community. Thanks to everyone who supports the library in thought, word and deed!

Janice Schoonmaker, Darcy Volunteer



“Thanks for bringing me to Darcy Dog Days!”

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, the window posting or just call, 882-4037
- Beginning in November, Cult Film night, see the article in the newsletter and go to the website:
- Fall Fest cookie sale netted over \$900, many thanks to bakers, sellers and buyers!
- Christmas Cookie & Book Sale on Dec 7/Fri and Dec 8/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.
- Darcy has WiFi available all day, every day!
- Book sale is every day at the Library. Your new or nearly new books are welcome and needed. Thanks for donating and buying books!

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June-August Book Sale: Bev Toomey and other Friends held 4 successful book sales in June and August. The next will be Dec 7 & 8.

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).

Friends of the Darcy Library Executive Board:

President: Carol Davidson
Vice President: vacant
Secretary: Diana Sosnowski
Corresp/Secty: George/Catherine Granlund
Treasurer: Bill Inman
Asst. Treasurer: Bev Toomey
Friends meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9:30 at the library, all are welcome.

Library email: beulahlibrary@sbcglobal.net
Phone: 231-882-4037
www.darcylibraryofbeulah.org new web site
Library hours: M-W-F 12-5, Tu-Th 12-7, 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

President: Dan Hook
Vice President: Phil Downs
Treasurer: Dan Schoonmaker
Secretary: Leah Serrine
Trustee: Dennis Pace
Trustee: Nicole Olney
The Board meets on the 2nd Tuesday at 7 pm. Changes to meetings will be posted.

Christmas Cookie and Book Sale: This annual event will be on December 7 and 8 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, Dec 7 & 8 at the Trailhead Building. We need help with baking, working and of course, buying! Tell your friends!

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News from the Darcy Library Board:

Board Changes...A Farewell and a Welcome Back! There were four board members whose terms expired this November; Dennis Pace, Nicole Olney, Dan Hook and Kathy Ross. Dennis was reelected for a new four year term, Nicole was selected as Benzonia Township's appointee for a two year term, Dan was selected as the Beulah Village appointee for a four year term and Kathy decided not to run for another term. Phil Downs was elected to fill that vacancy and we look forward to his return. Board members Leah Serrine and Dan Schoonmaker continue to serve in their terms through 2014.

We are going to miss Kathy's presence on the Board. She was originally appointed to fill a vacancy in September of 2007. She was then elected to a four year term in November, 2008. Kathy's voice of reason, compassion and common sense were invaluable to the Board as she served in her responsibilities on the Personnel Committee and as Secretary and Vice President. We are truly thankful for Kathy's service to this community and consider ourselves very lucky to have had her presence on the Board for those five years.

Thank You Benzonia Township! We are into our first year under the new Agreement which funds the two libraries of Benzonia Township. We are grateful to the Benzonia Township Board, the Beulah Village Council and the Township voters for supporting this effort. We have been able to permanently increase hours of operation, enhance programming and expand collections as a result of your support and the generous contributions of so many of our patrons and Friends.

Thank You Staff and Volunteers! The Board is especially appreciative of our staff, Heather, Marti, Terri, Catherine and Al for all they do to make "The Darcy" such a great community resource. As good as they are though, they could not do the job they do without the help of our committed volunteers, led by Dan and Janice

Schoonmaker. Technology is a wonderful thing...when it works...and Carol McAnulty spends countless volunteer hours making the computers, printers, routers and copiers play nicely with each other (and with us!). Thanks to all of you!

Dan Hook, Darcy Library Board President



Al Bryant presented a program about Lizzie Borden in August and look who showed up!

Helen Hornbeck Tanner Praise Day: Helen passes away in June 2011 and on Wednesday August 8, 2012, friends and family of Helen Tanner gathered at the Darcy Library to praise Helen for her many contributions to this Library, to the Indians and generally to the world she was very much a part of. The program was to introduce everyone to the Indian Room and the Tanner Collection which she donated.

The Indian association with the Library began when Anne Damm, Beverly Toomey and John Bailey made the connection with The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians (GTB). They called their project "Authentic Voices" and had several community activities supported by the GTB. When Helen came to live full time in Beulah, she joined the group. At that time there were plans being made for a new building. She helped Bev Toomey and Dan Orr

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write a grant to the GTB that generated a gift of \$50,000 to the building fund for the room that now holds Helen's book and map collection.

One of the very special thing Helen did was to invite the GTB drummers and the chairman to be part of the ground breaking ceremony for the new library. She made little bags of tobacco that is a traditional Indian gift to say thank you for participating in a ceremony. John Bailey did the ceremony of burning herbs and twigs around the proposed foundation to bring success to the project. Having the drummers too made it awesome.

Both John Bailey and former chairman of Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Derek Bailey, spoke of Helen's contribution to Indians. Their presence made this an extra special day in honor of Helen.

Helen wanted to share her collection of books, maps, and papers with all of us. She asked that they be available to the public. It is a large collection and took years for the entire gift to be transferred and ready for today. Al Bryant, who has a library degree, is a volunteer with a love for learning and teaching. Al worked with Helen to physically bring the collection to the Library and he did all the cataloging of it. He has written an annotated bibliography for the collection.

The event was concluded with tea and treats and the chance for family and friends to view the collection in its new home.

Thank you to the Friends of the Darcy Library for arranging and participating in Helen Tanner's Praise Day. Thank you to her family for allowing her collection to come to us as she wished.

Pat Jehle, Past President of the Friends

The Friend's newsletter is also on the library's website: www.darcylibraryofbeulah.org

SAVE THE DATE

Darcy Library's Chocolate-Champagne Party

Friday, February 8, 2013

Sparkling Champagne
Specialty Chocolates-Music

Sponsored by Friends of the
Darcy Library

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, or 00/00, please consider formally becoming a paid member of the Friends of the Darcy. Together we've made the amazing...possible! Please let us know of any errors.

"Rosie" gives away books: Rosie, Darcy's reading dog, does extra duty at Platte River Elementary in Honor. Rosie takes her friend, Carol to visit the kindergarten and first graders for a special reading time. Rosie will again 'gift' each of these young readers with their own book to encourage them to read. Way to go Rosie!

Winterfest Cookie Sale will be on Saturday, February 9, 10-2 at the Trailhead Building. Come cheer on the Darcy's Outhouse entry too!

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

Donations: Bob & Myra Carol, Nancy Foresman, Mike Hutchinson, Ray & Marcia Pinch, Carol Slonaker, Harriett Stone, John & Carolyn Fredal, Bill & Karen Gilmore, James Hogan, Lawrence & Prudence Leveillee, Steve & Barbara McBride, Sally Miner, Bruce & Jane Stowe, Norm & Peggy Campbell, Conrad & Judy Caris, Carol & Steve Davidson, Earl & Anne Dryden, Nancy & William Foust, Thor & Susan Goff, Mike & Diana Heller, Sandy Keith, James & Eileen Kelly, Richard & Honnie McClear, Jane Purkis, John Rowland, Richard Rowland, Richard & Diana Sosnowski, Pat Szymanski, Flora Wellman, Dennis Wittman, Mike Vogel, Benzie Community Chest

In Memory Of: Susan Ambo by Dennis Ambo, Arden Frost by Jan Henieser, John Moss by James Mollema, B. Herman by Andy Herman, Gomer Evans by Pat & Jerry Jehle, Helen Tanner by Dana Borgue, Dan Orr by Bev Toomey and Pat & Jim Laarman, Nancy Vanderlinde by Bev Toomey

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

From the Editor: It continues to be my pleasure to coordinate the Friend's newsletter. It is an exciting time for our library with solid funding, interesting programs, creative ideas, involved staff and a committed group of volunteers, Board members and our many Friends.

Please come join us in any capacity!
Vicki Carpenter, Volunteer Editor

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