

Friends of the Darcy Library of Beulah

Spring – Summer 2013

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President's Report:

Welcome to a beautiful Benzie County summer!

The “**Friends of the Darcy Library of Beulah**” are pleased to support the many activities and events of the library as we move into summer. The Friends will commit some of the funding for the “**Author’s Series**”, a special new library program which began May 10, and is sponsored jointly by the Darcy and the Benzonia Libraries. As in the past, The Friends will also include funding to the Darcy Library for additional books and other library resources.

This past winter, we decided to postpone our traditional Chocolate-Champagne party. Instead we worked especially hard to raise money in February at our Winterfest cookie sale and even added a raffle for a basket of special goodies. We appreciate all the support from the many members and volunteers of the library who baked and worked at the sale. Book sales and cookie sales are scheduled for the summer too, and we welcome all those who would like to help. Being on the front lines to purchase the best cookies and the best books is a great benefit!

In January, officers were elected to the Board of Directors. We are very pleased that Ted Wood was elected to the position of Vice-President. Ted is fairly new to our board of directors, but not new to our community and to the world of *books*.

Ted grew up in Indiana, graduated from Purdue University with a BS in Forestry and worked for almost 30 years in college bookstore management. Ted and his wife Linda moved to Benzonia in 2000 when Linda opened her office working with Edward Jones. Ted eased into retirement while holding a real estate license and working as a substitute teacher. In addition Ted has served as the Clerk in Joyfield Township since March of 2012, and is also on the township planning commission. In the months in which Ted has participated on our board, we have benefited by his great interest in the library and his knowledge and experience of organizations and board responsibilities.

Our Friends Board meets the 2nd Wednesday, of each month at 9:30 am. Our meetings are open and we encourage your participation. Our up-north community is unique in that we attract many individuals from many walks of life bringing skills and experience that enhance our organizations and enrich the lives of those who live here, as well as the lives of our many welcome visitors.

Carol Davidson, President

Director's Report: You know it's spring in Michigan when the daffodils have popped up just in time for it to snow again. It's one of those regional quirks that keeps us on our toes. But aside from a bit of friendly commiseration, we at Darcy are happy to see the sun again -- as well as some sun-kissed faces that have been absent these last few months.

And to kick off our busy season, we've jumped headfirst into one of our most ambitious programs to date. As you've likely heard, we're collaborating with Benzonia Library on a new writers series we're calling Off the Page. It will run annually from May through October, and my hope is that it will become a destination series for our area.



Author Jack Driscoll signs a book for Mary Peters

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Our inaugural guest was Jack Driscoll, and it was a lovely evening all around. Jack read from his award-winning short story collection, *The World of a Few Minutes Ago*, took time to answer questions about his writing process, and even shared a short selection from his current work-in-progress. Jack also was kind enough to sign a few extra copies of his book, so if you're interested in purchasing it, please ask at the circ desk. Next up is mystery writer Bryan Gruley, a decidedly entertaining speaker, so be sure to mark your calendar for June 14th, 7pm, and be sure to check the newsletter insert for the rest of the line-up.

This spring we were also pleased to be able to honor our dedicated library volunteers. At the end of April, to coincide with Volunteer Appreciation Day, we held a tea for those people who are at Darcy week after week, tackling any task that helps the library staff keep Darcy running smoothly. Smaller libraries like ours count volunteers as one of our most valuable resources, and we wanted to let them know how much they're appreciated.



Darcy Volunteers Shirley Weeks and Flo Wellman

For me, as someone newer to the area, it was nice to hear how each person got their start at Darcy. Some people wandered in when the library was being moved into its new building and have never left, others were acquaintances of a librarian, and

some, like Shirley Weeks, have been with here since we were known as Beulah Public Library. Another long-term volunteer, Flo Wellman -- who may chide me for revealing this -- is now just a few years shy of her 100th birthday, but she's in every Tuesday to shelve books, and it wouldn't be the same without her.

Looking forward to summer, please grab an events calendar next time you're in the library or keep an eye on the Darcy website. We have a lot of new and repeat programs on the docket. Mid-June the Summer Reading Program for kids and teens will be starting up and will include Storytime on Tuesdays at 11am and some interesting programs like Worm Farming (July 20th, 1pm).



Register your dog for the Cutest Canine Contest

We're also planning to hold Bark in the Park the last Saturday in June, the 29th at 1 pm, and will start the event with the Dog Parade. Additionally, you're welcome to register your pup for our Cutest Canine Contest. Starting May 27th, please bring a picture of your dog(s) to the circ desk (one you don't need to have back), and fill out a registration form. Through June patrons will be able to "vote" for their favorites by dropping change in the jars, and on the 29th, the pup who brings in the most donations will win a prize!

And, of course, we still do check out books and videos, so do drop by the circ desk for

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recommendations. Can't wait to see you in the library! Heather Doran, Darcy Director

Kid's Corner: Children coming to the Darcy Library ought to have some fun this coming spring and summer seasons. We are hosting two first grade classes from Platte School on May 3rd. They will enjoy learning about the library, seeing magic through a digital microscope, planting their own ferns to take home, and story time by Catherine Granlund. On May 4th, it's free comic book day at the Darcy and kids of all ages will receive a surprise comic. The Summer Reading program is still under construction, but will start off in June and end in August as last year and story times will start up to correlate with those dates as well. Story time will be Tuesday mornings at eleven again this summer. We can't forget the Dog Day celebration, again for kids of all ages and many interesting things are planned for that special day, including a dog parade. Later in the summer we are hoping to present a vermiculite and worm farm program to capture the summer theme of Dig Into Reading. As always, we have Rosie and her capable assistant Carol, to round out the opportunities for readers on Thursday afternoons. Let's get this spring underway! Terri Corner, Assistant Librarian.

Volunteer News – Spring 2013

Between April 1, 2012 and March 31, 2013, in-house volunteers provided 2553 hours of service in and on behalf of the library. Members of the Library Board and Friends of the Library contributed another 619 hours of meeting and planning for library operations and fundraiser events. Carol and Rosie McNulty provided 529 hours in computer maintenance and repair and their "Read with Rosie" children's program, bringing our total hours of documented service for this period to 3,701 hours.

We will never be successful in documenting the dozens of hours generously given by members of the very active and involved Friends and Board in organizing, preparing for and executing major events such as bake and book sales. Nor can the

time given by members of the community in assisting with and supporting library events, programs and activities be portrayed. Theirs are the uncounted hours, generously given and greatly appreciated.

During this period of time, we enjoyed the help of 15 in-house volunteers. Numbers tend to fluctuate with the seasons and library needs. We currently have nine in-house volunteers who work from two to 19 hours a week, performing a variety of jobs.

The range of volunteer jobs 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 providing 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



Al Bryant awards Diane Thompson a Cruz e-reader for winning the winter reading contest. Nearly 250 books were read among 27 participants.

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Library News and Activities:

- Christmas Cookie & Book Sale grossed over \$1700 for the 2 days. We sold out on Saturday. Many, many thanks to the bakers, workers and our buyers!
- Book Group: 3rd Thursday at 10 am
- Read with Rosie on Thursdays, 12-5 pm
- WinterFest Cookie Sale Gross sales were nearly \$600. Cookies are popular in all types of weather. Our many thanks to all who baked, worked and bought. We appreciate the support of the Crystal Lake Community Business Association (CLCBA) as sponsors of Winterfest which makes our sales possible.
- Children's Story Hour is Tuesdays at 11 am. Mark your calendar and bring your kids to have fun!
- 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!
- Fall Fest Cookie Sale, Sat. Oct 5, 10-2 pm
- Go to darcylibraryofbeulah.org for more info



Happiness is using your first Darcy Library card to check out a book!

Friends of the Darcy Library-Executive Board:

President: Carol Davidson
 Vice President: Ted Wood

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.
 Visit the Darcy on [facebook.com/darcy library](https://www.facebook.com/darcy.library) (don't need to join facebook to view, open to everyone)



Everyone will make friends at Bark in the Park,

2 Day Book Sales

Aug. 3 & 4 (Fri - Sat)
Sidewalk Day Book Sale
Beulah Trailhead 10-4pm

Dec. 13 & 14 (Fri – Sat)
Christmas Magic Weekend
Beulah Trailhead 10-2 pm
Dec. sale is books & cookies!

Darcy Library of Beulah - Board of Trustees

President: Dan Hook
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New Time/Date: The Library Board meets on the 2nd Monday at 5:15 pm for the summer.

News from the Darcy Library Board: Looking back at our newsletter message from a year ago, we closed with these words: “John F. Kennedy once said, ‘Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.’ We know that libraries are no longer just warehouses for books. We must always be prepared for change if we want to remain relevant.” There is no question that things continue to change at our library. Internet use is up over 100% from last year. Patron count, those who walk through our doors, is up over 50%. Total circulation is up 35%. Those are all good things, but they could not have happened without increased staff and volunteer effort for computer maintenance, patron service and collection management. Please take the time to thank Heather, Marti, Terri, Catherine and our volunteers for making our library such a popular spot! Dan Hook, President/Library Board

Book Club Update: Meeting time has been changed to 10 am on the 3rd Thursday of each month. This year’s selections are:
May 16: Too Bright to Hear Too Loud to See by Julian Garey
June 20: The End of Your Life Book Club by Will Schwalbe
July 18: Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand by Helen Simonson
Aug 15: The Dressmaker of Khair Khana by Gayle Lemmon
Sept 19: Home by Toni Morrison
Oct 17: The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce
Nov 21: Bend Not Break by Ping Fu
Dec 19: Book Selection Meeting

Please check with Library staff with questions.

“Everything for a Day at the Beach”

We are having a new fund raiser this summer during the Beulah Art Fair on July 6, 2013. We will raffle a “basket” full of great items that you would need for a fun day at the beach--Beulah Beach on Crystal Lake of course! Items such as beach sandals, beach towel, sun lotion, ice cream coupons, The Good American (a great new beach read) and many many more fun things. Tickets will be \$5.00 for one ticket or \$10.00 for three tickets. Please come support the Darcy Library and have fun at the Art Fair.

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. Please check your mailing label to determine your membership renewal date. If there is no date on the label, consider becoming a paid member of the Friends of the Darcy.

Together we’ve made the amazing...possible!



August Book Sale keeps the Trailhead busy!

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

Donations: Priscilla Belden, Thomas & Edith Bletcher, Jr., Susan Breuer, Anne Clark, Trudy Davis, Helen & Roger Dewey, Marian Doan, Phil Downs & Vicki Carpenter Downs, Jim & Janice Drubert, Earl & Anne Dryden, Vic & Peg Dubrowski, Ruth Forrest, Sus Freshour, Diane Goodson, Catherine & George Granlund, Steven & Shelia Hamp, Pat & Jerry Jehle, James & Eileen Kelly, Darrell & Shirley Kinnan, Lawrence & Prudence Leveillee, Terry Mercer, Andy & Marti Mollema, Catherine Morris, Katie Northway, William Northway, Mary Lee Orr, Charles Parkinson, Althea Petritz, Robert C. Reinhardt Trust, Robert P. & Mary Lou Schlegel, Don Setterbro, Anne Strehle & Barb Skurdall, Bruce & Jane Stowe, Michael & Michelle Tobin, Bev Toomey

In Memory Of: Patricia Bard by Doug Bard, Jess Elizabeth & Raymond S. Pinch Sr. by Ray & Marcia Pinch, James B. Adams by Leah Serrine-Adams, Dan Orr by Dan & Bonnie Smith, Harriett Hill by Sarah Webb

Correction to the last newsletter (editor error) In Memory of Arden Fast by Jan Heniser

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

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! Please let us know of any errors.

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