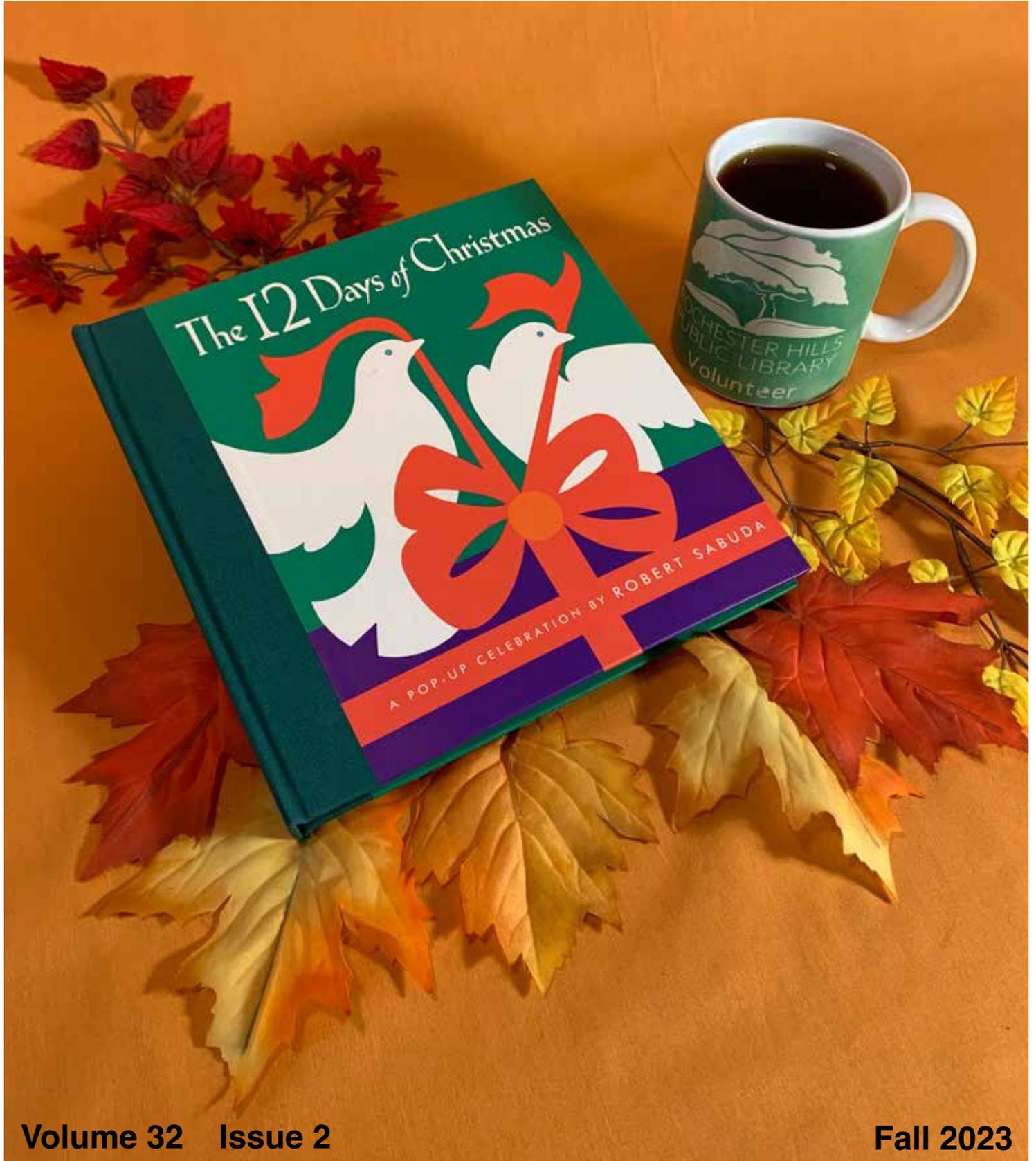




of the Rochester Hills Public Library

Dedicated to Promoting a Closer Relationship Between the Library & Its Constituents



A Note from the President

There's More to the Story!

The theme for National Library Week 2023 was "There's More to the Story," illustrating the fact that in addition to the books in library collections, available in a variety of formats, libraries offer so much more. At RHPL there is story time for children, the Authors in April program, speakers and classes for all ages, help in learning about audio books and using your electronic devices, and the Oakland Talking Book Service which ensures that people can get the material they need even if they have difficulty with vision. The library also provides two 'Bookmobiles' to "take the library to the patron" when the patron can't make it to the library. In addition the library has satellite sites around the community that are stocked with books and other media for use at many of our senior living facilities and the OPC Social & Activity Center. These satellite sites give many senior volunteers an opportunity to serve the community by staffing the sites for a few hours a week. The community is served, and the volunteer has a rewarding time knowing they have helped by their service.



Speaking of volunteers, that's what the Friends of the Library are all about. Our prime mission is to raise funds for the library, but "There's More to the Story." The Friends host a variety of fundraisers during the year, and they are all organized and staffed by

volunteers. When you become a Friends volunteer you have a variety of tasks that you can get involved in. Whether it's our quarterly book sales, the Friends library store, the book nook in the west hallway, our various events like Wine Wit & Wisdom, the Holiday Home Tour, our membership team and all the rest of our Friends activities; our volunteers make the difference. We have something for everyone. But there's more to volunteering than just completing a task and feeling satisfied for a job well done. You get to interact with many people from all walks of life. You make new friends, some that will last for the rest of your life. You get to try new things that you may not have experienced before. You get to be an ambassador for the library as you talk about your volunteer duties with your family and friends. And you get to participate in our prime mission – raising funds for the Rochester Hills Public Library.

All you volunteers out there, you've been very successful. Over the past ten years, the Friends have been able to give more than \$1,500,000 to the library. You can see some of the ways the library has been able use these funds when you read the library director's report elsewhere in this newsletter.

Way to go volunteers!



Ron Meegan
Friends President

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Message from the Library Director

As we close out the current year and look ahead to 2024, I've had a unique opportunity to reflect on the past and ahead to the future in a deep and meaningful way. 2024 marks the library's centennial year and we have a variety of community events, programs, and unique celebrations planned. One of our most special commemorations comes in the form of a book on the history of the library that will be available for purchase in the library store. This is a fascinating look into the trajectory and evolution of lifelong learning within the community. In reading and revising the text, what stands out to me is the importance of collaboration and partnership. There is no single individual in this story that lays claim to the success of RHPL, but always groups of individuals that came together to bring about meaningful change. I am grateful to the group of young adults that spearheaded a literary and debate society at the turn of the 19th century. I am indebted to the Rochester Woman's Club for advocating for the need for a formally established library, and one supported by a tax-paying community. I am in awe of the Friends of Rochester Hills Public Library who formed in 1961 to support and enhance the library through the years. Your impact as a collective transformed and enriched the experience we enjoy today. I hope you'll join me in celebrating the legacy of the library in 2024.

I want to thank the Friends for their pledge of support for library services over the last year in particular. The Friends of the Library pledged \$170,000 which underwrote the following:

- A major marquee event in winter that featured live music, craft stations, hot cocoa warming station, and community viewing of fire works during Fire & Ice Festival

- Four editions of the News & Views quarterly newsletter mailed to all homes in service area
- Library wide Summer Reading Club sponsorship, with 1,671 registered participants
- Holiday poinsettias and daffodils in the spring for our public service points
- Staff professional development and the staff care fund
- A 30% increase in the number of programs offered in 2023, including 13 concerts and over 400 programs for toddlers, children, teens, adults, and seniors
- Support of our pop-up library stations at events like the Farmer's Market, Good Thyme Festival, and Trunk or Treat at area schools
- Holiday lights in and around the library building and campus

Collaboration and impact is a theme throughout our history and sustains into our next century. Thank you for being a friend and supporter of Rochester Hills Public Library, your contribution is now part of our legacy.



Juliane Morian

Juliane Morian
Library Director

2023 Friends Annual Meeting Held in October

The Friends of RHPL held their 2023 Annual Meeting this year on Thursday the 26th of October at the library. Minutes from the 2022 meeting were read by Secretary Sandy Tabacchi, and a financial report was given by Treasurer John Coombs. President Ron Meegan presented a check for \$172,000 to the Library Director Juliane Morian, and she thanked the Friends for the efforts they make on behalf of the library. Committee reports on various fundraisers were given by Ann Gruenewald, Theresa Meegan, Darlene Tomczyk, Juliane Morian, Pat Wireman, Connie Livingston, Vickie Baker and Ron Meegan.

President Meegan got approval for three re-elected board members and for the slate of officers for the next year. The meeting ended with the introduction by Ann Gruenewald of the 2023 Volunteer of the Year, Angie Fox – (see article elsewhere in the newsletter).





Friends Store is Ready for Fall

If cozy is your vibe and fashion is your thing, you're going to love what we have in the Friends Store. Melty soft scarves, and hats with fun-fur poms and matching gloves will elevate any outfit with a touch of luxury. We have sweaters in on-point neutrals, and ponchos that are perfect for those not-quite-cold-enough-for-a-jacket days. And slippers! Wait 'til you see all the patterns and colors! We all know the weather will turn brisk before long. So let's meet it head-on looking our most stylish!

The Friends Store is an all-volunteer gift shop on the main floor of the library. We would love to expand

our hours of operation. If you have a few free hours each week, volunteering in the store might be just what you need. Be among the first to shop new merchandise, while you meet new people and do your part to give back to the community! Stop in to the store for a volunteer application.



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Friends name Angie Fox the 2023 Volunteer of the Year

Angela Fox has been a valuable volunteer for the used book sales for the last 13 years. She has always been willing to help with anything that needs doing, no matter how strenuous or mundane the



task, and her technical expertise has always been a tremendous asset. The Covid epidemic provided great challenges and Angie was there every week to help with the special limited sales during those years. She has taken leadership roles through the years, serving as a Shift Leader during the sales, organizing setups, and taking on special projects. She is presently working with the Online group to sell books on Amazon. Angie is truly a special volunteer.

United for Libraries recognizes Friends



“United for Libraries” designated October 15th through the 21st as the 18th Annual “Friends of the Library” week. This is an annual event to promote the Friends in our communities, to raise awareness

of what Friends groups do, and to encourage Friends membership. Thanks for being a member of the Friends of RHPL.

Wine Wit & Wisdom returns for the 9th year

The Friends of RHPL are currently planning the 9th annual "Wine, Wit & Wisdom" fundraiser to take place on April 27, 2024. Attendees receive dinner, drinks, dessert

and choose from two speaker presentations. Presentations range from library history to whiskey distilleries with a nod to the library's 100th anniversary of its establishment in 1924. Save the date for Saturday, April 27th or give it as a gift certificate this holiday season. Tickets are \$80 each and will be available starting in January.





Holiday

HOME TOUR



2024 Returns Sunday, December 10

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 2023 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, Dec. 10 from noon-5 p.m. Maps on tickets direct patrons to the homes, all located in the general Rochester/Rochester Hills/Oakland Twp. Area.

One more thing to take special note of: The tour’s popular Gift Boutique will be hosted at a very familiar sixth stop, the Van Hoosen Museum located at 1005 Van Hoosen Rd, off of Tienken Rd. between Rochester Rd. and Dequindre Rd. in Rochester Hills. Items for sale include toffee, warm scarves, honey products, plenty of holiday decorations and many more unique items for filling out holiday gift lists. And wait --- there’s still more: Cider and donut refreshments will be available at the boutique for each person with a HHT ticket and visitors can also see the popular model train exhibit.

On the home tour, people will drive to 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. It’s all to help raise funds for the Friends, the Rochester Hills Public Library’s volunteer arm. (Details of the homes interiors follow.)

Friends President Ron Meegan said: “We are very grateful to the homeowners and sponsors who have offered to keep this wonderful event alive for another year. The tour presents some truly singular design options and ideas and shouldn’t be missed by anyone who enjoys this time of the year. This has become a signature annual event for the area and we hope everyone will make room on their schedule this year to take in these seasonally decorated residences.”

IMPORTANT TICKETING DETAILS:

The Home Tour stops will be open from noon to 5 p.m. Docents will be at each location to guide visitors through and answer questions. HHT helpers will direct visitors to parking. Tickets are \$35 per person and will go on sale in early November. Check rhpl.org periodically for the exact date. Ticket sales for online buyers will end Dec. 3.

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

- The Friends Store inside the Rochester Hills Public Library, 500 Olde Town, Rochester.
- Wild Birds Unlimited, 3032 Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills, Michigan 48309.
- Werner’s Hallmark, Country Creek Commons, 4866 N. Adams Rd, Oakland Township, MI 48306.
- Lytle Pharmacy, 340 S Main St, Rochester.

Online, click on <https://rhpl.org> and then scroll down to the Friends link and click the special events tab. Payment online is via Pay Pal or credit card.

DESCRIPTIONS OF THE HOLIDAY

HOUSE A

Welcome to Christmas at the Clocktower House, a truly magical destination! Here’s just a few-of the eye-catching attractions:



HOME TOUR HOMES:

- Explore every corner of this 6,000 square foot home, including the private bedrooms and the lower level entertainment space.
- A breathtaking collection of Christmas trees, each with its own unique theme. Marvel at “family tree” a cherished tradition traditionally dressed on Thanksgiving, adorned with personal and historical family ornaments.
- Holiday merriment everywhere! The foyer

welcomes you with festive cheer. As you ascend the main staircase, you'll discover delightful decorations adorning every step. Every nook and cranny of the home tells a story of Christmas joy.

HOUSE B

This 1952 home is the owner's third appearance in the Holiday Home Tour but the first at this residence. Built by the original owner who was a master woodworker, it's chock full of eye-catching Christmas attractions. The owner's choice for what you shouldn't miss? Look for six uniquely decorated trees including a vintage aluminum tree complete with the color wheel light and rotating base. Searching for inspiration for your own home? Our host says: “We like to decorate in a manner that anyone can do in their own home. It will be a great place for ideas!”

HOUSE C

This is a Sears Craftsman Kit House circa 1921! The owner says “it was love at first sight” when it came to a buying decision and adds the home has been the source of wonderful memories---they've

been doing the Yuletide up “for years and years.” As you tour, expect to see several decorated trees with some ornaments that are more than 80 years old, a special antique clock above the main fireplace, a cherished Sleeping Angel ornament and over 70 Snow Babies! It's all put together family style by the owner, her kids and grandchildren.

HOUSE D AND E

This is a rare two for one stop: How's this for neighborly? This homeowner was recruited for the tour by her neighbor who is also on this year's tour. “She thought it would be wonderful if people could tour homes right next to each

other.” Centerpiece is a 7-½ foot tree on the first floor with a smaller basement tree featuring ornaments made by her kids when they were younger. The host also features ornaments gifted by a great aunt every Christmas. The owner's reason for decorating to the max? “It makes me happy...it has brought me happiness over the years.”



Chapter 2!

This is the homeowner who recruited her neighbor. Home highlights: Three full floors worth of viewing ---two sets of stairs will make navigation easy---with three eye-catching trees. There is one with ornaments featuring everyone in the family circle (a favorite of the grandkids!), a themed tree and one whimsical tree that's out of the ordinary.

The Friends of RHPL Sell Little Free Lending Libraries

Friends of RHPL is offering a fully constructed Little Free Lending Library, complete with post and installation instructions; just finish the little library with your own personal touches to make it your very own. Please consider joining this book-sharing movement by ordering a little library for \$325.00 (tax-free) and installing it in your yard, subdivision, and/or parking lot.

A sample Little Free Lending Library is on display



outside the RHPL Friends Store. Orders will be filled in 1-3 weeks and you will be notified when your little library is ready for pick-up. We are taking pre-paid orders for these wonderful additions to your home, community, or business.

For more information, contact Vickie Baker at 248-444-9858 or email: vlinnbaker@aol.com



Shop the Book Nook Every Day

The Friends "Book Nook" is here, replacing the book carts. A set of shelves has been installed on the west hallway wall (next to the fish tank) holding all of our popular materials for sale. Many positive comments have been made, primarily focusing on the ease of searching for books on the shelves. As well as the boxes holding children's books making it easier to sort through them.

Run on a self-serve, honor system, a variety of donated used materials are for sale daily. Need a book to take on vacation? Need a book to give as a gift? Need new recipes? We can serve all those needs, and more. Non-fiction books, fiction books, youth books, children's books and cookbooks are re-stocked daily. A very popular feature is our jigsaw puzzle shelves offering puzzles for all ages. And coming this winter three shelves will be devoted solely to Christmas books.

Through the generous donations of used materials from our community, the Book Nook is on track to earn over \$24,000 this year. The monies will be passed on to the library to support adult, teen and children's programs, concerts, staff development, and more.



It's back----Friends Raffle Celebrates Library's 100th anniversary



Get excited! The Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library will be launching a 100th anniversary Share-the-Wealth raffle in January!

Details are pending but expect the following:

- Raffle Tickets will be \$100 each
- A 60-40% split of the final pot come December 2024, with 60 percent going to library support. (The Friends ran two similar fund-raisers during Covid-19 pandemic.)

- Much more excitement! A series of \$100 winner drawings during the year to keep the buzz going.
- Profits will help fund a special donation by the Friends to mark the Library's centennial.

Look for details at rhpl.com by clicking on the Friends link at the bottom of the page in mid-December.



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Would you consider getting your future Friends of RHPL Newsletters by email? The benefits of an email Newsletter include:



- You will get your newsletter earlier than those who select mailing
- 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. Please include your name and email address since some email addresses are cryptic, and we want to update our mailing list correctly.

To date, 102 Friends have agreed to have their newsletters to be sent by email.

We greatly appreciate the growing number of Friends that have decided to receive the Newsletter via email.

Thank You!



Like us on [Facebook@Friends of RHPL](https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-RHPL)



November 28, 2023



On Tuesday, November 28, 2023, the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library is participating in the annual celebration of #GivingTuesday, a global generosity movement that was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Since then, this idea has grown into a year-round global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.

Please consider sharing your generosity with the Friends – every donation supports the library by raising money for projects, activities, or acquisitions in excess of those provided for by the general library budget. You can do so by visiting www.rhpl.org/friends-of-rhpl.

In addition to your charitable donation, there are many other ways to share your generosity—your time, your kindness, your skills, your voice. Please get involved and inspire others to do the same. Please join the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public

Library in celebrating Giving Tuesday and give back to our community. We are a nonprofit organization that is entirely volunteer-run. Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, November 28th, and then go to the library's website at www.rhpl.org/friends-of-rhpl. Click on the PayPal link to allocate a donation to the Friends. Also, 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 www.rhpl.org/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. Thank you for being part of the team! Your generosity is very much appreciated!

Quality Used Book Sale and Much More!

Mark your calendar for November 30th, and December 1st & 2nd for our annual Quality Sale. This is your chance to shop for wonderful gifts at wonderfully low prices, and just in time for the holidays. Throughout the year we receive donations of items in like-new condition, often in their original wrap, and we save some of them for this special sale. There will be books, puzzles, games, DVDs, and CDs; as well as unique items that make great gifts.

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| Thursday, | November 30 | 3:00pm – 8:00pm |
| Friday, | December 1 | 9:30am – 5:00pm |
| Saturday, | December 2 | 9:30am – 4:30pm |



New Friends Members Fall 2023

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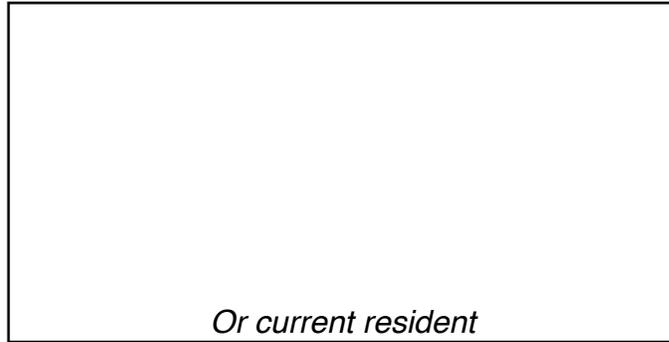


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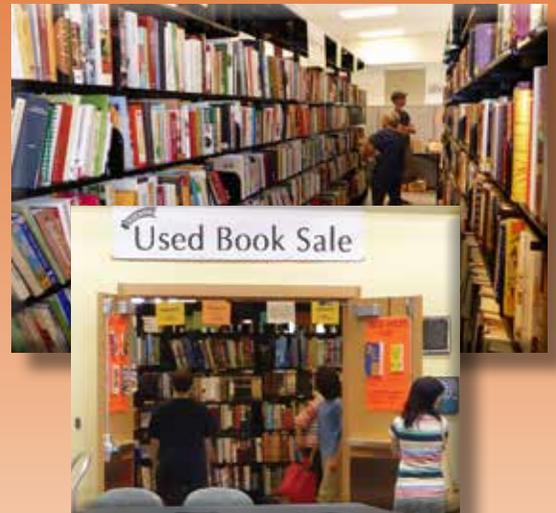
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- Used Book Sorting and Shelving
- Online Book Sales
- Used Book Sales
- Wine, Wit & Wisdom
- Holiday Home Tour
- Little Libraries and More



Friends Store

Our lovely store at the RHPL is stocked with some of the nicest gifts you can buy anywhere and 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 just a new treasure for yourself.

