



# of the Rochester Hills Public Library

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**Library Cookie Bake Sale**  
December 14th, 2019 from 10:00 am-5:00 pm

## A Note from the President

### Why I LOVE the Library

**L**ots of fantastic librarians and other support people including many wonderful volunteers. Whether you are dealing with the librarians at the reference desks for youth, adults or outreach; the staff at the circulation and information desks; or the volunteers that support the Friends of the Library events; the results are the same. Friendly, knowledgeable people who are always willing to help.

**O**pportunities for getting involved. You can volunteer for the Friends in a variety of areas, whatever suits your talents and interest. Take a look at the volunteer opportunities that are elsewhere in this newsletter. If you want to work a little or a lot, the Friends have a place you can fit in. In addition to meeting a need that ultimately supports the library; you will get the chance to use your skills for a worthwhile cause and also meet new people and become friends with other Friends.

If the Friends volunteer opportunities don't float your boat, the library also utilizes volunteers in a variety of ways. Stop at the Information Desk or the Outreach Room for more information on how you can help.

**V**olumes and volumes of books and other resource materials. As I've gotten more and more involved with the library over these past eleven years, I've come to know a lot about what the library has to offer its patrons. And I've taken advantage of many of the resources the library provides. I've checked out books, cds, and dvds from the library and have also used the MelCat system to get items from other libraries. I've checked out audio books for use in the car, and have recently started using hoopla, OverDrive, Libby, and cloudLibrary to download items to my kindle, tablet and phone. And there are many other resources to take advantage of whether you're into history, have vision problems, need help with foreign languages, etc., etc. And if you can't get to the library there are two bookmobiles, one for adults and one for youth, that make stops all around the area where you can check out and drop off the resources you need.

**E**ntertainment in many forms. I've attended many of the adult presentations and concerts that the Friends sponsor at the library and I've even sat in on a couple of youth presentations just to see how they work. And, as a Friends volunteer, I've worked and played at many of the fundraisers that have been put on over the years. It's all enriching and rewarding. The library also has programs for all ages to get involved in – Comic Fest, Authors in April, Polar Express, Summer Reading Program, Bike the Past, Paws for Reading and many other programs for youth, teens, adults, and seniors.



So, if you are also a library user, keep it up. If you haven't been using the library, stop by and give it a try. I think you'll find that you will LOVE the library too.

*I'll see you around the stacks.*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ron Meegan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ron Meegan  
Friends President



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# 2019 Holiday Home Tour Coming December 15th

Holiday season revelers: Time to clear your calendar for one of the area's most popular events — the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library 2019 Holiday Home Tour.

This year, the showcase of five area homes, done up in high style for the holidays for all to see, will be Sunday, December 15 from 12:00-5:00 pm

One more thing to take special note of: The tour's popular Gift Boutique will be hosted at a very familiar sixth stop, the Library's multi-purpose room at 500 Olde Towne in downtown Rochester. Items for sale include toffee, warm scarves, honey products, plenty of holiday decorations and many more unique items for filling out holiday gift lists. Boutique hours are slightly different, 1:00-6:00 pm

And wait --- there's still more: Cider and donut refreshments will be available at the boutique for each person with a HHT ticket.

On the home tour, people will see a wide-array of décor styles and several one-of-a-kind displays put together by the five site hosts who open their homes to let others peek at what usually only close friends and family see.

Many local businesses and individuals have donated money to the Holiday Home Tour to help underwrite the cost of the event. The tour presents some truly singular design options and ideas and shouldn't be missed by anyone who enjoys this time of the year.

Docents will be at each location to guide visitors through and answer questions. HHT helpers will direct visitors to parking. Tickets are \$25 per person.

Tickets, which include a map of the tour homes and the boutique, can be purchased at:

- The Friends Store inside the Rochester Hills Public Library lobby, 500 Old Towne, Rochester. On the event day, tickets will be available at the Boutique in the multi-purpose room only.
- Lytle Drugs, 340 S. Main, Rochester.
- Dillman & Upton, 607 Woodward, Rochester.
- Wild Birds Unlimited, Adams at Walton.
- Werner's Hallmark, Adams at Silverbell

1 The oldest house on Snell Road



2 Updated 2-story colonial on picturesque setting & elegant decor

3 Sprawling ranch with Scandinavian holiday decor



4 A Shelby Township Christmas extravaganza with decorating beginning in October



5 A Shelby Township walk in the snowflakes with many home-made decor items

## Friends Store Fashion

There's a chill in the air, but never fear. From bold plaids and colorful checks to soft hues of mauve, the Friends Library Store has your fall capes, hats, scarves, gloves and more. Whether you dress them up or dress them down, you'll look stylish and warm in our fashion accessories. Why not stop in while the selection is best, and choose something special to wear to the Friends Holiday Home Tour?



Attired in their favorite finds from the Friends Library Store, Ashley, Sue, Laura and Laurretta (seated) recently visited the Alice in Wonderland area in Youth Services..



### Help! We Need Volunteers!

The Friends Store is run entirely by volunteers. If you are looking for a way to contribute to your community, why not join us? We have fun, we meet new people, and we are giving back.

*Applications are available at the Friends Store.*

### Store Hours

Monday, 10:00 am – 8:00 pm  
Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Sunday, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

### Like Us on Facebook

Want reminders of various events and sales through the library? Check us out on Facebook for posts and then please share them with your friends.

Friends of RHPL



# *Friends for Life*

This will be the last column that I will be writing for your newsletter. I will be retiring from the library world at the end of this year.

I have been a public librarian for over 48 years, with most of my years spent here at RHPL helping to build it to be a great library serving a great community. We have accomplished so much, all of which we can be proud. I have worked with four different Friends groups (RHPL, Troy, Shelby Township, and the Clinton-Macomb Public Library) as well as serving on the board of a national Friends organization. I never cease to be amazed at the dedication that Friends put into the work they do for their libraries.

However, the RHPL Friends are the best. You've raised well over \$2 million dollars for the library! The library board, staff, community, and I thank you. Your commitment to fundraising is amazing and as important is the commitment and emotional support you give this library.

Thank you for all the support and friendship you have given me during my tenure at RHPL. It has been an honor to work alongside you. I will always be grateful for the amazing gifts and support you have given the library and me.

I look forward to new horizons. In my retirement, I plan to spend more time traveling for leisure, enjoying my family and grandchildren, and relaxing while doing volunteer work with my church and Neighborhood House.

I look forward to seeing what new achievements and services the future has in store for this amazing library, its staff, the Friends, and our community. We will be friends/Friends for life!!



*Christine Lind Hage*  
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## Donations for the Friends Used Book Sale

### We welcome donations that are ...

- Clean
- Fresh-smelling
- In good condition

### We DO accept ...

- Hardcover books
- Paperback books
- Textbooks
- CDs
- VHS tapes, DVDs
- Books on CD
- Computer software (last 5-6 yrs)
- Complete encyclopedia sets (last 20 yrs, very good condition)

### We CANNOT accept ...

- Magazines (including National Geographic)
- Condensed books

**Small donations:** Materials in bags or small boxes may be left at the Information Desk.

**Large donations:** Arrange to deliver multiple boxes at the dock east of the Drive-Through Circulation windows by calling 248-650-7178. Volunteers are normally available to assist you Mon-Fri 10:00 am-12:00 pm.

We are very sorry if the library staff is unable to assist with volunteer operations while performing their regular library work.

## Donations to the Friends and Friends Store

The Friends of RHPL are thankful for the donors who help support our organization and through us the Rochester Hills Public Library. Below is the list of donors since our last newsletter.

Jane Bingham  
Joel & Kathy Burgio  
William Clark  
John & Evelyn Damm  
Lauretta Foldessy  
Kay Galetto  
Jane Graham  
Kay Hannemann  
William & Jean Kroger  
Janice Markhoff  
Molly Morrison  
Joyce Ogilvie  
Peggy Philippi  
Barb Ritthaler  
Nancy Stocking  
Darlene Tomczyk  
Carol Tough

**You may send a donation to the Friends of RHPL at 500 Olde Towne Rd, Rochester, MI 48307 at any time .... We will be pleased to publish your name in future newsletters.**



- Darby Barber, GM Exterior Vehicle Designer, on Automotive Design
- Victoria Connolly, owner of Victoria's Wine & Dine (Oxford) and Victoria's Reserve (Rochester), on food and wine pairings.
- Frank Cardimen, Oakland University professor, on Breaking the Enigma Code.

## It's time for a sneak preview!

Mark your calendar for the 2020 edition of one of the Rochester area's must-attend events, the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library's seventh annual "Wine, Wit & Wisdom" fundraiser. The big date? Saturday evening, April 25, 2020.

Sign-up details and the final speaker list have some additions pending. But you can expect to hear from these confirmed lecturers:

- Steve Shotwell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant, on the historic Ford workplace.
- Lorrie Gunn, Rochester Symphony Orchestra Concertmaster, on the real reasons to attend a symphony concert...they are not what you think.

While the rest of the lineup is still being put together, you can expect a diverse selection of speakers that will appeal to almost everyone's interests and make for an informative and entertaining experience.

Taking place at the Main Library at 500 Olde Towne Road in downtown Rochester, the evening provides a lively mix of sustenance and knowledge. The Friends group — the library's primary volunteer non-profit support group — inaugurated the series in 2014 and it has grown in popularity each year.

The evening's agenda? Attendees get to partake of a strolling dinner, beverages (beer, wine and soft drinks) and a choice of two presentations from the speaker roster. In addition, there is a silent auction featuring unique items.

Please plan to join us on April 25, 2020.



## Library Cookie Bake Sale

The Library Friends and Volunteers will be hosting a "Library Cookie Bake" Fundraiser on Saturday December 14th, 2019 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm in the Library Multi-Purpose Room. We are hoping to raise around \$3000.

To make the event a successful fundraiser, we are asking for:

- Bakers to bake colorful, festive cookies or bars for the event.
- Volunteers to help out the day before or the day of the event.
- Committee members to help organize the event.

If you are interested in helping in any one, or more of these roles, email us at [cookiewalk@rhpl.org](mailto:cookiewalk@rhpl.org), call 248-218-4211 and leave a message, or speak to Anna Knill from the library's Circulation Staff, and let us know how you would like to help.

*Thanks so much!*

Library Cookie Bake Sale Committee

## Would You Like to Volunteer for the Friends?

The Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library is an all-volunteer organization. Its heart beat is the hundreds of volunteers and thousands of hours each year to plan, organize, conduct, and communicate a wide variety of activities and fund raising events to support the library.

If you are interested in helping, take a look at the list of "Friends Volunteer Opportunities." In every case, training is provided. Your service can be a few hours per year or several hours weekly. Volunteers develop new friends, learn more about the library and have a great sense of accomplishment.

### Friends Volunteer Opportunities

**Friends Library Store:** Stop in to get an application. Job includes sales, assisting customers, housekeeping, opening and closing tasks.

**Book Cart:** Spend a 2-hour shift with a cart of books located by the information desk. Straighten shelves, collect cash, and answer questions. Work as often as you like, within a schedule.

**Used Book Sorting and Shelving:** Sort donations from patrons as well as Library discards and prepare them for the book sales. Organize the donations that have been sorted onto shelves in the 2nd floor used book room. Both tasks involve working a few hours a week in the sorting area and/or used book room.

**Online Book Sales:** Research books and other media to determine if the value is high enough to be sold online, list items on websites, prepare items for shipping to customers.

**Used Book Sales:** Volunteer for a shift on one of the sale days as a cashier, bagger, or book arranger. You could even be the chairperson for a shift. Our big sales happen four times a year plus other smaller sales.

**Wine Wit & Wisdom:** An annual spring event that includes speakers, a strolling dinner with wine and beer and dessert, and a silent auction. Help with setup and teardown the night of the event, solicit businesses for silent auction items, etc.

**Holiday Home Tour:** An annual event in November or December that features homes for viewing that have been decorated for the holidays. Help with obtaining homes for the tour, arrange for sponsors, publicity, ticket sales, docent captain at a house, or be a docent yourself.

**Mailing:** Label and sort mail to go out to all members. (two to three times a year)

**Friends Board Member:** Serve on the Board for a specified period of time, as elected at the annual meeting, and serve on a Board committee. Attend 10 meetings a year.

**If you are interested in volunteering, stop by the Library Information Desk for an application.**

## 2019 Board of Directors

### Officers

President	Ron Meegan
Vice President	Bill Kroger
Secretary	Sandy Tabacchi
Treasurer	John Coombs
Asst. Treasurer	Jac Caldwell

### Board Members

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Used Book Sale	Ann Gruenewald
Friends Store	Darlene Tomczyk
Membership	Connie Livingston
Publicity	John Smyntek

### Phone Numbers:

Friends Membership	248-650-7160
Friends Events	248-650-7176
Friends Store	248-650-7179
Used Book Sale	248-650-7178
Online Sales	248-650-9790
Main Library	248-656-2900

### Website

<https://rhpl.org/i-am/visit-friends-of-rhpl>.

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## Giving Tuesday December 3, 2019



This year, on Tuesday, December 3, 2019, the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library are once again participating in #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving that harnesses the collective power of individuals, communities and organizations to encourage giving and to celebrate generosity worldwide. Every year, on #GivingTuesday, millions of people across the globe mobilize to show up, give back, and change their communities. The goal is to create a massive wave of generosity that lasts well beyond that day, and touches every person on the planet.

There is no better way to give back to the community than to give to the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library, which is a nonprofit organization that is

entirely volunteer-run. Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, December 3rd, and then go to the library's website at <https://rhpl.org/i-am/visit-friends-of-rhpl> and click on the "Donate to the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library" tab and use the PayPal link to allocate a donation to the Friends. You may work at a company that doubles donations through matching gift requests – please check with your employer to see if a matching gift may be made. This is a one-day event and should only take a few minutes out of your day, even during this busy time of year.

Also, please check out the Friends tab at <https://rhpl.org/i-am/visit-friends-of-rhpl> to see if there are any volunteer opportunities you may enjoy; spending time helping out at one of the book sales, waiting on customers in the Friends store, sorting donated books, or assisting with one of the special events we hold each year.

We at the Friends appreciate every donation from our community whether it is used books, volunteer time, or financial donations.

***Your generosity is very much appreciated!***

### Order from AmazonSmile and donate to Friends of RHPL at the same time



Do you order from Amazon.com? If so, you can contribute to the Friends of RHPL at the same time at no additional cost to you.

The Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library have signed up to be a part of the AmazonSmile program. Before you start your shopping just log into Amazon via [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), sign in with your current Amazon account information and select a charity to support – who else but the "Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library Inc." Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase total to the Friends every time you shop. It's that simple.

Since we started with AmazonSmile, 50 people have signed up to support the Friends with their Amazon purchases. Those purchases have brought in \$270 to help support library programs.

***Thank you.***

## New Friends Members for Fall 2019

We welcome the following new members to the Friends of RHPL. Thanks for joining us.

Rod Birlson  
Hollie Bracken  
Catherine Ditri  
Cynthia & David Farina  
David Hinch  
Erica Johnson

Connie Jose  
Mary McDonald  
Karen, Christopher, & David Nowland  
Sharon Patocki  
Marcia Preston  
Archana Ramaseehan

Stephanie Shehadeh & Gamal Zaki  
Albert Sloan  
Toni Smith & family  
Robert & Marguerite Trebnik  
Jill West  
Burgess & Maureen Young

## Announcing the 2019 Friends Volunteer of the Year – Sue Falvo

How could you NOT consider Sue Falvo for the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library's 2019 Volunteer of the Year? Just look at her record of service to the Friends Library Store since 2001.



A retired high school teacher, Sue makes a 22-mile roundtrip journey to the Library three to four times a week to perform a myriad of chores at the Friends Store. A quick list of some of her duties includes:

- Maintain and publish the store volunteer roster and work schedule
- Fill in on the sales floor for absent volunteers

- Train store volunteers on use of the cash register and other duties using a work sheet she created
- Travel to gem shows and wholesale market events to help make purchases that stock the store shelves
- Unpack and coordinate shipments and invoices
- Complete the store annual physical inventory
- Plan and coordinate store training meetings
- “Volunteer” her husband to help when necessary

And there's a whole lot more that space won't allow. Says store manager Darlene Tomczyk: “She is a truly involved volunteer ... always ready to step in to lend a hand.”

***We salute Sue Falvo as the 2019 Friends Volunteer of the Year!***

## Quality Sale

If you are looking for a special gift for someone on your Christmas list, we have the place for you. The Friends Used Book Sale will hold their Quality Sale on December 12th thru the 14th in the hallway of the Rochester Library. Throughout the year we receive donations of exceptional items that are like new, some still in their original shrinkwrap. These make wonderful last minute gifts at very reasonable prices.

The hours are:

Thursday, December 12

3:30 to 8:30 pm

Friday, December 13

9:30 am to 5:30 pm

Saturday, December 14

9:30 am to 4:30 pm

Besides some great books, we have DVDs, CDs, Puzzles, Games and more.

## Newsletter by Email??!!

Would you consider getting your future Friends of RHPL Newsletters by email rather than getting a hard copy in the mail? The benefits of an email newsletter include:



- Email version will be in color
- You can easily save back issues for future reference
- The Friends of RHPL will save money on printing and postage

If you would like to have future newsletters sent by email please send a message to [friends@rhpl.org](mailto:friends@rhpl.org). Please include your name and address since some email addresses are cryptic, and we want to update our mailing list correctly.

To date, 72 Friends have agreed to have their newsletters sent by email.

***Thank You!***

## 2020 Book Sale Dates

Winter	January 29 – February 2
Spring	April 29 – May 3
Summer	July 22 - 25 and Bag Day Monday July 27, 10 am - 1pm
Fall	October 21 - 25

### Times are the same for all sales

Wed	5:30 - 8 pm (Friends Members Only)
Thurs	10 am - 8 pm
Friday	10 am - 5 pm
Sat	10 am - 5 pm
Sun	1:30 - 4:30 pm (Bag Day except as noted above)

***Quality Book Sale:  
Dates to be Determined***

## 2019 Friends Annual Meeting Held in October

The Friends of RHPL held their 2019 Annual Meeting at the Library on Thursday the 24th of October. Minutes from the 2018 meeting were read by Secretary Sandy Tabacchi, and a financial report was given by Treasurer John Coombs. Friends President Ron Meegan, presented a check for \$185,000 to the Library. President Meegan gave a report on the past year's accomplishments, got approval for three re-elected board members along with one new member, and also approval for the slate of officers for the next year. The 2019 Volunteer of the Year was introduced – (see article elsewhere in the newsletter). The meeting was adjourned with an introduction of the speaker for the evening – Frank Cardimen talking about “America's Invasion At the "Underbelly" of Europe.”



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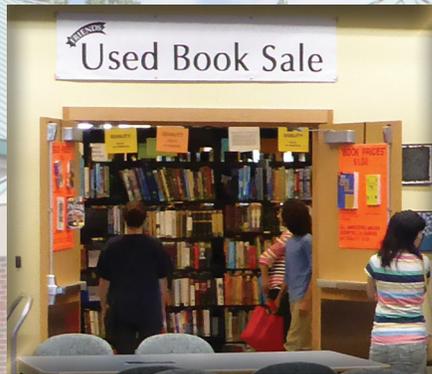
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## Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library...What We Do!

- Library Store
- Book Cart
- Used Book Sorting & Shelving
- Online Book Sales
- Used Book Sales
- Wine Wit & Wisdom
- Holiday Home Tour
- Other Events



## Friends Store

Our lovely store at the RHPL is stocked with some of the nicest gifts you can buy anywhere at very reasonable prices with great sales year round. The stock is changed often so there is always something new to find as a gift or as a new treasure for yourself.

