

# Friends of the Darcy Library of Beulah

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**President's Report:** There are so many wonderful reasons to enjoy living or spending time in Northwestern Lower Michigan. The seasons are lovely (yes, even winter!), the landscape is absolutely beautiful and the sunsets are spectacular. Noting all of that, the **Darcy Library of Beulah** is *another reason* to enjoy the quality of life up here.

We are so fortunate to have our library. The collection of books, CDs, and DVDs is extensive. And, if you want to read a book that you can't find at our library, our librarians will find a way to get it for you. Movie nights, book discussion groups, computer classes, and the recent Author's Series are among the many special library programs available to us.

Our librarians and volunteers are the most *welcoming* of any library in my experience. As a result, many of us have found that supporting the library by being a part of the "Friends of the Darcy Library", has been a fun and meaningful experience.

To accommodate many of our members, the 'Friends' Board recently changed our meeting time. We hope this new time will enable many of our library members to attend our monthly meetings. The "Friends" meetings are open meetings and we welcome participation by all those who wish to join us.

**Our new meeting time is: second Wednesday of each month at 5:15 p.m.**

Carol Davidson, President-Friends of the Darcy

**Off the Page:** In 2013 Darcy Library partnered with Benzonia Public Library to introduce the Off the Page writers series to the Benzie County area, and we're entirely pleased to report this first year is a point of pride for us. Not only were we able to secure a solid line-up of Michigan authors, including Jack Driscoll, Bryan Gruley, and Mardi Link, but the average attendance was 39 people per evening, with a couple nights standing room only. Our goal was to bring writers and Benzie County readers together, and after such a successful start, we're looking to expand the 2014 program. We're working on

finalizing next year's line-up and can't make any promises, but we'd like to tie into the Great Michigan Read with Steve Luxenberg, hope to have either Paula McLain or Melanie Benjamin in, and believe Fleda Brown plans to reschedule her appearance. We're always looking for sponsors, volunteers, and author recommendations, so do call the library if you have any ideas or would like to become involved. Many thanks go out to the Friends, Boards and Staff of both libraries; the Cottage Book Shop; the Benzie Area Zonta Club; and the Bennett-Barz Funeral Home.



Elizabeth Schmuhl and Anne-Marie Oomen from October's 'Off the Page' *Ghost Writers* evening.

**Director's Report:** Thanks to you, we've had a great year here at Darcy. As always, you've been keeping us busy by checking out more books and films, attending programs, and helping out with fundraisers. We met a lot of new faces at our new Off the Page writers series (in collaboration with Benzonia Public Library), Michigan Civil War programs (in collaboration with Benzie Area Historical Museum), and Computer Workshops with Carol, and we had fun with summer events like Bark in the Park and the Water War. I'm finding it hard to believe that summer and autumn have flown by this quickly and am definitely not ready to think about stacking wood and shoveling the drive, but November at Darcy means it's nearly time for the Christmas Cookie & Book Sale, the Adult

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Winter Reading Program, and that it's time to plan for 2014 and beyond.

Heather Doran, Library Director



**Even Ninjas and their parents take a break from Trick or Treat to visit the library**

## Events & Reminders

- Holidays Closings: November 28-30, December 23- 25, 31 and January 1.
- No Movie Mondays in December.
- Cookie & Book Sale, Dec 13 &14
- Great Michigan Read title: Annie's Ghosts by Steve Luxenberg.
- 2014 Book Club Selection Meeting: December 19, 10:00 am.
- Adult Winter Reading Program: January 6 through March 29, 1:00 pm, with weekly drawings on Mondays, and the grand prize drawing on March 31.
- WinterFest Cookie Sale will be on Saturday, February 8, 2014, 10-2 at the Trailhead Building. Come cheer on the Darcy's Outhouse entry too!
- Winterfest Outhouse Race: February 8. Kids who'd like to build the outhouse in January and/or race in February should contact the library no later than January 10.
- Marx Brothers presentation by Al Bryant: May 13, 6:30 pm.
- Off the Page: will start up again in either April or May and run through the summer/autumn.
- Read to Rosie is available every Thursday from noon to 5:00 pm. We encourage you to bring in your children or grandchildren for a special one-on-one session with Rosie the Reading Dog so they have the change to practice their reading skills in a judgment-free space and at their own pace.
- Computers with Carol is also available every Thursday from noon to 5:00 pm unless someone is reading with Rosie. Carol will help you troubleshoot issues, show you how to use a program, or tell you about and help you install the free, open source software we run on our public computers (Ubuntu Linux operating systems, Libre Office Suite).
- Keep an eye on the website or drop by the library to learn about upcoming events, including Movie Monday, Book Club Thursday, Computer Workshop, and various other program dates: [www.darcylibraryofbeulah.org](http://www.darcylibraryofbeulah.org). Also friend us on Facebook for links to articles on libraries, local interest, the arts, etc.: [www.facebook.com/DarcyLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/DarcyLibrary).
- Hearing Assisive Technology is available for all of our programs 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 clarity and broadcasted volumes.
- Story time will be back in June to coincide with the Summer Reading Program.
- End of January/February 8 – 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:

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- If you need to update your mailing address or other contact information, please call the library

**Christmas Cookie and Book Sale:** This annual event will be on December 13 and 14 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 13 & 14 at the Trailhead Building.** We need help with baking, working and of course, buying! Tell your friends!

All cookie and book sale proceeds support the Darcy books, materials and special events.

## Requests:

- Saturday Volunteers: We're still in search of a few Saturday volunteers to help with shelving and checkouts at the circ desk (9:00 am-1:00 pm). We'd prefer you commit to at least one Saturday each month while you're in town, and you should have moderate computer skills. Please drop by the library for an application.
- Foreign Film DVDs: The only VHS tapes left in our library are those in the foreign film section, but we're rapidly running out of space and will soon have to take them out of circulation. Our foreign film collection is the best in the area, and we'd hate to lose any titles we don't have to, so please consider adopting a film or two (they tend to price out at \$25-\$40). Direct replacement DVDs will be welcomed, too, but do contact the library first to ensure the title's still available (a list should go up on the website sometime this winter).
- Outdoor Library Returns: We need to purchase a third library drop box to better accommodate returns, but those sold by library vendors are extraordinarily expensive, and we'd like explore more creative options. If anyone is a welder or could recommend a business in the area, please call the library. We need something weatherproof with a hinged, locking door, a slot for returns, and room inside to accommodate a cart or bin.

**Kid's Corner:** Summer reading program and story times progressed and were experienced by a good number of children, parents and grandparents. As usual, volunteers such as Shelly Szymanski, Kris Dykstra, Michelle Leines and the Worm Farm program were core enrichment presentations and we thank all of them. Rosie and her manager, Carol McAnulty, are always there, helping kids and expanding the smaller children's imaginations and they both deserve huge thanks. Summers get off to a great start with the special Dog Day and lots of prizes were given out thanks to our wonderful sponsors. Catherine Grandlund did a lion's share of programming this last summer. We are so grateful to have her experience in the realm of teaching younger children and her bulletin board designs are second to none. A great debt of thanks goes out to her. First graders were at the Darcy in force last May also and they always love the introduction to the library and responsible card ownership. They also like the

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planting activity, thanks to Marti Mollema, Janice Schoonmaker, Diane Thompson, and Lois Machesky. Carol and Rosie are always present, enhancing the programming that day, and our own Al Bryant never fails to inspire and wow the kids when trying to balance a huge dictionary over his head. This year it wasn't so much about the dictionary, as it was letting young kids see that librarianship and scholarship are viable professions to all and the hope is that some of our young ones will gravitate to the library as not only a resource of information, but an interesting career as well. Heather's water fight in the park seemed to be a great hit, pun intended. We're lucky to have a young enthusiastic leader such as Heather, and we thank her for her active leadership in children's programming. The Friends group also underwrote the expense for some of those special activities and we are grateful to have their continuous support. Thank you to everyone. It's always apparent as each busy season progresses and becomes a memory, how important it is to have everyone and the gifts they bring contributing to the kids experiences at the Darcy.

Terri Corner, Assistant Librarian.

## Getting my first library card!

By Harrison Robert Kiteley

Once upon a time it was a really snowy day. I went to the library because my brother was breathing fire and I needed some place safe to go. I was looking at the books when I saw a poster about the getting a library card. Then the abominable snowman jumped out of a book and told me that he was friendly, and he told me that I should get a library card so that I could take him home. He also told me that there might be a book on *How to Train Your Dragon* or little brother. I went up to the desk and I asked if I could get a library card, they said yes. Ever since that day I have been having many great adventures with the books I check out. Some of my favorite books are *Stick Dog* by Tom Watson, *Treasure Hunters* by James Patterson,

*Diary of a Wimpy Kid* books by Jeff Kinney and *Fantastic Mr. Fox* by Roald Dahl. The End!

(author names provided by the staff, the rest is pure Harrison as told to his mother, Kate)



**Harrison Kiteley with his new library card!**

Do you have a special library memory from the Darcy or elsewhere in your life? We'd love to feature your story too. Please give us a call or drop by the library with a Word-compatible doc.

## Library News and Activities:

- Book sales every day at the Library. Your new or nearly new books are welcome and needed. Thanks for donating and buying books!
- Fall Fest Cookie sales grossed over \$1000 and we sold out early. Thanks to the bakers, volunteers and all the cookie/library lovers!
- Darcy Collection Projects-For your benefit and ours, Darcy Staff and Volunteers are working on a number of long-term projects. The Helen Tanner American Indian Annotated Bibliography project has been completed save for final edits and the ongoing addition of American Indian books to that collection. There's a browse-able PDF on the Darcy website, and we'll soon be printing up hard copies for checkout and reference. We're also making an effort to

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better organize series on the shelves and in the catalog. It's going to take a while, but we're labeling each title with their series number and name: in the catalog behind the title and on the book itself on the spine label, top of the book and just inside the cover on the top of the right-hand page. We're also taking this next year or so to conduct a full library inventory. We're going through the collection title by title not only to make certain the item's still on the shelf, but to also make sure all the information in the catalog and on the spine label are accurate. They're time-consuming projects, but in conjunction with standardized cataloging processes, it's going to make your library visit that much more enjoyable.



## **“Everything for a Day at the Beach” Raffle winner was Danielle Wilson.**

During the Beulah Art Fair, the Friends' sold tickets for a basket full of everything you would need for a day at the beach—Crystal Lake Beach of course. We will be offering a holiday themed basket during the December cookie sale. Come see us at the Trailhead Building to buy your Christmas Cookies, books and a chance to win another fun basket.

A heartfelt thank you to our generous community businesses and individuals for their donations: Shop-N-Save, Community Drugs, Five Corners, The Cherry Hut, Frankfort A & W, Dan/Janice Schoonmaker, Diana Sosnowski,

Vicki Carpenter, Carol Davidson, Pat Jehle, and George/Catherine Granlund.

## **Volunteer News:**

Between April 1, 2013 and September 30, 2013, the Library benefited from the services of 16 in-house volunteers. We currently have nine in-house volunteers who work from two to 19 hours per week. During this time period, in-house volunteers provided 1632 hours of service in and on behalf of the library. Members of the Library Board and Friends of the Library contributed another 468 hours of meeting and planning for library operations and fundraiser events. Carol and Rosie McNulty provided another 251 hours in computer maintenance and repair, and their "Read with Rosie" program, bringing our total hours of documented service for this period to 2,351 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 the widely popular Darcy cookie and book sales. Nor does it portray the time generously 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

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Friends meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 5:15 at the library, all are welcome.

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Phone: 231-882-4037

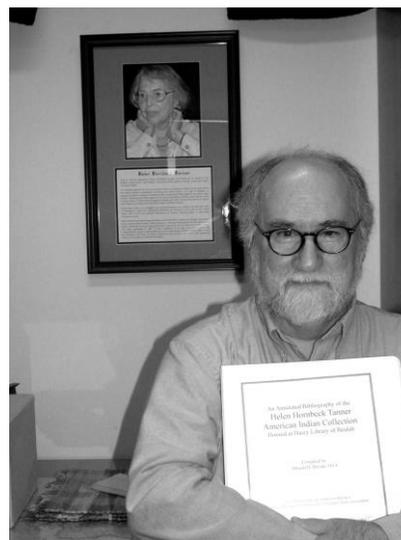
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Library hours: M-W-F 12-5, Tu-Th 12-7, Sat 9-1

The Friend's newsletter is also on the library's website: [www.darcylibraryofbeulah.org](http://www.darcylibraryofbeulah.org)

## Tanner Collection Project Completed:

On September 23, the Darcy celebrated the end of a major undertaking. The Annotated Bibliography for the Helen Tanner American Indian Collection was revealed to a group of 25 at the Library. The project, completed by Al Bryant, consisted of writing annotations for the 600+ items in the collection. This compilation is being published on the internet and will be available to students and scholars across the United States. It is the final step in making Helen's marvelous gift to the Darcy Library available to as many people as possible. The project was funded by a generous grant from the Carnegie-Whitney Foundation through the American Library Association. "We are hoping this in add to the value and use of the collection" said Bryant "and will make better use of the collection and use of the beautiful Indian Room, donated by the Grand Traverse Band." The project took fourteen months (and much of Bryant's sanity).



Many thanks to Al Bryant for his work on the Tanner Collection catalog. Al was also featured in Grand Traverse Scene about his interest and knowledge of cemeteries, "A Grave Matter".

**From the Darcy Board:** Nicole Olney requested that the Board find a replacement member for her due to significant changes in her work schedule. Nicole was appointed to the Darcy Board in July, 2008 and we thank her for years of service to the library. Cathy Hahn has accepted an appointment to fill this vacancy. Cathy is a 7<sup>th</sup> grade social studies teacher in the Benzie Schools and has taught in the District for 25 years. She has also been a Darcy volunteer for many years. Cathy's husband Barry teaches science and math at Benzie Central. Cathy and Barry have two sons, a UM graduate and a UM student, and a daughter who is currently a junior at Benzie Central. We thank Cathy for agreeing to serve on the Board.

The success of the Benzonia Township library millage effort two years ago can be attributed in large part to a spirit of partnership between the two libraries. The Benzonia Darcy Libraries Coordinating Committee was formed out of this effort and continues to meet periodically to seek new partnering opportunities for improving library services in the township.

Dan Hook, President Darcy Library Board

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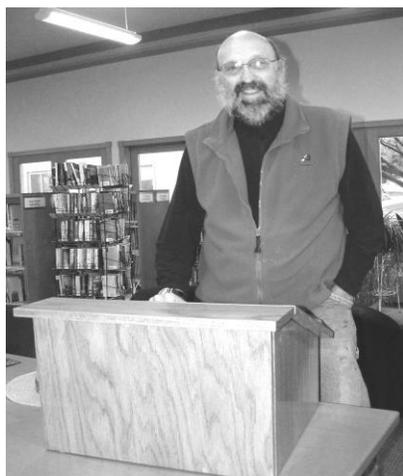
## Darcy Library of Beulah-Board of Trustees

President: Dan Hook  
Vice President: Phil Downs  
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Trustee: Dennis Pace  
Trustee: Cathy Hahn  
The Board meets on the 2nd Monday at 5:15 pm.  
Changes to meetings will be posted.

## 3rd Annual Adult Winter Reading Program: Curl Up With a Good Book

2014's AWRP is starting up January 6 and will run through March 29, 1:00 pm. For every five books you read, fill out a slip at the library and be entered for both weekly and grand prize drawings. You may enter as many slips as you like, but you must be eighteen or older to participate. More information is at the Darcy.

**Special thanks** to George Granlund for his woodworking skills. George made a podium that can be an upright stand or a flat stand and has been used by a variety of speakers at library programs over the past 6 mos. We thank George for his skills and his generosity as he donated the materials and his time.



**Thanks George!**

## 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.

## Community Outreach

During the year we receive a very generous amount of book donations from our patrons and people in our area. A number of these are added to our circulating collections or set aside for our Friends Book Sale (which helps purchase new items for our collections), but we also share these donations, as well as books we've removed from the Darcy collection, with organizations in the area who have limited funds and a great need for gently used books. Darcy has a small honor system lending program set up in the Honor Village office, we donate books to the local elementary, middle school and high school libraries, and we're helping to restock the library at Manistee's Oaks Correctional Facility. We're also exploring the possibility of setting up Little Free Libraries in the area. If you're not familiar, a Little Free Library is an outdoor box placed at and maintained by a business or homeowner that's stocked with books (Darcy would help supply those), and people in the community or traveling through are able to leave or exchange books as they're passing by. We're just starting to explore the idea, so we'd welcome your input.  
**Would you or a business you know be willing to sponsor and/or maintain a Darcy Little Free Library? Have you seen or used a Little Free Library in Traverse or elsewhere?**

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**Wyatt won the Cutest Canine Contest and celebrated with his owner, Bev Toomey.**

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

**Donations:** Carol Bowman, Susan Breuer, Nick & Fran Frost, Shirley Kelly, Jane & David Lean, Lawrence & Prudence Leveillee, Sally Miner, Thomas & Jonnine Rumney, Judy Stovak, Mary-Theresa & Tom Centilvre, Loris Root, Ralph &

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**In Memory Of:** Doris Nunn from: Linda Hanley, Susan Pyne, Lorna Mason and the "Dwight D" Book Club, Dan Orr from Mary Lee Orr, Mother & Father from Ray & Maria Pinch

**In Honor Of:** Mom & Dad by Michael J. Hutchinson, Bev Toomey's Birthday by Ann Katherine Toomey, Harriet Hill by Sarah Webb, Vicki Carpenter-Downs and Phil Downs birthdays by Shirley Tranquil

**We also extend our many thanks for the numerous donations of books, services and materials as well as supporting specific events.**