

Friends of Baldwin Public Library

June 2011



Fiscal year is from September 1 to August 31.

*The Friends of
Baldwin Public Library
Semi-Annual
Used Book Sale*

Friday, Nov. 11, 2011

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Member Preview Night

Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011

9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011

12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 14, 2011

Bag Day Sale

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

*Buy a bag for \$5 &
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If you'd like to volunteer for the book sale, please get in touch with book sale co-chairs Deb Mohatarem or Susan Rieth.

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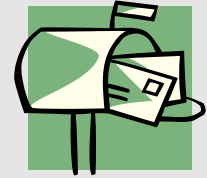
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Who are the Friends of Baldwin Public Library?



Established in 1950

The Friends of Baldwin Public Library is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that was established in 1950 to provide support for the Baldwin Public Library which serves the communities of Birmingham, Beverly Hills and Bingham Farms.

Over 525 individuals and families are members of the Friends. Our membership dues and contributions combined with the proceeds of our used book sales resulted in donations of approximately \$30,000 to the Library in 2010. These funds helped support a wide variety of programs and services at the Library (see below).

You will find more information about the Friends online at www.baldwinlib.org/friends. We strongly urge you to begin or renew your membership as a Friend of the Baldwin Public Library.

How Funds Were Used in 2010

YOUTH SERVICES

Skylab program

LEGO contest prizes

Michigan Opera Theatre

Baby signing class

Reptile Day program

Pumpkin Patch magic show

Animal Magic program

Cello Bello Family concert

TEEN SERVICES

Marble art program

Summer reading program and prizes

Healthy living for teens

Gamefest with Joel Tacey

ADULT SERVICES

Author visits

Interviewing skills workshop

Sheila Landis family music program

Everyone's Reading programs

Summer Reading program prizes

Book club titles

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Celebrate Birmingham parade

Beverly Hills Memorial Day parade

Public services desk computers

Books & Beyond newsletter

Matching funds for public computers grant

Vinyl library banner

Support Your Library!

Given the current budget difficulties facing the state of Michigan as well as individual communities, public libraries are facing unprecedented challenges to remain viable. Some Metro area cities are facing the prospect of their libraries closing entirely. Libraries in many other communities have reduced their hours and services.

The State of Michigan had threatened major cuts in state aid to libraries in fiscal year 2011-12, but our legislators came through at the last minute and saved libraries' current level of funding—which, it should be noted, has already been slashed in half since 2000. The legislature did, however, eliminate charitable tax credits for public institutions, including libraries. So unfortunately, starting in calendar year, 2012, you will no longer be able to claim this credit on your gifts to Baldwin. Therefore, we encourage you to make a donation to the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library in 2011 and claim your credit one last time! And in the future, we hope that you will continue to support Baldwin and the Friends even without the Michigan tax credit. (Note that the federal income tax deduction for charitable contributions to libraries will remain in effect.)

Baldwin is being forced to reduce its hours slightly after June 30, 2011. From July 1 through Labor Day, the Library will be closed on Sundays. After Labor Day the Library will resume Sunday service, but reduce its Thursday hours to 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Library Board hopes that these reductions will be temporary. If, in November, Bloomfield Hills voters approve the millage for a service contract between Baldwin and the City of Bloomfield Hills, the amount brought in by the contract will definitely allow Baldwin to restore its normal hours and also to eliminate all of the extra closures that were added to Baldwin's schedule last year as unpaid furlough days for staff.

Public libraries—with their books, electronic resources, skilled reference staffs, and programs for all ages—are a critical component of the knowledge-based economy that Michigan is trying to build. We very much appreciate your support for maintaining library support at both the state and local level and also through individual giving.

Bringing America's Musical Past to Life with the Dodworth Saxhorn Band

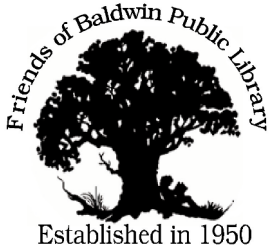
Join us on **Sunday, August 7 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.** as the Baldwin Public Library and the Birmingham Historical Museum & Park welcome the Dodworth Saxhorn Band for a musical performance as part of our ongoing commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

Meet us in Shain Park at the Civil War monument at 2 p.m. and then we'll march a few blocks to the Museum grounds for the main event. This will be an afternoon of fun for the entire family!

The Dodworth Saxhorn Band dresses the part, performs music from the period on original instruments, and brings America's musical past to life.

This program is made possible by the support of the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library.





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