

# Friends of the Darcy Library of Beulah Spring-Summer 2011

**From the Editor:** Winter is a busy time in Beulah and the Library is a refuge from the cold weather. New activities this winter were fun and financial! An early effort to promote libraries was the entry in the WinterFest Outhouse Race. A large book was made with favorite titles and characters and volunteers pushed it to a victory in the youth division. Thanks to volunteers who put it together. A decision to host another cookie sale was made, also for WinterFest. It was the day after the Chocolate Party and all the remaining chocolate goodies were a part of the sale as well as the cookies. The results were nearly \$500 in sales. My favorite memory was of several teenage girls who walked in, looked at the cookies and immediately began to snap pictures of the trays of cookies with their cell phones. Now that's free advertising! Our volunteers make it possible!

Vicki Carpenter-Downs, Editor



WinterFest Cookie Sale was a success!

**From the President:** Good Friends are Treasures! The Darcy Library has a wealth of good friends as evidenced by the dedicated staff and many committed volunteers, the members of the library, the community support for the recent millage, growing and enriching programs and the fund-raising of "The Friends of the Darcy Library of

Beulah", known as the "Friends". In recent years, I became a member of the "Friends" Board of Directors. It's a pleasure to work with their enthusiastic, committed group, as we continue the task of enhancing the financing of the Library. I wasn't a part of the "Friends" during the years of the fund-raising for our beautiful building, but, every time I enter our lovely library building, I appreciate the efforts of those responsible for such a successful undertaking. So far in 2011, the "Friends" donated \$10,000 toward the collection of books and library materials, gifted the librarians with a bonus, as a token of our great appreciation, contributed to the support of the children's summer reading program, support for the millage campaign and for the second year, we will finance **extra open hours for the summer**. Money for the above was raised by events such as the "Chocolate, Champagne & Treasures" party, three successful cookie sales, a huge used book sale, and contributions by members and friends of the library. Carol Davidson: President, Friends of the Darcy Library

**From the Director:** Darcy Library of Beulah and Benzonia Library have a lot of great friends. Our innovative joint millage that won over voters living throughout Benzonia Township, was a resounding success. Thank you all! Two of the most frequent requests we have had at the Darcy Library have been for additional hours, along with the many requests to be open more days a week. Starting June 1st, the Darcy Library will again add additional hours for the Summer, funded once more by our wonderful, generous Friends. If you haven't stopped by lately, we would love to show off for you. All new computers await you, funded by a generous grant from the Robert C. Rheinhart Library Fund. A wide range of magazines and newspapers along with comfortable chairs invite you to enjoy the cozy Tom and Katie Northway Fireplace Corner. Local artists have donated wonderful artwork to the Darcy Library as well. Our Foreign and American Film collections are growing, and our Foreign Movie Nights are very popular. We have an excellent sound system, soon

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to include hearing enhancement, as well as a high quality screen and seating for 40. This space serves as a space for music, poetry, lectures, along with the Michigan Collection and American Indian books. We are proud of a new and outstanding collection of high quality art books. We have a large selection of large print books, CD books, and DVD & VHS movies, and hope to add downloadable books when the millage kicks in. And lastly, we are most proud of the important and fine collection of books and maps donated to us by Dr. Helen Hornbeck Tanner, nationally known expert and advocate for local and national tribal rights.

Anne Damm, Library Director



Darcy and Benzonia Libraries had an entry, Kids Love Our Libraries, in the WinterFest Outhouse Race. Helen and Zoe came in first in their division. Way to go girls!

## **Strong Libraries Build Strong Communities:**

Thank you to all the 'yes' voters who turned out to support the 0.6 millage across Benzonia Township on May 3. The results were 491 yes votes to 230 no votes. The Darcy and Benzonia Libraries will share the new monies which will be levied on the Winter 2011 taxes. The millage taxes that the Villages of Benzonia and Beulah have been

paying will both decrease to 0.6 mill. Many thanks to all the supporters who worked to develop the campaign, attended planning meetings, donated money, put signs in their yards, made phone calls, addressed informational fliers, help to write/edit the many reviews of all the published materials and made presentations to groups, large and small, across Benzonia Township. It is a tribute to the value people place on libraries to pass a new tax for the majority of the Township residents in these challenging economic times. Special thanks to Helen Dewey, Michelle Leines, Roxanne Miner, Dan Hook, Marjorie Porter, Mary Peters and Phil Downs for being the core of the campaign committee. Amazing things can happen when committed people work together. Thank you all.  
Vicki Carpenter-Millage Chairperson

**Kids Corner:** The story time at Darcy went forward through the winter with stories, snacks and craft projects. Christmas with Rosie, with presenters Kris Dykstra and Carol McAnulty, was a huge success. Summer looms with a brand new reading program, One World, Many Stories. This year registration begins on June 10 and the program lasts through Aug. 13th. Each participant must read for 24 hours over that period of time, in 15 minute or more increments. When the reading log is filled out, return it to the library that gave it to the child, no later than Aug. 13th at closing time of that library. The reward is a coupon book filled with prizes from generous local merchants. There will be a special summer read program at Benzie Shores District Library, supported by their Friends group. DrumUnity is a program of rhythm fun for everyone. That program will be Thursday, July 14 at 3 PM, at Benzie Shores Library. Darcy story time will continue for now on Friday mornings at eleven AM. We may decide to change the day. Kris Dykstra, Carol McAnulty and Terri Corner will be doing a week long library camp fun in August, details will follow later at the Darcy.  
Terri Corner, Librarian

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Chocolate, Champagne & Treasures had great volunteers: Steve Davidson (First Husband), Nicole Olney (Darcy Board Member) and Carol Davidson (President of the Friends)

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Chocolate, Champagne & Treasures Party:** Let it Snow!---We've got chocolate to keep us warm and that's not all. We've got champagne, treasures, friends, music and a reason to celebrate. Coming through the snow on this past Valentine's weekend, over 100 friends and supporters of the Darcy library of Beulah, enjoyed the warmth of a festive '*Chocolate, Champagne and Treasures*' party held at the library. With the planning and coordinated efforts of the "Friends of the Darcy Library", and the many contributions of time and talent from library staff and volunteers, as well as the donations of "treasures" for our auction from artists, local businesses, and other supporters of our library, we were able to raise over **\$6,000** to be used to expand the library's collection of books, DVDs, CDs, and periodicals. Although the weather was cold the community spirit for this event was heartwarming. The champagne, with a special "Darcy" label, was donated and served by Bonnie and Dan Smith. Chocolate treats were prepared and donated by many who use and love the library. The festive decorations and lovely music provided by Mary

Lee Orr and her talented musician friends made the evening even more special. At the end of the evening, the highest auction bidders left with certificates to local restaurants, a certificate for a massage, and even a free hair cut. Some left with hand-crafted quilted wall-hangings, or original paintings, or handsome merchandise donated by local merchants. There was even competitive bidding on fresh fish from Crystal Lake. In all there were over 100 treasures. Thank you to all who supported this event in any manner. If you missed it, stay tuned for future events!  
Carol Davidson, chair

**Volunteer News:** Between April 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011, in-house volunteers provided 3,115 hours of service to the library. Members of the Library Board and Friends added another 293 hours of meeting, planning and preparation for events. Carol and Rosie McAnulty contributed another 512 hours, bringing our total hours of documented service for the year to 3,920. This time represents nearly two full-time paid staff persons.

Last summer, volunteers Al Bryant and Bev Toomey submitted and won a substantial and terrific grant to update the library computer system. In addition to her "Read with Rosie" children's program, Carol McAnulty took charge of administering the grant, spending hours researching products, ordering and then installing the new equipment. We are all grateful for her huge investment of time and effort in this project. Also last summer, a committee was formed to study the feasibility of seeking a shared millage for the Benzonia and Darcy libraries. Beginning with a summer-long survey of library services, the committee, comprised primarily of volunteers, worked tirelessly to carry the message to the residents of Benzonia Township. The millage passed on May 3. Again, we are all grateful to this amazing group whose goal was to ensure continuation of and enhancement of services at both libraries.

And once again, we have not been successful in documenting the actual hours contributed by those

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who sponsor, plan and participate in the various fundraisers and special activities on behalf of the library. The very active and involved Friends of the Darcy Library are responsible for many of these events. Members of the community-at-large seem always to be available and willing to help with book sales, bake sales and other events. Theirs are the uncounted hours, generously given and greatly appreciated. The basic goal of Darcy volunteers continues to be to assist our librarians in the provision of quality library services to the community. We currently have eight regular volunteers who work in the library from two to 19 hours per week, and have had a total of 15 volunteers during this year. Numbers tend to fluctuate with the seasons. And last, but certainly not least, thank you for volunteering for the library! Janice Schoonmaker, Volunteer

**Help Wanted:** a person or persons who might be interested in planning and coordinating the variety of programs during the year. If you have some spare time or have an area of special interest, please call, or stop in and see Janice

### **Library News and Activities:**

- Aug. 6, Book Sale at Beulah Trailhead Building (taking book donations now)
- Aug. 26, Dr. Stacy Daniels will present "Archibald Jones and the Tragedy of Crystal Lake" at the Library at 7 pm, Friday evening. "Archibald Jones Day" in the Village Park on Saturday, Aug 27. Activities for all ages start at 11 and "Archie" will share his story at 1 pm.
- MacIntosh Users Group will resume in the fall
- Christmas Cookie/Book sales brought in over \$1500 and WinterFest sale brought in nearly \$500. Many thanks to bakers and sellers.
- Book Group: 3rd Thursday at 11 am
- Fly-tying class will resume in the fall
- Read with Rosie on Thursdays-call for a time.
- Children's Story Hour, Fridays at 11
- Special thanks to Bill/Rita Inman for their on-going financial/audit/tax support.

If you have ideas for an event, please stop by or call. We'll try to set it up.

### **Friends of the Darcy Library Executive Board:**

President: Carol Davidson  
Vice President: Dan Orr  
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Asst. Treasurer: Bev Toomey  
Friends meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 9:30 at the library, all are welcome.

We welcome our new President, Carol Davidson. She may be a familiar name to many as she was the Director of the Benzie County Chamber of Commerce and Benzie Area Visitors Bureau. Carol and her husband, Steve Davidson also were Honorary Chairpersons of the recent millage campaign. The Friends are pleased to welcome President Carol and First Husband Steve!

**Membership:** We are still trying to keep our membership information current. You should find a date after your name on the mailing label if you have paid your membership dues. The date will indicate when your yearly membership expires. If there is no date after your name, please fill out the enclosed membership form and becoming an official "Friend of the Darcy Library of Beulah." If we've made an error, contact the library. Thanks for your support.

**Mailing Challenges:** We try to keep up on names and addresses and appreciate your efforts to help us. We use a bulk mailing process which is more economical. The drawback is that mail isn't forwarded and it is returned at a charge. One of our strategies is to keep track of summer and winter addresses. Please know that there are copies of the newsletters at the Village Office, Library and the Chamber of Commerce as well as on the website: [darcylibraryofbeulah.org](http://darcylibraryofbeulah.org) As always, we appreciate your support.

**Help Wanted:** Volunteers are needed to help with additional summer hours. Training is

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provided and librarians are always on site as well. Call the library, 882-4037 or stop by.

**Darcy Library Book Group:** The group meets at 11 am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. All are invited and bring a sack lunch. Contact the Library, 882-4037 to get a copy of the book.

June 16<sup>th</sup> Cleopatra a Life by Stacy Schiff, July 21<sup>st</sup> Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother by Amy Chua, August 18<sup>th</sup> Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil by John Berendt, September 15<sup>th</sup> Postmistress by Sarah Blake, October 20<sup>th</sup> Sarah's Key by Tatiana de Rosney, November 17<sup>th</sup> Left Neglected by Lisa Genova, December 15<sup>th</sup> Food, Read a Poem and Pick books for 2012

**August Book Sale:** Now that spring is "here" (we think) summer cannot be far behind--and that brings us to our August 6<sup>th</sup> great book sale during Beulah's Sidewalk Sales. This event has always made a worthwhile contribution to library finances and we can keep up the good work this year. We will continue to use the Beulah Trailhead building as our sale site. As always, we will need lots of books and lots of volunteers to help with transporting and arranging books/tables, working as cashiers on two-hour shifts (9-11, 11-1, 1-3) and end of the sale tasks. There will be sign up sheets for specific jobs in the Library in July and August. We will accept books for the sale anytime. Call Dan Orr, chairperson 352-7159

**From the Library Board:** The Darcy Board wants to thank all who voted yes to support the May 3 Library Millage. Everyone's efforts made a difference with the wide majority yes vote to provide more stable and broad based funding. We also want to welcome former Board member, Leah Serrine, back as an appointed Board member and Dan Schoonmaker as a new appointed member. The Board is working to address the budget planning as we look at the increases the millage will provide and working with the Benzonia Library Board to maximize resources when planning on service hours in the future. Again, we appreciate the support the libraries received. Thank you. Dan Hook, Treasurer



Thanks to our Past Presidents: Pat Jehle of the Friends and Phil Downs of the Library Board.

### **New Summer Hours for the Darcy Library:**

Thanks to the financial support of the Friends of the Darcy Library, 6 hours of additional time will be added to the library's hours of operation. Beginning on June 1, through August 31, the Darcy will be open Monday through Friday at 12 noon. Saturday hours remain at 9-1 pm.

Monday-Wednesday-Friday	12 to 5 pm
Tuesday-Thursday	12 to 7 pm
Saturday	9 to 1 pm

Library email: [beulahlibrary@sbcglobal.net](mailto:beulahlibrary@sbcglobal.net)

Phone: 231-882-4037

<http://www.beulahpubliclibrary.blogspot.com/>

website: [darcylibraryofbeulah.org](http://darcylibraryofbeulah.org)

**Film Night:** One of the exciting treats provided by Darcy Library these past two winters were the FREE Monday night movies. Judy Heit, our local film critic, selected and presented outstanding independent and foreign films. Because of the late summer light and busy summer schedules, film night will resume in the fall. There are many films, foreign, independent, popular and children's available to check out at the library now.

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### **Donor's List: November 2010 to May 2011:**

Donations: Wm. & Paula Anderson, James & Barb Baltazar, Priscilla Belden, Cynthia Berg, Conrad & Judy Caris, Brenda & Leonard Case, James & Diane Catton, Greg & Anne Clark, Martha & Loren Clark, Carol & Steve Davidson, Norma Eason, Ruth Forrest, John & Carolyn Fredal, Diane Goodson, Doug & Trudy Green, Richard & Mary Heglin, Mike & Diana Heller, Jean Hillman, Dan & Trudi Hook, Mike Hutchinson, James & Eileen Kelly, Karen & Mel Keranen, Darrell & Shirley Kinnan, Susan Koenig, Pat & Jim Laarman, Jane & David Lean, Carolyn & Jury Lewizky, Joan Lichty, Dorla Link, Steve & Barbara McBride, Sally Miner, Marjorie Nolan, Charles Parkinson, Judith Hollander Pekarsky, Althera Petritz, Jane Purkis, Ruth Radomski, Roger & Jane Schultz, Bruce & Jane Stowe, Barbara Ann Street, Allen & Maureen Terbeek, Bev Toomey, Gwen VanDorp, John & Lynn Vinkemulder and Frank & Beverly Winders

### **In Memory of:**

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James Adams: Shirley Serrine  
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### **In Honor of:**

Pat Bard: Gretchen & Terry Bard  
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### **Darcy Library of Beulah Board of Trustees**

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Trustee:	Leah Serrine
Trustee:	Dan Schoonmaker

The Board meets on the **1st (this is a change)** Tuesday at 7:30 pm in June/July/August and will return to 7 pm in Sept.