Baldwin Public Library
Library Board of Directors

Library Board Meeting

October 16, 2017

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Baldwin Public Library

Mission

The Baldwin Public Library enriches Birmingham and participating communities by providing opportunities and resources for individuals of all ages and backgrounds to learn, connect and discover.

Vision

The Baldwin Public Library will be an essential resource for the community and its first choice for accessing the world's knowledge.

Core Values

We are committed to:

- Intellectual Freedom
- Equitable and Inclusive Access
- Education and Learning
- Welcoming Environment
- Integrity
- Partnerships
- Excellence

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Adopted October 2010

Baldwin Public Library Board

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AGENDA

Baldwin Public Library Board Meeting

Monday, October 16, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Rotary Tribute & Donor Rooms

Agenda

The full Board packet is available online at www.baldwinlib.org on the Friday preceding the meeting.
This is an open meeting. All members of the public are invited to attend.

Call to order, pledge of allegiance, reading of the Library's mission statement, and establishment of a quorum.

I. Consent Agenda

All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and approved by a roll call vote. There will be no discussion of these items unless a Board member or a citizen so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered as the last item under new business.

A. Approval of September 18, 2017 minutes p. 7
B. Approval of October 2, 2017 Special Board Meeting minutes p. 10
C. Approval of September 2017 vendor payments in the amount of $103,606.89, including payments in excess of $6,000 p. 12
D. Approval of total expenses in the amount of $307,000.90 p. 17

II. Board Reports and Special Announcements

A. President's Report
B. Board Comments
C. New Staff introductions – Jeff Jimison
D. Markit – Baldwinlib.org Website Preview
E. Upcoming Events of Interest – Rebekah Craft p. 108

III. Board Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee (Bob Tera) p. 16
B. Building Committee (Jim Suhay) p. 20
C. Personnel Committee

i. Closed Session request to consider a personnel evaluation as requested by the Library Director pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act (Act 267 of 1976).

(The Library Board will adjourn to closed session and then reconvene to open session, after the closed session.)

IV. Library Report
A. Library Report p. 22
B. Expenditures made with Donations from Friends of the Library p. 41

V. Liaisons
A. Friends of the Baldwin Public Library
B. Beverly Hills (Lee Peddie, Beverly Hills Village Council, no report)
C. Bloomfield Hills (Michael Dul, Blfd. Hills City Commission, no report)

VI. Unfinished Business

VII. New Business

VIII. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

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J. Create & Learn in the Idea Lab bookmark p. 64
K. *Eagle* article "Fundraiser celebrates 90 years of Baldwin Public Library" p. 66
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M. *Eccentric* article "Celebrate Baldwin Library's 90th anniversary at fundraiser" p. 68
N. *Eagle* article "Name needed for Little Free Library" p. 69
O. *Birmingham Patch* article "Birmingham Holds Naming Contest for New Little Free Library" p. 70
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Q. *Eccentric* article "Museum, library sponsor lecture series on art and activism" p. 73
R. *Eccentric* article "Residents can name Little Free Library" p. 73
S. *Oakland County Times* article "Art and Activism Series at Baldwin Library: Oct. 12, Theater" p. 74
T. *Eccentric* article "Story Times at Birmingham Museum" p. 76

U. *Birmingham Living* article "Favorite Reads from Library Staff" p. 77
V. *Birmingham Living* article "End of Summer Reading Party for Teens at the Library" p. 78
W. Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce *Thrive* article "Baldwin Public Library" p. 80
X. Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce *Thrive* ad "Learn Connect Discover" p. 81
Y. *Eccentric* article "Boomer Summit features all-star list of speakers" p. 82
Z. *Eagle* article "Finance, health and leisure to headline second Boomer Summit" p. 84
AA. *Downtown Publications* article "Glen Michaels" p. 85
BB. *Eccentric* article "Culture winner Glen Michaels honored for arts contributions" p. 86
CC. *Oakland County Times* article "2017 Candidate Interview: Mike Kroll for Baldwin Library Board in Birmingham" p. 89
DD. *Washington Post* article "Gunnar Birkerts, who brought light and elegance to his architecture, dies at 92" p. 91
EE. *Oakland Press* article "Junior League of Birmingham to host speaker on how women can ask for a raise" p. 97
FF. Birmingham Parking Utilization Report p. 98
GG. Upcoming Events of Interest p. 108

X. General Public Comment Period

The Library Board values public meetings and welcomes your comments on Library issues. The Board respectfully asks that comments be made as concisely as possible. We welcome your comments but cannot debate items not on the agenda.

XI. Next regular meeting of Library Board: Monday, November 20, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Persons with disabilities that may require assistance for effective participation in this public meeting should contact the Library at the number (248) 647-1700 or (248) 644-5115 (for the hearing impaired) at least one day before the meeting to request help in mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

Las personas con incapacidad que requieren algún tipo de ayuda para la participación en esta session pública deben ponerse en contacto con la oficina del escribano de la biblioteca en el número (248) 647-1700 o al (248) 644-5115 (para las personas con incapacidad auditiva) por lo menos un dia antes de la reunión para solicitar ayuda a la movilidad, visual, auditiva, o de otras asistencias. (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964).

BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
September 18, 2017

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by President Frank Pisano at 7:30 p.m.

All assembled recited the pledge of allegiance.

Library Board present: Sheila Brice, Frank Pisano, Bob Tera, Dave Underdown, James Suhay, Ashley Aidenbaum, and student representative Siena Capone.

Absent and excused: None.

Library Staff present: Doug Koschik, Library Director; Rebekah Craft, Associate Director; Paul Gillin, Administrative Assistant; Maeve Devlin, Youth Librarian; and Judah Richardson, Technology Assistant – Idea Lab.

Friends of the Baldwin Public Library: No representative present.

Beverly Hills Liaison: Lee Peddie.

Bloomfield Hills Liaison: No representative present.

Members of the public: None.

Pisano asked Capone to read aloud the Library's mission statement.

2. Consent Agenda

Motion: To approve the consent agenda.
1st Tera
2nd Brice
A roll call vote was taken.
Yeas: Pisano, Brice, Tera, Aidenbaum, Suhay, and Underdown.
Nays: None.
Absent and excused: None.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Board Reports and Special Announcements: Pisano thanked Craft and Koschik for attending the Bloomfield Hills open house on September 17. In addition, he expressed his appreciation for the recent Staff Development Day. Pisano then acknowledged the following anniversaries: Sower - 10 years; Volpe - 12 years; Bolek-Toubeaux - 16 years; Rouan - 17 years; Sander - 15 years; Finnell - 21 years; and Nixon - 15 years.

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Brice commended Klimmek and Williams for the recent Read in the Park event held in Beverly Hills. She noted that the children's author Wong Yee and adult author Professor Howard Markel were well received by youngsters and adults. The crafts area created by the Youth Department was a good addition and kept children occupied while the adult program was being held. Brice paid compliments to the Village of Beverly Hills Parks and Recreation Board for hosting this event, establishing the Storybook Trail, and giving away white pine tree saplings. Brice also requested that we post some links on our website that explain how patrons could contribute to libraries in areas stricken by recent hurricanes, particularly those in Texas hit by Hurricane Harvey.

Pisano introduced two new employees: Maeve Devlin, Youth Librarian and Judah Richardson, Technology Assistant – Idea Lab. Both talked briefly about themselves and their accomplishments.

Craft highlighted the Library's upcoming events, which can be found on page 79 of the September Board packet.

3. Board Committee Reports

Finance Committee: Tera reported that the Finance Committee met on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. Baldwin ended FY 2016-2017 with a fund balance of $460,986; details will be in the October Board packet. The FY 2017-2018 budget continues to track well after its first couple of months. Tera also mentioned that he attends the City's Retiree Healthcare Investment Committee and Retiree Investment Committee meetings to monitor on behalf of the Library employees who are covered under the City's defined benefit plan. Pisano asked for an update on the "as-built" engineering drawings, which Koschik provided. Suhay asked when the RFQ would go out and when would responses be due; Koschik said it would go out later in the week, and the deadline for a response would be roughly two weeks after that. A complete report of the Finance Committee meeting can be found on pages 14-16 of the September Board packet.

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

Building Committee: Suhay reported that the Building Committee met on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. He highlighted a few of the items from the complete minutes, which can be found on pages 17-22 of the September Board packet. Bids for the conceptual/schematic design of the Youth Room expansion and renovation are due by 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19.

The next meeting of the Building Committee will be Monday, September 25 at 4:30 p.m.

4. Library Report: Koschik and Craft presented highlights from the Library Report, which can be found on pages 23-40 of the September Board packet. One item not in the packet that Craft mentioned was the recent damage to the book drop, which will be sent out for repair. Aidenbaum suggested sharing the Michigan Social Safety Net material from Staff Development Day with other City divisions.

5. Liaisons

Friends of the Library: There was no report. Pisano thanked them for their continued support.

Beverly Hills: Lee Peddie thanked Koschik and Brice for assistance with the Read in the Park program.

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Bloomfield Hills: There was no report.

6. Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

7. New and Miscellaneous Business: Koschik discussed the one-page "Goals and Objectives of the Proposed Youth Renovation" document on page 42 of the September Board packet. This will be shared with Library patrons and other interested parties. The Board was appreciative of staff's effort to summarize the project in one page. Aidenbaum suggested having a graphically designed version available at Books and Bites and in the Youth Room.

Koschik discussed the Library's FY 2016-2017 Action Plan and the accomplishments it has engendered. The complete document can be found on pages 43-53 of the September Board packet. He then discussed the proposed FY 2017-2018 Action Plan. Koschik called attention to the items in green, which are especially time-sensitive and/or time-consuming. Tera acknowledged the tremendous amount of work that went into the two documents. Brice asked if the Idea Lab policies would come from the staff and be reviewed by the Policy Committee. Koschik said yes. Aidenbaum wondered if the language on Goal III Item C regarding fundraising was too vague and whether it should be refined. Discussion ensued, after which Pisano suggested adding this topic to the agenda of the October 2 special meeting on October 2, 201. The Board agreed. Aidenbaum suggested that when the 2018-19 goals and objectives are evaluated a year from now, some sort of quantitative or qualitative measure of achievement should be included. The complete document can be found on pages 54 - 58 of the September Board packet.

8. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda: No items were removed.

9. Information Only: See pages 59 – 79 of the September Board packet.

10. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.
1st Tera
2nd Suhay
Yeas: Pisano, Brice, Tera, Aidenbaum, Suhay, and Underdown.
Nays: None.
Absent and excused: None.
The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m. The next regular meeting will take place on Monday, October 16, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

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Bob Tera, Secretary Date

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BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES, SPECIAL MEETING
October 2, 2017

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by President Frank Pisano at 7:19 p.m. in the Jeanne Lloyd Room.

Library Board present: Ashley Aidenbaum, Dave Underdown, Frank Pisano, James Suhay, Sheila Brice, Bob Tera.

Absent and Excused: None.

Library Staff present: Doug Koschik, Library Director; Rebekah Craft, Associate Director; Stephanie Klimmek, Head of Youth Services

Members of the Public: Two members of the public were present, along with two representatives from Integrated Design Solutions and three from Luckenbach Ziegelman Gardner.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Frank Pisano led meeting attendees in a moment of silence to remember and honor the people who lost their lives or were injured in the Las Vegas shooting on October 1.

2. Presentations by Two Architectural Firms

Presentations were made by the two firms that had been shortlisted by the Building Committee: Integrated Design Solutions and Luckenbach Ziegelman Gardner. Each firm was given forty minutes to present and field questions from the Board and members of the public.

3. Motion

Motion to approve a payment of up to $42,800 to Luckenbach Ziegelman Gardner in order to develop a conceptual/schematic design for the expansion and renovation of the Youth Services section of the Baldwin Public Library, to be paid out of account 901.0600 (Architectural Services).

1st Tera
2nd Suhay

A roll call vote was taken.
Yeas: Pisano, Tera, Suhay, Underdown
Nay: Brice
Abstained: Aidenbaum
The motion was approved 4 to 1.

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4. Discussion of fundraising

Tera proposed compiling a list of local donors who have donated $1,000 or more to non-profit organizations and then sending out targeted mailings to these people three times per year. Suhay suggested a three-fold plan for raising funds: annual appeals, grants, and fundraising events. Aidenbaum pointed out that any fundraising efforts should be given high-level direction from the Board—in other words, the reason(s) why are we raising the funds. Suhay suggested creating an ad-hoc fundraising subcommittee after the November election.

Brice acknowledged that Associate Director Rebekah Craft had submitted a grant proposal to the Birmingham Area Cable Board and thanked Trustee Underdown for alerting the Library to the grant possibility.

5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

1st Underdown

2nd Suhay

Yeas: Aidenbaum, Pisano, Tera, Suhay, Underdown, Brice
Nays: None.
Absent and excused: None.
The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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Register of Claims

Baldwin Public Library
300 W. Merrill Street
Birmingham, MI 48009

Check Number	Vendor #	Vendor	Amount
	006638	ACTION MAT & TOWEL RENTAL	43.50
	001797	ALLEGRA MARKETING, PRINT, MAIL	589.01
	000843	BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	12,980.82
	000408	BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY	160.76
	000421	BLACKSTONE AUDIO, INC.	47.00
	003914	BOOK PAGE	528.00
	002067	CENTRAL PARKING SYSTEM	1,320.00
	000627	CONSUMERS ENERGY	1,167.00
	004680	DALTON COMM. CLEANING CORP #4680	450.00
	008072	DESAI/NASR CONSULTING ENGINEERS INC	145.00
	008191	DETROIT JEWISH NEWS	204.00
	005651	FINDAWAY WORLD, LLC	66.91
	000249	GUARDIAN ALARM	211.82
	008584	KRISTIN WICKS	1,500.00
	005550	LEE & ASSOCIATES CO., INC.	547.83
	000795	LIBRARY DESIGN ASSOCIATES, INC.	13,313.00
	000287	LIGHTING SUPPLY COMPANY	430.52
	003527	LOWER HURON SUPPLY CO	162.40
	006463	MICHAEL WASHINGTON	1,568.00
	007927	MICHELLE HOLLO	1,268.75
	003766	MICHIGAN OFFICE SOLUTIONS	96.03
	002013	MIDWEST TAPE	4,045.27
	000678	OCLC, INC.	8,954.94
	000481	OFFICE DEPOT INC	330.34
	006785	OVERDRIVE, INC.	4,117.92
	007678	PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE LLC	271.50
	000733	RECORDED BOOKS, LLC	34.99
	002675	RESERVE ACCOUNT	5,000.00
	007098	SHAW SYSTEMS & INTEGRATION	880.00
	006347	SOUTHERN COMPUTER WAREHOUSE	330.76
	000797	THE LIBRARY NETWORK	6,598.00
	005861	UNIQUE MGMT SERVICE, INC	53.70
252931	007745	ALL COVERED	815.66
252954	003904	CAPITAL ONE BANK	2,289.44
253052	007823	PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL	472.53
253071	008565	SENIOR CARE OF MICHIGAN	125.00
253076	007907	SP+ CORPORATION	1,400.00
253100	007401	XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES	307.87
253101	007401	XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES	485.43
253115	006759	AT&T	391.13
253151	000179	DTE ENERGY	5,535.91
253157	008338	ELM USA, INC.	15,025.00
253163	006666	GRID 4 COMMUNICATIONS INC.	282.24
253183	002013	MIDWEST TAPE	8,000.00
253251	007615	CINTAS CORPORATION-K11	205.64
253300	003766	MICHIGAN OFFICE SOLUTIONS	825.01
253333	000158	VERIZON WIRELESS	28.26

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Baldwin Public Library
300 W. Merrill Street
Birmingham, MI 48009

Check Number	Vendor #	Vendor	Amount
		Total:	103,606.89

I hereby certify that each of the above invoices are true and correct.

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Executive Library Director

Allowance of Vouchers

The Library Board of Directors of the Baldwin Public Library has examined the claims listed on the foregoing Register of claims and except for claims not allowed as shown on the Register such claims are hereby approved and dated in accordance with MCL 397.210a and the Birmingham City Charter.

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Secretary of the Baldwin Public Library Board

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Building Committee

October Finance Committee Report

The Baldwin Public Library Board's Finance Committee met on Wednesday, October 11, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. in the Jeanne Lloyd Room. Present were Frank Pisano, Jim Suhay, Bob Tera, Doug Koschik, and Rebekah Craft.

- Baldwin ended its FY 2016-17 budget with a fund balance of $460,986 and a positive variance of $379,085. The final report for FY 2016-17 will be included in the October Board packet.
- Koschik reported that the FY2017-18 budget is tracking well after three months. Large expenses in September included payments to ELM USA for a new disc cleaning machine, Library Design Associates for fixtures and labor not included in the Adult Services Renovation, OCLC for cataloging records and the yearly EZ Proxy subscription, and TLN for quarterly internet access. The City of Birmingham allocations included the first quarter hospitalization adjustment in the amount of $30,323.29.
- Craft reported on September Friends of the Library expenditures. A wish list will be given to the Friends at their November 14 Board meeting.
- Koschik notified the Committee that he had interviewed three firms and received quotes from them to create as-built drawings for the Youth Services wing. He selected Shelter Design to do the work for the amount of $7,500 because it was the firm with the lowest bid which provided the most complete response and plan of action. The ceiling tiles in the early childhood and Youth office areas can be easily removed and replaced. Shelter will do so and report on what is found above. Unfortunately, the ceiling tiles in the main part of the Youth Room are tongue-and-groove tiles that cannot be easily removed and replaced. Consequently, Shelter will leave them as they are. Once the other tiles are removed, however, Shelter will find out how far it can peer horizontally into the space above the tongue-and-groove tiles. The extent of what Shelter is able to observe there can only be determined at that time. Shelter expects to start work during the middle to end of the week of October 16.
- The next meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on Monday, November 13, 2017, at 4:30 p.m.

FINANCIAL REPORT: SEPTEMBER 2017

This report references the Revenue and Expense Report 2017-18, found on the following page. At 25% of the way through fiscal year 2017-2018, the Library has spent 22.6% of its budget and received 75% of its revenue. By this point of the year, the Library was budgeted to have spent 22.7% of its budget and to have received 75% of its revenue. Payment was made to ELM USA for Eco Master disc cleaning/repair system ($15,025.00); Midwest Tape Hoopla online service ($8,000.00); Library Design Associates for various Adult Services renovation costs ($13,313.00); OCLC CatExpress Ill usage and annual Ezproxy Hosting maintanence ($8,954.94); and Library Network for quarterly internet service and annual Novelist online database ($6,598.00). The first quarter health care adjustment was also made in September ($30,323.29).

Vendor payments in excess of $6,000:	
Baker & Taylor Books	$12,980.82
ELM USA, Inc.	$15,025.00
Library Design Associates	$13,313.00
Midwest Tape	$8,000.00
OCLC, Inc.	$8,954.94
The Library Network	$6,598.00
Total vendor payments in excess of $6,000	**$64,871.76**
Balance of vendor payments less than $6,000	$38,735.13
Total vendor payments	**$103,606.89**
City of Birmingham allocations:	
Payroll Period 8/27-9/9	$71,639.36
Payroll Period 9/10-9/23	$70,767.61
Employee Health Care Payroll Deduction	($551.40)
1st Quarter Hospitalization Adjustment	$30,323.29
Fixed Past Retirement Cost	$2,937.75
Fixed Past Retirement Health Care Cost	$6,929.92
BS&A Software Charge	$248.19
Administrative Services	$8,740.83
MML Insurance Premium	$380.83
Water & Sewer Usage 4/15-7/15	$2,109.88
Plante & Moran-Audit for Year Ending 6/30/17	$9,957.75
Total City of Birmingham allocations	**$203,484.01**
Reconciling Adjustment:	
Payment for August NSF Check	($90.00)
Total expenses for the month	**$307,000.90**

BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT 2017-18
SEPTEMBER 2017

3rd Month
25% of the year

	Amended 2017-18 Budget	Current Month Budget September 2017	Current Month Actual September 2017	Variance For Month	Y-T-D Budget 2017-18	Y-T-D Actual 2017-18	Variance For Y-T-D	% Received/ Spent	Prior year Y-T-D 2016-17	% Received/ Spent Prior Y-T-D
REVENUES										
TAXES	$3,118,390	$0	$0	$0	$3,118,390	$3,118,390	$0	100.0%	$2,951,970	100.0%
PROVISION FOR TAX LOSS	($15,000)	($1,250)	$0	$1,250	($3,750)	($554)	$3,696	0.4%	($400)	2.7%
COUNTY AND STATE REVENUE	$102,700	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	0.0%	$0	0.0%
LOCAL GRANTS	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	0.0%	$0	0.0%
COMMUNITY CONTRACTS	$875,910	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	0.0%	$0	0.0%
PATRON USE REVENUE	$95,350	$8,080	$6,336	($1,664)	$24,000	$22,005	($1,995)	23.1%	$25,774	26.8%
INVESTMENT INCOME	$11,000	$980	$0	($980)	$2,700	$606	($2,094)	5.5%	($890)	-1.1%
TOTAL REVENUE	$4,188,350	$7,650	$6,336	($1,314)	$3,141,340	$3,140,947	($393)	75.0%	$2,977,455	74.4%
EXPENSES										
PERSONNEL SERVICES	$2,098,060	$182,880	$182,047	$47	$488,600	$493,364	$4,764	23.5%	$439,450	21.8%
SUPPLIES	$75,000	$6,250	$6,780	$530	$18,750	$23,492	$4,742	31.3%	$21,787	26.0%
CONTRACTED SERVICES	$295,990	$35,000	$38,847	$3,847	$74,000	$91,286	$17,286	30.8%	$64,565	28.1%
TECHNOLOGY & MAINTENANCE	$136,000	$9,000	$8,319	($681)	$17,000	$15,601	($1,399)	11.5%	$12,076	8.5%
UTILITIES	$99,000	$9,000	$8,813	($187)	$27,000	$26,009	($991)	26.3%	$25,753	27.4%
OTHER CHARGES	$59,070	$4,000	$3,863	($137)	$15,000	$14,529	($471)	24.6%	$9,715	19.7%
BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS & FURNISHINGS	$160,000	$20,000	$22,435	$2,435	$39,000	$39,172	$172	24.5%	$5,262	0.2%
COLLECTIONS	$560,200	$47,000	$35,898	($11,102)	$110,000	$84,677	($25,323)	15.1%	$101,197	18.3%
TOTAL EXPENSES	$3,483,320	$312,250	$307,001	($5,249)	$789,350	$788,130	($1,220)	22.6%	$679,725	12.6%
VARIANCE	$705,030	($304,600)	($300,665)	$3,935	$2,351,990	$2,352,817	$827			
FUND BALANCE-BEGINNING OF YEAR						$460,986				
FUND BALANCE-CURRENT						$2,813,803				

BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT 2016-17
JUNE 2017
REVISED 9/11/17
FINAL AS OF 10/9/17

12th Month
100% of the year

	Amended 2016-17 Budget	Current Month Budget June 2017	Current Month Actual June 2017	Variance For Month	Y-T-D Budget 2016-17	Y-T-D Actual 2016-17	Variance For Y-T-D	% Received/ Spent	Prior year Y-T-D 2015-16	% Received/ Spent Prior Y-T-D
REVENUES										
TAXES	$2,951,970	$0	$10,057	$10,057	$2,951,970	$2,962,027	$10,057	100.3%	$2,198,948	100.4%
PROVISION FOR TAX LOSS	($15,000)	($1,250)	($477)	$773	($15,000)	($1,869)	$13,131	12.5%	($8,609)	57.4%
COUNTY AND STATE REVENUE	$83,700	$72,219	$83,231	$11,012	$83,700	$100,340	$16,640	119.9%	$111,039	150.7%
LOCAL GRANTS	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	0.0%	$0	0.0%
COMMUNITY CONTRACTS	$867,110	$219,413	$216,320	($3,094)	$867,110	$862,287	($4,823)	99.4%	$850,809	99.3%
PATRON USE REVENUE	$96,240	$8,240	$8,227	($13)	$96,240	$86,249	($9,991)	89.6%	$98,512	98.8%
INVESTMENT INCOME	$16,500	$1,375	($16,882)	($18,257)	$16,500	$3,209	($13,291)	19.4%	$16,950	102.7%
TOTAL REVENUE	$4,000,520	$299,997	$300,476	$479	$4,000,520	$4,012,243	$11,723	100.3%	$3,267,649	101.5%
EXPENSES										
PERSONNEL SERVICES	$2,013,980	$262,480	$226,668	($35,812)	$2,013,980	$1,984,861	($29,119)	98.6%	$1,924,277	96.3%
SUPPLIES	$83,500	$9,000	$11,088	$2,088	$83,500	$75,172	($8,328)	90.0%	$67,275	91.8%
CONTRACTED SERVICES	$321,730	$39,730	$42,771	$3,041	$321,730	$310,541	($11,189)	96.5%	$434,886	163.9%
TECHNOLOGY & MAINTENANCE	$142,610	$13,610	$1,694	($11,916)	$142,610	$90,589	($52,021)	63.5%	$86,710	97.4%
UTILITIES	$94,000	$12,000	$8,652	($3,349)	$94,000	$83,343	($10,657)	88.7%	$75,557	74.8%
OTHER CHARGES	$49,270	$2,370	$3,618	$1,248	$49,270	$50,658	$1,388	102.8%	$48,727	107.6%
BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS & FURNISHINGS	$2,151,240	$529,740	$246,723	($283,017)	$2,151,240	$1,950,609	($200,631)	90.7%	$71,100	87.8%
COLLECTIONS	$554,450	$64,450	$53,940	($10,510)	$554,450	$497,645	($56,805)	89.8%	$539,696	105.3%
TOTAL EXPENSES	$5,410,780	$933,380	$595,154	($338,226)	$5,410,780	$5,043,418	($367,362)	93.2%	$3,248,227	102.6%
VARIANCE	($1,410,260)	($633,383)	($294,678)	$338,705	($1,410,260)	($1,031,175)	$379,085			
FUND BALANCE-BEGINNING OF YEAR						$1,492,161				
FUND BALANCE-CURRENT						$460,986				

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 9.25.2017

RE: BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN

Subject: **Baldwin Public Library Building Committee**

The Baldwin Library Building Committee meeting was called to order by Doug Koschik at 4:30 p.m., in the Delos Board Room.

Present were:
Baldwin Public Library Building Committee members: Jim Suhay, Frank Pisano, Dave Underdown
Baldwin Public Library staff: Doug Koschik, Rebekah Craft, Stephanie Klimmek
Two members of the public

I. Approval of minutes of previous committee meetings.

1. In a motion made by Pisano and seconded by Suhay, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the Committee's September 6 meeting.

II. Discussion of bids submitted for proposed Youth Room project

1. The Committee reviewed the bids received from three architectural firms.
2. Koschik provided a matrix of criteria with which to evaluate the responses from each company's bid. Library staff will fill out the matrix.
3. The Committee proposed questions to ask each firm during the interview.
4. Koschik will invite the two firms on the shortlist (to participate in the interview process at a Special Board Meeting on Monday, October 2 at 7:15 p.m.

III. As-built drawings

1. By September 29, Koschik will send out the Request for Quotes for the Youth Room as-built drawings.

IV. **Future meeting date:** The next Building Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, October 4, at 4:30 p.m. in the Delos Board Room.

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LIBRARY REPORT

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Strategic Plan Status Report

Key Metrics Dashboard: September 2017

	Current Month	This month last year	Current FYTD	Previous FYTD	FY 17-18 End of Q1 Target
Financials					
Revenues	$ 6,336	$ 6,825	$ 3,140,947	$ 2,977,155	
Expenses	$ 307,001	$ 302,298	$ 788,130	$ 679,725	
Circulation					
Circ (Charges & Renewals)	37,702	42,348	134,669	145,617	**126,810**
Self-Check Usage	23.4%	21.3%	23.3%	21.9%	**25.0%**
% of Circ by Residents	90.9%	89.6%	91.0%	89.8%	**90.0%**
% of Circ by Non-Residents	9.1%	10.4%	9.0%	10.2%	**10%**
Interlibrary Loans					
Items borrowed	760	587	2,105	2,067	
Items loaned	578	958	2,243	2,811	
Technology Usage					
Database Sessions	1,558	916	4,724	2,972	**2,762**
Downloadable Content	6,781	6,146	22,345	18,845	**18,701**
Public Computer Usage	1,288	1,785	4,631	5,919	**6,137**
Wireless Sessions	18,150	15,900	57,610	52,015	**45,000**
Website Hits/Pageviews	23,751	22,214	81,199	73,768	**85,978**
Program Attendance					
Adults	462	476	1,072	1,222	
# of Programs for Adults	20	15	50	48	
Teens	59	39	306	373	
# of Programs for Teens	11	4	33	21	
Youth	832	896	6,310	6,597	
# of Programs for Youth	42	43	137	136	
Computer Classes	35	32	97	151	
# of Computer Programs	9	6	28	22	
Online Video Views	42	103	150	232	
Idea Lab Certifications	6				
Idea Lab Visits	61	-	61	-	
Total Program Attendance	**1,430**	**1,546**	**7,935**	**8,575**	**6,517**
Total # of Programs	**82**	**68**	**248**	**227**	**221**
Gate Count	**19,098**	**21,089**	**72,614**	**77,974**	**76,292**
Volunteer Hours	**102**	**119**	**615**	**646**	**479**

Social Media	**New Users**	**New Users LY**			
e-Newsletter Subscribers	26	12	1742	1408	**1708**
Facebook Page Likes	21	13	1761	1484	**1740**
Twitter Followers	10	19	1099	979	**1120**

Strategic Plan Status Report

Comparisons of actual results to projections are made on a quarterly basis—in the months of October, January, April, and July.

Key Metrics Explanation: September 2017

On Target = Met or exceeded goal, or no more than 0.1% below goal

Cautionary = 0.1% to 3% beneath goal

Off Target = More than 3% beneath goal

At the end of the first quarter:

- **Financials**: Revenues and expenses are tracking as expected.

- **Circulation**: Circulation has decreased compared to the same period in FY 2016-17. It is, however, higher than the first-quarter goal for FY 2017-18. Self-check usage is off target, primarily because the self-check machines continue to give users an error message whenever they attempt to check out an item with multiple parts (audiobooks, Playaways, 2-disc DVDs, etc.). The software company is aware of this issue and keeps promising to release a system upgrade that will allow checkouts of all these items. In the meantime, this error requires patrons to check out items with a Circulation staff member rather than by using the machine. We had been hoping that at least 90% of our circulation was going to come from residents of our service area. In fact, we ended up ahead of that goal—with 91% of circulation coming from residents.

- **Technology Statistics**: The Library's database usage, use of downloadable content, and wireless usage are on target—all by a considerable amount. Public computer usage is down, which is part of an ongoing trend due to increased use of personal devices. Use of Baldwin's website is also off target. It's anticipated that the website will soon be replaced with a new one.

- **Program Attendance**: Program attendance has surpassed first-quarter goals, but is still a bit lower than in FY 2015-16. For the first time, we are listing Idea Lab certifications and Idea Lab visits as part of our statistics.

- **Gate Count**: Gate count (i.e., the number of people entering the Library) is 4.8% below our target, which is a disappointment. Perhaps it reflects the growing number of people who are checking out electronic resources, rather than physical items.

- **Volunteer Hours**: Total volunteer hours are off slightly from last year, but still higher than the first-quarter goal.

- **Social Media**: E-newsletter subscriptions and Facebook likes are both on target. The number of Twitter followers is 1.9% off target.

Services and Programs

Strategic goal: Focus on fresh, dynamic services, and programs that meet Library users' changing needs.

Website Redesign

Markit is finishing up the initial draft of the new website and will be presenting a preliminary draft of the site to the Library Board at the October 16 meeting for feedback. The new site features:

- Simple and straightforward navigation
- Ease of updating content
- Intuitive structure and design
- Aesthetics cohesive with Baldwin's updated marketing program
- Ability to highlight and promote new services or upcoming events with prominent blog posts on the home page.
- Departmental pages that reflect the many resources we offer in person. (Our current site only allows us to add limited information to the Youth, Teen and Adult pages)

Idea Lab

The Idea Lab is proving to be popular with patrons. In September, 60 people visited the Lab and Idea Lab staff provided six training sessions on the laser cutter or 3D printer. In October, the Idea Lab staff is continuing to offer one-on-one trainings for interested patrons. In the next several weeks, Lab staff will be conducting small group training sessions for Library staff who are interested in the machines. This cross-training will help staff to better understand the functions of the lab and be able to use machinery as backup. 19 staff members have signed up for or completed this training so far.

Financial Stability

Strategic goal: Develop and implement a solid financial plan that maximizes existing resources and actively pursues cost efficiencies and additional revenue streams.

Books & Bites

We will host a fundraising event in honor of the 90th anniversary of the original building on Friday, November 10, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Youth Services Renovation and Expansion project. A committee is hard at work planning the event and finding sponsors and donors of auction items. More information about sponsorship opportunities can be found at baldwinlib.org/booksandbites.

To date, we have received $11,100 in sponsorships.

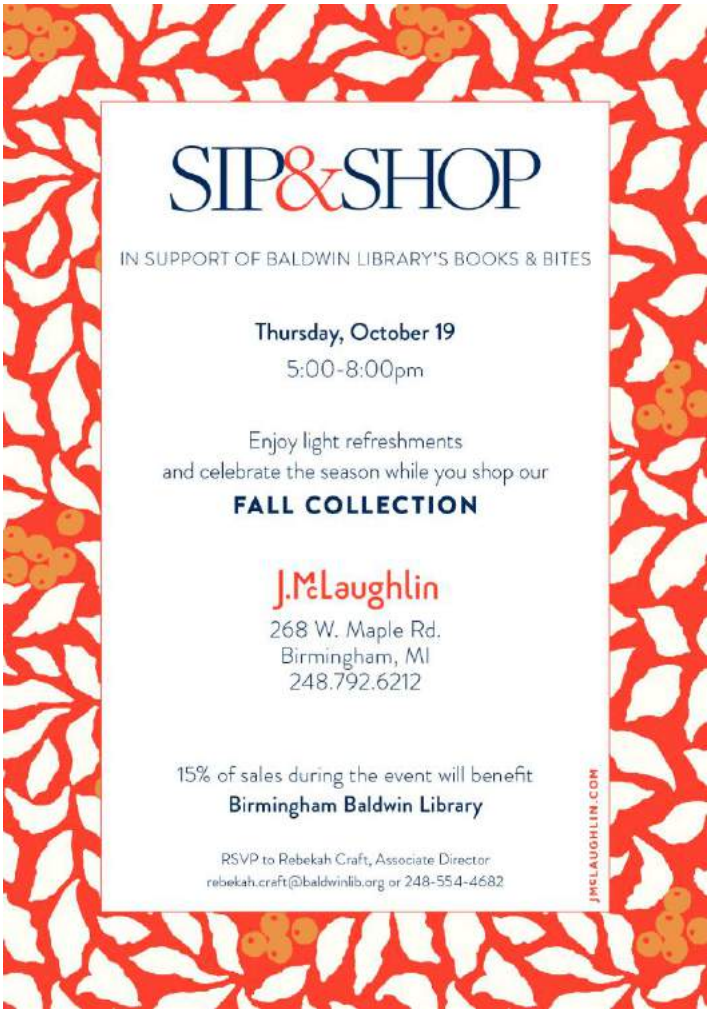
The following companies are providing food and beverages for the evening: Griffin Claw Brewery, Caruso World Coffee, The Bird & the Bread, Great Harvest Bread Co., Bistro Joe's, Toast, 7 Greens, Svenska Café, Whistle Stop Diner, and Whole Foods Market.

We have also received raffle donations from the following businesses: Born Yoga, Masri Clinic, Beyond Juicery + Eatery, Jax Kar Wash, Sundance Shoes, Enchanted Photography, Cranbrook Academy of Art and Art Museum, Glamour Nail Salon, Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, Center for Yoga, Tiffany Florist, 6 Salon, Bonobo Winery, Birmingham Village Players, and Wesch Cleaners, Townsend Hotel, Westin Book Cadillac Detroit, Papersource, Dick O'Dows, Motor City Casino, Goldfish Swim, Orange Theory, Tim Horton's, Kakos, City of Birmingham, Third Man Records, and St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild, Dean Sellers Ford, Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, Chapman House, Blue Nectar Spirits Co., Michigan Opera Theatre, Gazelle Sports, and Village Coney.

Our newest auction donors are softersilk.com, Recipes Restaurant, Beverly Hills Grill, Core Revolution Studio, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, The Henry Ford, Goldfish Swim School – Birmingham, and Under the Sea Indoor Playground.

Fundraiser at J. McLaughlin

Birmingham retailer J. McLaughlin is hosting a Sip & Shop to benefit Books & Bites and the Youth Services Expansion and Renovation. The event will be held on October 19 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. J. McLaughlin will donate 15% of sales during the event to the Library.



Marketing and Public Relations

Strategic goal: Improve marketing tools to ensure that the community is more aware of what the Baldwin Library has to offer and comes to view the Library as its first choice for accessing the world's knowledge.

New Releases and Upcoming Events

Paul Gillin, Administrative Assistant, continues to send a list of upcoming events to local media contacts twice per month.

Craft submitted press releases about programs and events to local media outlets. Press releases from the last month included:

- Celebrate Your Freedom to Read during Banned Books Week
- Baldwin Library Hosts Family Story Times at the Birmingham Museum

- Birmingham Museum and Baldwin Library Host Art & Activism Series
- Friends of BPL Fall Used Book Sale
- Treats, Tricks and Spooky Fun at Baldwin Public Library

eNewsletters

Bart Gioia, Computer Trainer, continues to compile and distribute the Library's four monthly eNewsletters (Adult Events, Teen Events, Youth Events, and Library Board News).

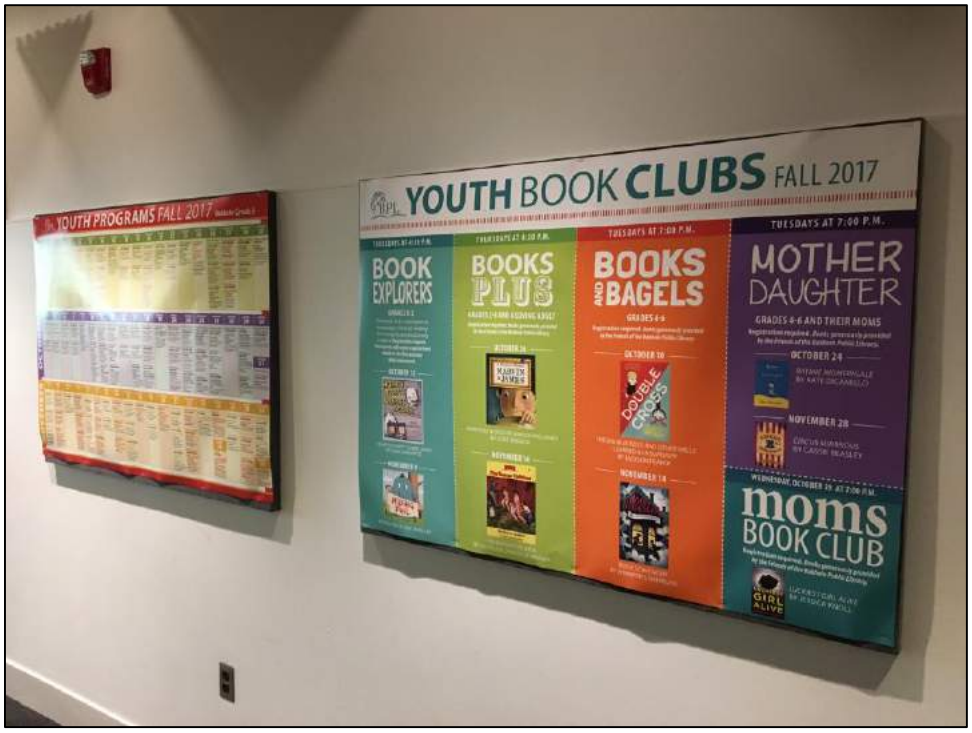
Marketing

Michelle Hollo continues to work with Rebekah Craft designing projects and marketing materials for the Library. Her most recent work can be found in the Information Only section of the October Board Packet. She has completed or is working on the following items:

- 2016-17 book clubs bookmark and brochure
- Winter Learn.Connect.Discover newsletter
- Battle of the Books brochure and bookmark
- Birbery Logo and poster
- Banner to advertise Fall books in the Youth Room
- Idea Lab bookmark, 3D Printer brochure, Laser Cutter brochure
- Potential Youth Services Expansion/Renovation brochure
- Boomer Summit 2017 Additional Resources booklet
- Art & Activism Flier
- 13 posters to advertise youth events on the hallway bulletin boards

JOIN THE RUFF READERS
AGES 6 AND UP
STORY TIME ROOM
TUESDAYS FROM 6:30-7:30 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 26
OCTOBER 17
NOVEMBER 21
SATURDAYS FROM 10:00-11:00 A.M.
SEPTEMBER 23
OCTOBER 28
NOVEMBER 4
Registration required.
BEDTIME TALES
SEPTEMBER 20: PIRATES
OCTOBER 18: HAPPY HALLOWEEN!
NOVEMBER 15: BATHTIME
PARENTING STRATEGIES

BPL
MAKE-IT PROGRAMS FALL 2017
THE Kindness ROCKS PROJECT
GRADES 4 TO 6
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 AT 7:00 P.M.
Registration required.
MINI MAKER SPACE
DIY BOUNCY BALL
BE KIND
BRAVE



Personnel and Organization

Strategic goal: Provide the most effective governing framework, and maintain a flexible, efficiently organized management structure staffed by multi-talented professionals with active support from well-trained volunteers.

Communications with Staff

Staff talks were held on September 20 and 21 as a follow-up to the September Library Board meeting.

Volunteer Hours

102 volunteer hours were utilized in the month of September.

Staff Updates

Gary Eisele reached 8 years of service on October 1.
Sarah Bowman reached 1 year of service on October 1.
Carolyn Wheeler reached 4 years of service on October 4.
Mona Geisler reached 11 years of service on October 23.
Stephanie Klimmek will reach 6 years of service on October 17.
Susan Paley will reach 6 years of service on October 17.
Alice Pepper will reach 6 years of service on October 17.

Jamie Richards will reach 2 years of service on October 19.
Connie Ilmer will reach 23 years of service on October 21.

Collaborative Summer Reading Program
Caroline Salucci was chosen as a committee member for the Collaborative Summer Library Program's 2019 Summer Reading Children's Manual. All of her space-themed ideas were due September 15 and if any of her contributions are selected her name and library affiliation will be published in this national manual.

Teen-Centered and Teen-Driven Library Services
In September, Teen Services Librarian Elisabeth Phou attended an all-day workshop presented by the YALSA Institute, which was held at the Canton Public Library, called *Teen-Centered and Teen-Driven Library Services.* This workshop covered teen development, current trends in library services to teens, and techniques for connecting with teens in the library and community. This workshop gave Elisabeth an updated understanding of teen needs and practices, as well as ideas to increase teen engagement. The workshop was made possible by grant funds from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), administered by the State of Michigan through the Library of Michigan. Elizabeth Rasberry, who is a Substitute Librarian in both the Adult and Youth Services departments, also attended the workshop.

Special Needs Services Roundtable Meeting
In early October Elisabeth Phou, Teen Services Librarian, attended the October SNSR (Special Needs Services Roundtable) meeting at the Bloomfield Township Public Library, which included a discussion amongst Michigan librarians who attended and two informative presentations focused on autism. The first speaker was Sean Ahlquist, an architecture professor at the University of Michigan and the father of a daughter with autism. He creates amazing sensory playscapes and wall installations designed for youth with autism. He spoke about his research on interactive sensory-friendly tactile interfaces and environments, which are currently at some children's museums and maybe someday libraries. The second speaker was Ron Sandison, author of *A Parent's Guide to Autism*. He was diagnosed with autism as a child in the 1980s. He told his inspiring story and spoke about inclusion of people (of all ages) with autism.

Community Presentations of "Protecting Your Privacy Online"
Josh Rouan, Baldwin's Electronic Resources Librarian, was recently invited to speak to the Birmingham Optimist Club at their breakfast meeting on Wednesday, October 4 on the topic of "Protecting Your Privacy Online." Rouan covered such topics as limiting the amount of personal information you share with websites; maintaining a fake online identity; good password hygiene; best practices for using public wifi; and the importance of keeping software and

firmware up to date with the latest security patches. Twenty members of the group attended his talk. Birmingham Next also invited Rouan to speak to them on the same topic on Thursday, October 5. He gave the 35 attendees to that session an extended version of his presentation.

Community Relationships and Partnerships

Strategic goal: Strengthen relationships with stakeholders and expand partnership opportunities with community organizations for everyone's mutual benefit.

Doug Koschik, Ingrid Tighe of the Birmingham Shopping District, and Joe Bauman of the Chamber of Commerce met on September 21 to discuss how their organizations can support each other to strengthen the downtown area.

City of Birmingham

Koschik has attended weekly City of Birmingham staff meetings. Craft submitted content to the City of Birmingham for inclusion in its monthly *Around Town* email newsletter.

A downtown Birmingham parking utilization report from the month of August can be found on page 98 in the Information Only section.

The Library will be participating in the fall session of the Birmingham Citizens' Academy. Members of the Academy will tour the Library and learn more about its history and governance on Thursday, November 9 at 6:00 p.m.

City of Bloomfield Hills

Doug Koschik, Rebekah Craft, Syntha Green, and Frank Pisano attended the Bloomfield Hills Open House on September 17. Library representatives talked about services and programming opportunities to attendees at the event and signed up one resident for a new Library card. Children who attended the event selected a book to take home.

Beverly Hills

Craft submitted information to the Village of Beverly Hills for inclusion in its weekly email newsletter. The Library will be participating in the Halloween Hoot on Sunday, October 29 at Beverly Park.

Bingham Farms

Craft submitted information to the Village of Bingham Farms for inclusion in its quarterly newsletter.

Birmingham Next

Rebekah Craft continues to host the Popular Reads book club at Next. Bart Gioia, Technology Trainer, will be teaching one computer class per month at Next. Koschik attended a Boomer Summit planning meeting at Next on October 27. The 2017 Boomer Summit will be held on Saturday morning, October 14.

Birmingham All Seasons
Maria Williams, Head of Adult Services, is facilitating a monthly book club at All Seasons, the independent senior living facility in Birmingham.

Birmingham Rotary Club
Koschik has continued to attend Birmingham Rotary Club meetings.

Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce
On October 4, Koschik attended the 14th annual Vine & Dine event put on by the Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce.

On September 28, Baldwin hosted the Chamber of Commerce's "Member Coffee." 45 people attended. Koschik spoke about services that Baldwin supplies to businesses and Library staff gave tours of the Adult Services Renovation and Idea Lab. Below are three photos of the event.

Birmingham Bloomfield Cultural Arts Awards

Doug Koschik and David Underdown attended the Birmingham Bloomfield Cultural Arts Awards presentation on Friday, October 6, at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

Birmingham Youth Assistance

Once again in September, Adult Services Librarian Vicki Sower attended the meeting of Birmingham Youth Assistance as a representative from the Library. Vicki regularly attends the BYA meetings and volunteers her time to assist with their various events and projects each year. The mission of Birmingham Youth Assistance is to strengthen youth and families and to reduce the incidence of delinquency, abuse and neglect through community involvement. BYA is a partnership of the Oakland County Circuit Court—Family Division; the City of Birmingham; the Villages of Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms and Franklin; the Birmingham Public Schools; and community volunteers.

Facilities and Technology

Strategic goal: Adapt the existing facility for more flexible use and employ technology more effectively in order to improve internal operating efficiency and better serve Library patrons.

Book Drop

From October 2 through 9, the Library's book drop was removed from Bates Street for repairs. Library Design Associates transported the book drop to and from B and B Collision in Royal Oak. The book drop was hit and damaged on two different occasions in August.

Low Voltage Wiring

On September 27 and 28, contractors with Netech and All Covered updated ethernet wiring and installing new jacks in various locations in the Claudia Ireland Room and behind the Circulation Desk.

Sidewalk paving

Several sections of sidewalk around the Library's front entrance were paved on September 28 and 29.

Sculpture Repair and Cleaning

The spiral sculpture on the southwest lawn of the Library grounds was removed for repairs and cleaning on September 22. The Hill Gallery will be repairing the sculpture for approximately one month.

Bed Bug Inspection

A quarterly bed bug inspection was held on October 12. No bed bugs were detected in the building. The next inspection will be held in January.

Painting in the Rotary and Donor Rooms

Library maintenance staff painted the Rotary and Donor rooms and kitchen during the week of October 9. The color of the walls is the same paint used on the staircase walls behind the Glen Michaels sculpture. Janelle Boyce provided color consultation services for the project. Maintenance staff will begin painting the lower level hallway the week of October 16.

Adult Event Photos

In September the Library welcomed Carrie Gilchrist, PhD, the Senior Financial Aid Outreach Advisor at Oakland University, who delivered a talk entitled "College Funding 101."

Carrie's talk was not exclusively about Oakland University, but rather highlighted all the various ways that students and their parents can seek aid for paying college tuition. There were many questions from the attendees and Carrie was very generous with her time. Thank you, Carrie!

Also in September, Adult Services Librarian Sarah Bowman led a workshop on making fall-themed wreaths with handmade felt flowers. Below are some of the creations made by the workshop's attendees.

Thank you to the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library for their generous sponsorship of our programs.

Youth Event Photos

Kindness Rocks

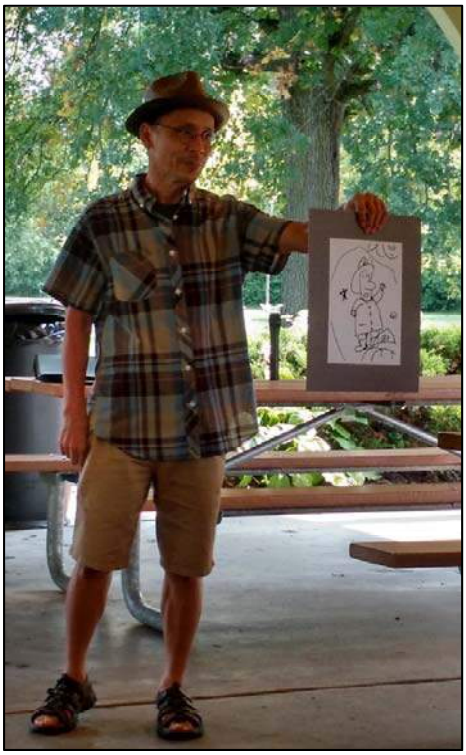
Students in grades 4 to 6 helped to decorate rocks with encouraging messages and images as part of the nation wide Kindness Rocks Project. Rocks are placed outisde and in areas where people are likely to see them and be inspired to spread kindness. Thank you to the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library for sponsoring this event!

Wednesday Evening Bedtime Tales

Each month, Cathy Gimby hosts an evening story time for families. Children are encouraged to wear their pajamas and enjoy stories, activties, and a craft. September's theme was pirates.

Read in the Park

In partnership with the Beverly Hills Parks and Recreation Board, we held the first annual Read in the Park event in Beverly Park. Wong Herbert Yee, Geisel Honor Winner and author of the *Mouse & Mole* books and *Fireman Small* read his book and gave a short presentation on his writing process. Book Beat was on hand to sign books and afterwards, families could walk the Story Book Trail in Beverly Park which featured *Fireman Small* for the month of September.



Baldwin Public Library: Friends Funds		
September 2017 Expenditures		
Adult Services		
Book Club Books	$	299.70
Fall Wreath with Felted Flowers Program Supplies	$	211.95
Halloween Calligraphy Program	$	275.00
Program Refreshments	$	114.87
Cookbook Club Books	$	184.40
Banned Books Week Prizes	$	48.00
Total	$	1,133.92
Teen Services		
Maker Monday Supplies	$	55.01
Escape Room Program	$	500.00
Bat Conservation Program	$	260.00
Program Refreshments	$	35.00
Program Supplies	$	148.89
Total	$	998.90
Youth Services		
Book Club Books	$	551.84
Story Book Trail Books	$	9.90
Summer Reading Prizes	$	31.88
Program Supplies	$	51.53
Total	$	645.15
Outreach & Equipment		
Total	$	-
Total Expenditures	**$**	**2,777.97**
September 2017 Balances		
Adult Services	$	3,197.31
Teen Services	$	783.21
Youth Services	$	7,453.89
Outreach & Equipment	$	922.98
Total Balance	**$**	**12,357.39**
September Book Sale Proceeds		$622.00
Submitted by Rebekah Craft on October 11, 2017		

INFORMATION ONLY

Services for Businesses

for the Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce

In addition to BPL's professional reference librarians and our curated Business & Finance collection with close to two thousand titles on leadership, economics, investing, and wealth management, employees in our service communities also have access to the following resources.

Library Card

Your library card is your gateway to our physical collection and a wealth of digital resources: market research tools, online classes and tutorials, popular streaming content and more. Anyone who lives, works or owns property in our service area is eligible for a library card.

Meeting Rooms

Baldwin has numerous meeting rooms availableto rent for groups of all sizes. We also have three new group collaboration rooms with large monitors perfect for one on one client meetings and conference calls, available to Baldwin cardholders on a first come, first served basis.

Printing, Faxing and Scanning

Baldwin offers competitively priced printing and faxing, including the ability to send print jobs to the library remotely from your home, office, or anywhere with an internet connection. You can even print directly from your smartphone using the PrinterOn app. We also offer free scanning services.

Lynda.com Access

Your Baldwin library card comes with free access to Lynda.com, a premiere online learning platform with thousands of expert-led video courses and tutorials on a range of subjects. Whether you want to master Excel, learn a programming language, or hone your marketing skills, Lynda.com will have what you need to advance your career or business.

Reference USA

Reference USA is a robust database with up-to-date and verified information on businesses and residents in the United States. It is the perfect tool to use for market research and sales leads, and is available to use both on site and remotely with a Baldwin library card.

Digital Library

Our digital library is perfect for those who don't want to leave the comfort of the office. Our OverDrive platform has tens of thousands of ebooks and eaudiobooks to choose from. You can now stream music, movies and television shows on your smartphone, tablet, or TV with Hoopla Digital. See our website for more information on all our digital offerings.

LONG-RANGE

BUILDING **VISION**

Based on feedback from Library patrons, staff, and community members, the Baldwin Public Library has developed a long-term vision of the Library building. The building should be a well-designed, forward-looking, technologically advanced, and visually exciting space in which to carry out innovative library services in the 21st century. (The full text of the vision statement approved by the Baldwin Public Library Board of Trustees can be found at: http://baldwinlib.org/library-building.)

THE VISION INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING PHASES DURING THE 2016-2024 PERIOD:

PHASE 1
Adult Services Renovation
(completed in May 2017)

PHASE 2
Youth Room Expansion and Renovation
(proposed completion date of 2020)

PHASE 3
Circulation, Lobby and Public Entrance Renovation
(proposed completion date of 2023/2024)

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PROPOSED

YOUTH ROOM

EXPANSION/RENOVATION

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

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GOALS
OF YOUTH ROOM
EXPANSION & RENOVATION
(PHASE 2)

ENHANCE Baldwin's ability to serve the children of our community by providing developmentally appropriate learning spaces for children from birth to sixth grade

SATISFY needs and requests shared by parents, caregivers, children, and staff that have been collected through a variety of forums

INCREASE value that the Library delivers to residents, businesses and visitors of all ages

ENSURE Birmingham remains competitive against other communities who have invested heavily in their communities

STRENGTHEN Birmingham's civic center by providing an exterior that complements the existing building, Shain Park, and the city campus

OBJECTIVES
OF YOUTH ROOM
EXPANSION & RENOVATION
(PHASE 2)

EXPAND Youth Room by approximately 2,000 square feet

IMPROVE efficiency of building

UPDATE infrastructure, including lighting, wiring, and acoustics

ENSURE handicap accessibility

IMPROVE wayfinding with effective and child-friendly signage

INCREASE size of story room, early childhood play area, quiet study and collaboration spaces, staff work room, and storage closets

RENOVATE and modernize public restrooms

UPDATE paint, furniture, and carpeting

HIGHLIGHT original 1927 building when possible

PROCESS

Library Staff and Board members have begun the initial planning stages of the Youth Room expansion and renovation. In August 2017, the Library issued an RFP for conceptual/schematic designs for a renovation and expansion of the Youth Services area. The Library plans to bring completed designs to the City Commission's long-range planning session in January 2018 and will request that the City begin pre-funding this project. Ideally, the project will begin in fall 2019. Based on previous architectural input, Library believes that the Project can be delivered for a price not to exceed $2.1 million.

ART & ACTIVISM

THE TRADITION OF QUESTIONING AUTHORITY

This lecture series will explore the long tradition in the arts of questioning authority and making us think. Whether in the theater, in music, or in the visual arts, encouraging new perspectives has a long history in the western world.

OCTOBER 12, 2017
ART & ACTIVISM: THE THEATER
7:00-8:30 P.M.

Jay Kaplan will discuss how the stage has been a natural place to question authority and make political commentary, from the ancient Greeks to Shakespeare to Europe under repressive regimes to modern day. Kaplan is a respected actor/director in the Detroit area who has been associated with the Village Players for years. As an attorney for the A.C.L.U., he also has one foot firmly planted in local activism.

NOVEMBER 9, 2017
ART & ACTIVISM: MUSIC
7:00-8:30 P.M.

Susan Whitall will present some of the major ways that music, especially American music, has actively contributed to the tradition of political expression and social issues. Whitall is an author, long time music critic for the *Detroit News*, and former writer/editor for Birmingham's CREEM Magazine.

DECEMBER 14, 2017
ART & ACTIVISM: THE VISUAL ARTS
7:00-8:30 P.M.

Birmingham artist and filmmaker **Victor Pytko** will discuss how the visual arts can broaden a viewer's understanding by presenting a different perspective, suggesting another reality or stimulating a new perception. The premise that "art must offend to advance" will be considered in the context of Victor's work on display at the Birmingham Museum through December 31, 2017.

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- **WHO ARE THE KEY CHARACTERS** and what do they do?
- **WHAT STYLE** is it written in?
- **WHAT** is the book about?
- **WHEN** was the book written and **WHAT TIME PERIOD** is it set in?
- **WHERE** does it take place?
- **WHAT** do you know about the author?
- **WHAT** did you like or dislike?
- **HOW** did the book affect you?
- **PROJECT INTO THE FUTURE -** what will happen to the characters next?
- **COMPARE AND CONTRAST -** have you read other similar books?

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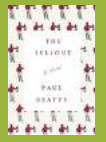

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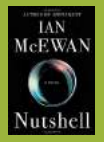

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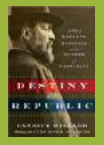

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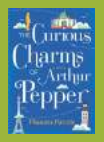

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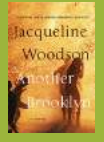

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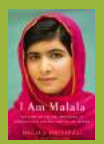

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How does my team register?

Registration begins on Friday, November 3rd 2017. Each team only submits one registration form found on the Library's website at **www.baldwinlib.org/battle**. *No paper registrations will be accepted*. **The last day for registration and team changes is Wednesday, January 10th**. Each team must have an adult coach.

Who can be a coach and what are their responsibilities?

The coach may be a parent or other interested adult who will serve as the contact person between the team and the Baldwin Public Library. Coaches will help the teams stay on track and come up with strategies for Battle preparation.

All coaches must attend one Coaches Meeting at the Baldwin Public Library on Monday, December 4th or Thursday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m. Coaches are responsible for arranging transportation for their team to and from Seaholm High School on the day of Battle.

What if I cannot find a team?

Students who have not found a team by Wednesday, December 27th can fill out the appropriate form on the Library's website. Library staff will do their best to help students find a team but cannot guarantee team placement.

When is the Battle?

BOOK TITLES WILL BE ANNOUNCED AND AVAILABLE FOR CHECK OUT ON
Friday, November 3rd 2017.

THE BATTLE WILL TAKE PLACE AT SEAHOLM HIGH SCHOOL ON
Saturday, February 10th 2018.

TEAMS MUST BE AT SEAHOLM BY 9:15 A.M. AND
the Battle will commence at 10 a.m.

Important Dates!

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Baldwin Public Library announces:

Battle of the Books 2018

Battle information and rules inside!

WELCOME TO THE BATTLE!

WHAT IS BATTLE OF THE BOOKS?

It is a program designed to foster a love of reading and encourage students to read books outside their comfort zone. Fourth and fifth graders form teams with an adult coach, read the Battle books, and compete against other teams by answering questions based on the selected titles. **Battle books will be announced and available for check out on Friday, November 3rd 2017.**

WHO MAY PARTICIPATE?

All fourth and fifth graders who attend a Birmingham Public School are eligible to participate. Each team must have 4 to 6 students and one adult team coach. It is not necessary for team members to attend the same school or be in the same grade. Students are responsible for forming their own teams.

BATTLE RULES!

TEAM MEMBERS sit together on the gym floor. You may bring a small blanket to sit on. All other items, including food, drinks, coats, books, notes, and other personal items must be left with families in the stands. Pencils and answer sheets will be provided. Spirit wear is encouraged!

COACHES will check in their team, find their seats, and check that the team has everything they need. Coaches will then head to the stands where they can cheer their team. *Coaches do not sit with their teams during the Battle.*

THE MODERATOR will read the question twice and students will have 20 seconds to write down the answer and the first and last name of the author of the book. Each answer sheet has the team number and question number. Make sure you are using the correct answer sheet.

WHEN TIME is called, all pencils must be put down. A runner will collect the answers from each team and give them to the judges who will score each answer. The judges' decision is final.

SCORING - TOTAL OF 5 POSSIBLE POINTS

- **4 POINTS** - CORRECT ANSWER
- **1 POINT** - CORRECT FIRST AND LAST NAME OF THE AUTHOR
- **NO POINTS** - FOR PARTIALLY CORRECT ANSWERS. IF THE FIRST OR LAST NAME OF THE AUTHOR IS MISSING OR INCORRECT, NO POINT WILL BE AWARDED.

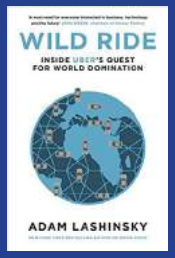
ONCE all the answers have been collected, the moderator will read the correct answer out loud and move on to the next question.

IF, FOR ANY REASON, an audience member is seen communicating with a team member or announces the answer before the 20 second answering period is done, the question will be discarded and a new question will be asked. A team risks disqualification if they are found communicating with an audience member.

FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD PLACE WINNERS WILL RECEIVE A PRIZE!

GO TEAM!

SECOND ACTS: HOW TO GO FROM SUCCESS TO SIGNIFICANCE
LOMAS BROWN



WILD RIDE: INSIDE UBER'S QUEST FOR WORLD DOMINATION

By Adam Lashinsky

Wild Ride is the first truly inside look at Uber's global empire. Veteran journalist Adam Lashinsky, the bestselling author of *Inside Apple*, traces the origins of Kalanick's massive ambitions in his humble roots, and he explores Uber's murky beginnings and the wild ride of its rapid growth and expansion into different industries.

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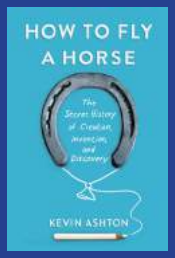

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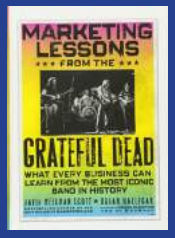

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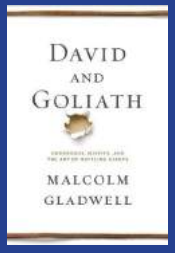

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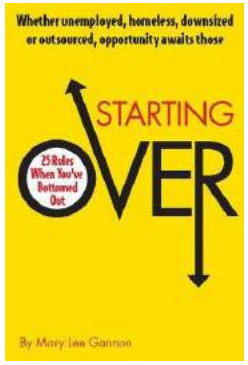

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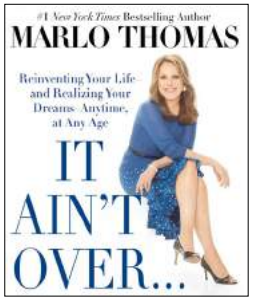

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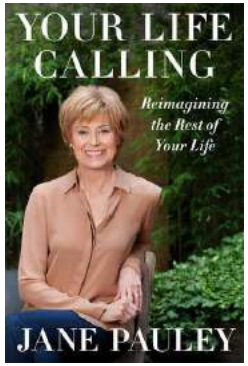

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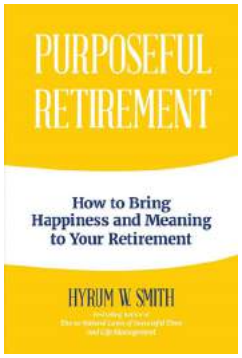

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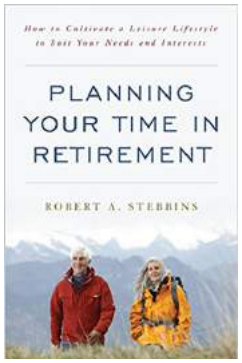

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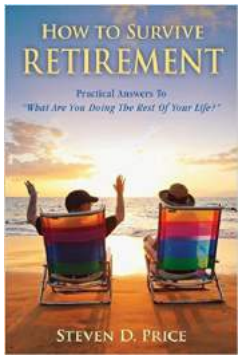

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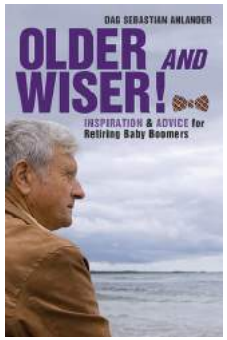

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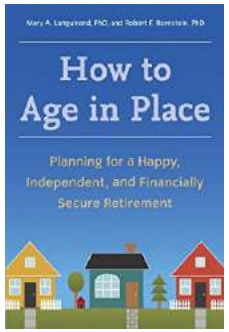

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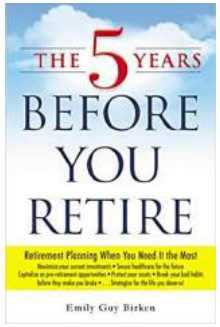

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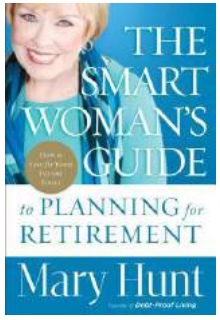

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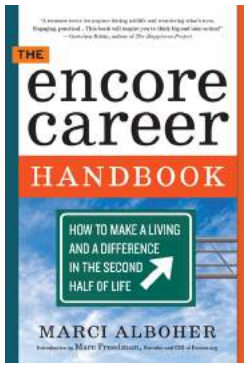

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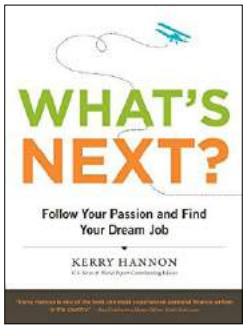

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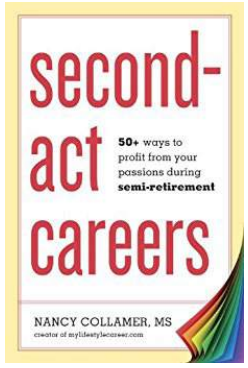

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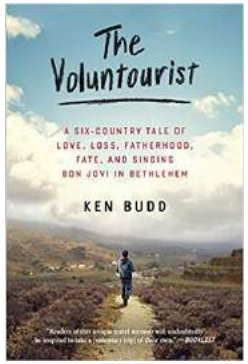

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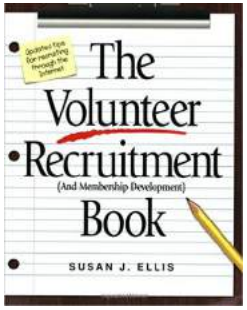

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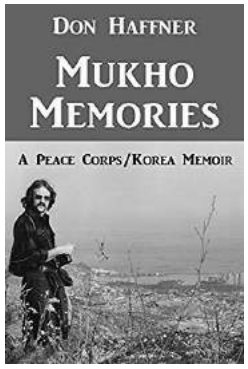

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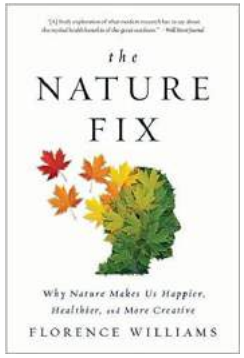

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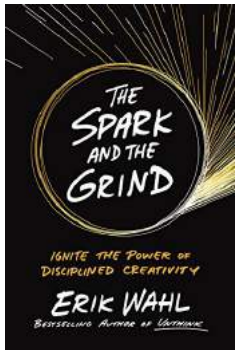

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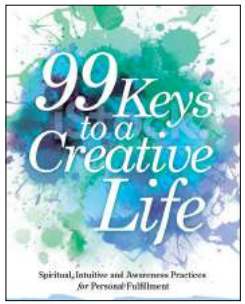

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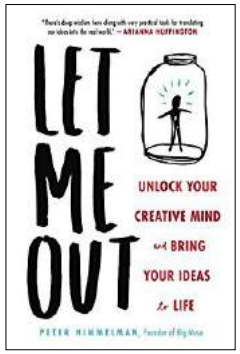

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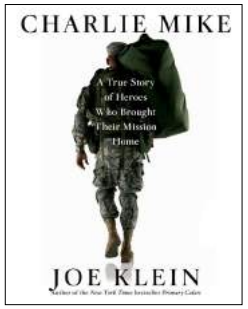

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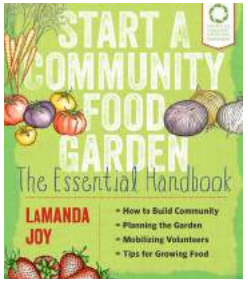

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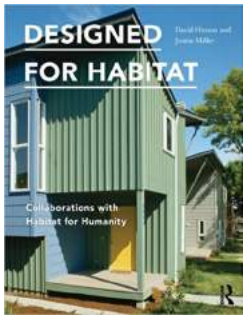

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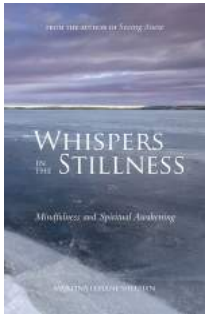

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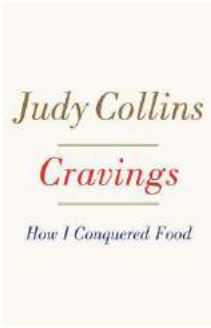

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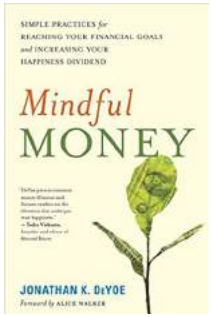

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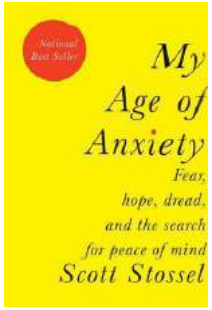

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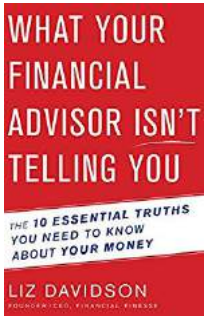

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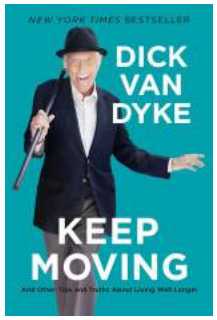

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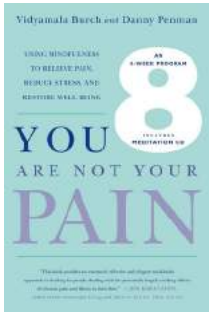

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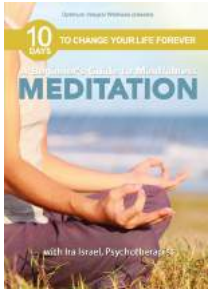

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By Ira Israel

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A PRINTER THAT PRINTS
SOLID OBJECTS?

THAT SOUNDS ABSURD! HOW COULD IT POSSIBLY WORK!?

3D printers are actually quite simple! First, a 3D design is sent to the 3D printer from a computer. Spools of thin plastic filament are loaded into the 3D printer, which then heats and extrudes the plastic onto a surface. The computer controls the speed and shape of the extrusion patterns, repeatedly adding layers of material in order to build up the shape of your designed object. This process results in robust, functional objects created right before your eyes! If you'd like to know more about how 3D printers work, visit 3dhubs.com/what-is-3d-printing

THAT IS ACTUALLY SUPER NEAT!
WHAT CAN I MAKE?

In short, you can make **ANY KIND OF THING**. Thanks to the extreme precision of the 3D printer, almost any object can be successfully printed. Even designs with moving or interlocking parts can be produced, and in many cases appear PRE-ASSEMBLED and ready to use.

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WOW! IT REALLY SEEMS LIKE THERE ARE
NO LIMITS!

THERE ARE INDEED ALMOST NO LIMITS! Objects can't be larger than 9.5" Wide x 9" High x 10.5" Deep. No weapons or illegal items may be printed. But beyond that, THE ONLY REMAINING LIMIT IS YOUR IMAGINATION!

SO, WHAT EXACTLY ARE THESE 3D PRINTED
OBJECTS MADE OF?

The printer uses a variety of thermoplastics to create your objects. These are plastics that become fluid when heated, and solidify again upon cooling. The most common is PLA, a biodegradable plastic made from corn starch. It is durable, lightweight, and non-conductive. PLA comes in a variety of colors, and our CubePro Duo Printer can use up to two different colors at once. After printing, objects made from PLA can sanded, coated, and sealed in a variety of ways to achieve whatever finished appearance you desire.

THIS IS OVERWHELMINGLY COOL. *(I KNOW, RIGHT?)*

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LASER101.FSLASER.COM
Laser information and instruction from the maker of our laser cutter..

REDDIT.COM/R/LASERCUTTING/
A forum on laser cutting and engraving with a very active user base, rife with knowledge.

INKSCAPE.ORG
The place to download Inkspace, a free application for creating vector graphics for use with the laser cutter.

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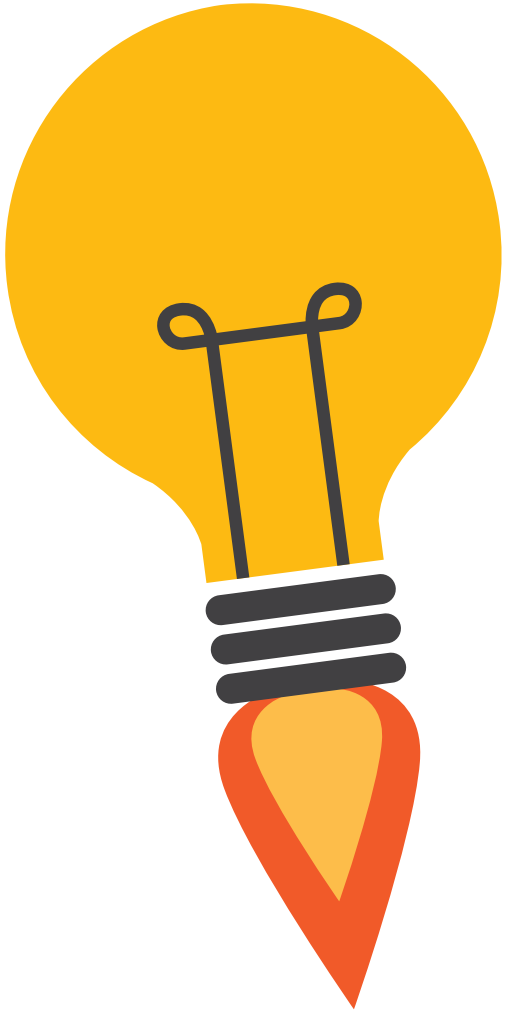

LASER CUTTERS

are incredibly versatile tools, and can be used in an astonishing array of projects. At **THE IDEA LAB**, we are excited to offer a **FULL SPECTRUM H-SERIES LASER CUTTER** with a **20" X 12" inch** cutting area to our community of makers!

WHAT IS A LASER CUTTER?

A laser cutter is a computer-controlled machine which uses a powerful beam of laser light to make rapid, precise cuts in non-metallic materials.

SURE, OK. THAT'S FINE. BUT . . .

WHAT IS A LASER BEAM?

Laser stands for LIGHT AMPLIFICATION by STIMULATED EMISSION of RADIATION, and is a SPECIAL KIND OF HIGHLY-FOCUSED LIGHT. Unlike the light produced by a bulb or candle, laser light is coherent and does not spread or disperse. This, combined with a series of focusing lenses, concentrates the light's energy into a very small point (about 0.30mm), the heat upon which is sufficient to cut (or more appropriately, burn) through many materials. *If you would like to know more about how laser beams are emitted, visit spaceplace.nasa.gov/laser*

AH. I SEE. IT'S ALL BEGINNING TO MAKE SENSE TO ME NOW.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS MACHINE ?

ANY PATTERN OR SHAPE, no matter how intricate and complex, can be cut or etched. This provides truly endless potential for creativity.

HERE ARE SOME COMMON USES FOR THE LASER CUTTER:

CREATE LABELS AND SIGNAGE
PERSONALIZE YOUR BELONGINGS WITH CUSTOM ARTWORK
PRODUCE STENCILS AND STAMPS FOR PAINTING, QUILTING, OR OTHER CRAFTS
DESIGN 3D OBJECTS WHICH CAN BE ASSEMBLED FROM LASER-CUT PARTS
BASICALLY ANYTHING

THE LIMITATIONS EXIST ONLY IN YOUR IMAGINATION!
And also in the types of material that can be used.

SAY, THAT RAISES A GOOD QUESTION. WHAT . . .

TYPES OF MATERIALS CAN BE USED ?

Many substances are safe for use with the laser. If you are unsure whether your material can be used, one of our Idea Lab technicians can help you to correctly identify it and determine its compatibility.

MATERIALS FOR LASER CUTTING

THESE MATERIALS CAN BE CUT AND ETCHED BY THE LASER:

WOOD (HARDWOOD, PLYWOOD, MDF AND OTHER COMPOSITE/ENGINEERED WOODS)
CERTAIN PLASTICS (ACRYLIC, LUCITE, PLEXIGLASS, ETC)
CERTAIN TYPES OF CLOTH (SUCH AS FELT, HEMP AND COTTON)

PAPER	CERTAIN FOAMS
CARDBOARD	LEATHER
CORK	MAGNETIC SHEETING

MATERIALS FOR LASER ETCHING

THESE MATERIALS CAN BE ETCHED BY THE LASER, BUT NOT CUT:

GLASS	COATED METALS
CERAMIC	STONES/MINERALS

WOW, THAT'S A LOT OF DIFFERENT KINDS OF MATERIAL!
Yes, it really is.

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WHAT IS THE IDEA LAB?

THE IDEA LAB is Baldwin Public Library's new MAKERSPACE! A place where anyone with a plan, an idea, or just a desire to learn can come and use high-tech machines to turn their ideas into REAL, ACTUAL OBJECTS!

TURN IDEAS INTO OBJECTS? HOW? I DEMAND TO KNOW HOW!

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THOSE SOUND LIKE FANCY MACHINES, BUT WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WITH THEM?

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BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO USE ANY OF THIS STUFF?

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WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE IDEA LAB SOON!

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Fundraiser celebrates 90 years of Baldwin Public Library

By Tiffany Esshaki

September 18, 2017

While Baldwin Public Library has expanded since it was founded in 1927, the exterior of the original historical building was preserved during renovations and additions. (File photo by Tiffany Esshaki)

BIRMINGHAM — As far as female trailblazers go, the city of Birmingham has one of the best.

Back when Birmingham was still a village, Martha Baldwin was a force to be reckoned with. She founded the public library, became a public servant in a male-dominated realm, and created a Village Improvement Society that advocated for the installation and beautification of sidewalks, which included a ban on spitting chewing tobacco in public — a ban she personally enforced.

Oh, and she refused to wear a corset too.

"(Baldwin Public Library) is named for Martha Baldwin, the indomitable 19th-century woman who founded the library, developed a beautification program and was the bane of the all-male Village Council before women could vote, among other things," said Leslie Pielack, director of The Birmingham Museum. "She had great influence and a firm sense of what Birmingham should be."

On Nov. 10, the library that bears her name will celebrate its 90th anniversary during its annual Books and Bites fundraiser. The speakeasy-themed event will feature live jazz performances, a photo booth, game tables, an auction, food and drinks, and plenty of old-time debauchery in an effort to raise much-needed funds to support library programming.

The theme is an appropriate homage to the library's start, opening 90 years ago after a bond was passed in 1926 to create the public resource.

"We are very proud of the 1927 library building and are pleased to be celebrating its 90th anniversary this year," said BPL Director Doug Koschik, who explained that the history of the Tudor-style building was so significant to residents that designers carefully preserved much of the structure during the recently completed renovation of the adult services section.

"One important feature of the adult services renovation was to spotlight the exterior of the original building. It's succeeded in making people more aware of the history of the building," he said.

In the past, the Books and Bites event has benefited the youth early learning corner, the teen space, outreach services and, most recently, the creation of the library's makerspace, called the Idea Lab. This year, money raised will go to expanding and renovating the youth room.

Big Rock Chophouse, Griffin Claw Brewing Co., The Bird & the Bread, Bistro Joe's, Great Harvest Bread Co., 7 Greens, Svenska Café, Toast, Whistle Stop Diner and Whole Foods Market have all signed on to make the fundraiser the tastiest yet.

The Books and Bites event will be held 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at the library, located at 300 W. Merrill St. in downtown Birmingham.

Tickets cost $75 for "shakers," ages 64 and under; $65 for "boomers," over the age of 65; and they're free for guests 90 and older. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit BaldwinLib.org/BooksandBites or call (248) 544-4683.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Staff Writer Tiffany Esshaki covers Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield Township as well as Oakland County Parks and Recreation and Oakland County Animal Control and Pet Adoption Center. Esshaki has worked for C & G Newspapers since 2011 and attended the University of Michigan-Dearborn and Oakland Community College. She's the recipient of several awards from the Michigan Press Association and the Detroit chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.

BIRMINGHAM
Eccentric

September 24, 2017

Baldwin Library to host Banned Books Week

The Baldwin Public Library is uniting with the American Library Association to celebrate the freedom to read Sept. 24-30 during Banned Books Week, with a variety of events and activities.

View two films that address the impact of censorship on individuals and society during Baldwin's First Amendment Film Festival. "Cinema Paradiso" is showing at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, and "Good Night, and Good Luck" is showing at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26.

"The problem of censorship is less prevalent in modern society than it used to be, but materials — books, music and movies — are still challenged in public libraries all over the country every year. The movies we've selected to show during Banned Books Week this year highlight the importance of resisting censorship and promoting the free exchange of ideas," said Maria Williams, head of adult services.

Teen Services librarian Elisabeth Phou is encouraging teens to tell a librarian about a banned or challenged book they have read and will reward each participant with candy for sharing their experience. "Teen books are frequently challenged and banned in schools and public libraries, and I think it's important for teens to know this," Phou said. "They might not even realize that they've read one. I want teens to be aware that librarians will fight for their right to read."

Celebrate your freedom to read by taking a photo of your favorite banned or challenged book and sharing it on Instagram with the hashtag #BPLbannedbooksweek. Tag the library @baldwinlib and you'll be entered to win an "I Read Banned Books" tote bag.

Baldwin Public Library is located at 300 W. Merrill Street. For more information, go to www.baldwinlib.org.

Celebrate Baldwin Library's 90th anniversary at fundraiser

To celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Baldwin Public Library, it is throwing a speakeasy-themed Books & Bites fundraiser 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10. All proceeds from the event will help fund an expansion and renovation of the Youth Room.

Bid on auction items, listen to live jazz music, strike a pose in the photo booth and try your hand at one of the game tables. Sip and get stuffed with food, drinks and desserts from Big Rock Chophouse, Griffin Claw Brewing Co., The Bird & the Bread, Bistro Joe's, Great Harvest Bread Co., 7 Greens, Svenska Café, Toast, Whistle Stop Diner and Whole Foods Market.

Tickets are $75 for ages 64 and under, $65 for ages 65-89 and free for ages 90 and over. Tickets can be purchased at www.baldwinlib.org/booksandbites or by calling 248-554-4683. Auction donations are welcome and sponsorship opportunities are also available.

"We have been working hard behind the scenes and are excited to host another big night for Birmingham. It's wonderful to be able to open up the library for a fun and entertaining evening," said Doug Koschik, lLibrary director.

In past years, Books & Bites has benefited the Library's Idea Lab (2015), Outreach Services (2013), a Teen Space (2012) and a Youth Early Learning Corner (2011).

The Baldwin Public Library is located at 300 W. Merrill Street. For more information, go to www.baldwinlib.org.

Name needed for new Little Free Library

BIRMINGHAM — The city's second Little Free Library debuted in Booth Park earlier this summer. Now, Birmingham residents and students in the Birmingham School District are invited to enter a contest to name the library, which is shaped like a pig.

Booth Park's Little Free Library is a "take a book, leave a book" free book exchange. Last summer, the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library group donated more than 20 books for children of all ages to kick off the second program.

Download the contest rules and entry form at www.bhamgov.org/booth. All entries must be received by Nov. 17. Three finalists and the contest winner will be selected by the Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board. The new name and contest winner will be announced at the Tuesday, Dec. 5, Parks and Recreation Board meeting. The chosen name will be placed on a plaque that will be installed on the Little Free Library.

For more information, call the Department of Public Services at (248) 530-1700 or visit www.bhamgov.org/booth.

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Birmingham Holds Naming Contest For New Little Free Library

All entries must be received by November 17. Find out how to enter the contest.

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BIRMINGHAM, MI — Little Free Libraries have been popping up around metropolitan Detroit for a few years and Birmingham recently caught the wave by posting its second in Booth Park. But this isn't your normal, everyday Little Free Library.

Shaped like a cute little pig, the city is currently conducted a naming contest for the library. Students from the Birmingham School District and residents are invited to come up with the best moniker for library, which works on the "take a book, leave a book" credo.

Last summer, the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library group donated more than 20 children's books to get the library started. Since then, it has been a popular attraction at the park, according to city officials.

(For more local news, click here to sign up for real-time news alerts and newsletters from Birmingham Patch, click here to find your local Michigan Patch. Also, follow us on Facebook, and if you have an iPhone, click here to get the free Patch iPhone app.)

Rules for the name contest and an entry form are currently available online. All entries must be received by November 17. Three finalists and the contest winner will be selected by the city of

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Photo courtesy of the city of Birmingham

Daily Tribune

Contest underway to name Little Free Library in Birmingham

Birmingham residents and students in the Birmingham Public Schools are invited to suggest a name for a new Little Free Library in Booth Park. Photo courtesy of city of Birmingham

By Anne Runkle, **arunkle@oakpress.com**, **@AnneRunkle1** *on Twitter*

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Little Free Libraries are book exchanges that have been established all over the United States and many foreign countries. The idea came from a Wisconsin man who built a model of a schoolhouse, filled it with books and placed it in his front yard to honor his mother, who was a teacher. His neighbors and friends loved it, so he built several more and gave them away.

BIRMINGHAM
Eccentric

October 1, 2017

Museum, library sponsor lecture series on art and activism

A three-part joint lecture series sponsored by the Birmingham Museum and the Baldwin Public Library will focus on the theme of art and activism.

The first lecture in the series, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, at the library, titled, "Art and Activism: The Theater," will feature Jay Kaplan of the ACLU, who will explore how the stage has been a natural place to question authority and make political commentary from as far back as the ancient Greeks.

Author-music critic Susan Whitall will discuss "Art and Activism: Music" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at the library, while Birmingham artist Victor Pytko will present his current art exhibition at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, at the museum through the perspective of activism in "Arts and Activism: the Visual Arts."

For more information, call the museum at 248-530-1928 or go to www.bhamgov.org/museum.

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BIRMINGHAM, MI – A three-part joint lecture series sponsored by the Birmingham Museum and the Baldwin Public Library this fall will focus on the theme of art and activism. The first lecture in the series entitled, **"Art and Activism: The Theater"** (October 12, 7 p.m. at the Baldwin Library) will feature **Jay Kaplan** of the ACLU, who will explore how the stage has been a natural place to question authority and make political commentary from as far back as the ancient Greeks.

Kaplan's presentation on Art and Activism is the first in a three-part series on this timely theme that will take a closer look at the tradition of the arts challenging the status quo and making us think. Three art forms will be featured: theater, music, and the visual arts. All presentations are free to the public and will take place at the Baldwin Public Library in October and November, then at the Birmingham Museum in December.

Kaplan has been the staff attorney for the ACLU of Michigan's LGBT Project since it began operations in 2001. Prior to that he was an attorney with Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service, where he initiated an HIV/AIDS legal advocacy program. Outside of work he is involved with both Village Players and Stagecrafters community theatres. He has directed numerous productions including "Side Show," "Casa Valentina," "A Catered Affair," "Seascape," and "A Man of No Importance." He will be directing "Act One" at Village Players in March 2018.

On **November 9**, author-music critic **Susan Whitall** will discuss **"Art and Activism: Music,"** (7 p.m. at the Baldwin Library) and on **December 14,** Birmingham artist **Victor Pytko** will present his current art exhibition at 7 p.m. at the Birmingham Museum through the perspective of activism in **"Arts and Activism: the Visual Arts".**
To find out more, call the Birmingham Museum at **248-530-1928** or visit us online at www.bhamgov.org/museum.

The Birmingham Museum is located at 556 West Maple. Exhibit hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., and until 8:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month. Two hours of free parking is available at the Chester Street Parking Deck; credit card required for entry and exit. For more information, call 248-530-1928 or visit www.bhamgov.org/museum . Museum admission is $7 for adults; $5 for students and seniors. Kids 5 and under and Friends of the Birmingham Museum members are free.

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Story Times at Birmingham Museum

Every month, the Birmingham Museum opens its 1822 Hunter House to host an evening family story time along with the Baldwin Public Library. Upcoming family story times include "Nocturnal Animals" at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, and "Teddy Bears" at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9. Baldwin youth librarian Maeve Devlin reads books, sings songs, repeats rhymes and finger plays and leads movement activities.

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Camino Island by John Grisham
Mercer Mann is a broke writer with $60k of student loan debt weighing heavy on her shoulders. Elaine shows up with an offer to make her money problems disappear. All she has to do is return to Camino Island, face the loss of her beloved grandmother she has been avoiding for years, work on her overdue second novel, and seduce a charismatic independent bookstore owner who dabbles in stolen rare books. --recommended by Maria

Do Not Become Alarmed by Maile Meloy
Two families board a cruise ship. During their first off-ship excursion, their children disappear. I could not put this book down! --recommended by Liz

Kissing the Witch: Old Stories in New Skins by Emma Donoghue
This is really gentle and subtle and beautiful chain of stories told to, about, and by women in situations that have elements of popular fairy tales.--recommended by Mary

A Separation by Katie Kitamura
I was thoroughly impressed by this novel, narrated by a somewhat remote, not terribly sympathetic woman who has gone to Greece to search for her missing and estranged husband. Somehow, the novel manages to be very funny, very wise, and very compelling.--recommended by Elizabeth

Yves Saint Laurent by Florence Chenoune and Farid Mueller
An enormous retrospective of Yves Saint Laurent's design work with photos and commentary by the designer and others who worked for and with him. The book looks into the evolution of modern fashion beginning in Paris in the late 1950s and continuing through the 1970s and 1980s by an incredibly iconic and brilliant creator of haute couture.--recommended by Susan

Books for Youth and Teens

Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren Wolk
This book is a blend of mystery and adventure, finding hidden treasure and discovering who you are and where you belong. A girl named Crow floated in on a boat as a baby and may or may not be from a leper colony, but she is determined to discover her roots all while saving a family treasure from a thief. --recommended by Angie

When Dimple Met Rishi by Sandhya Menon
Set in San Francisco at a conference for teen coders and artists, this story of teenagers who met because their parents arranged their marriage years ago in India is funny, serious, and sweet all in one. --recommended by Susan

End of Summer Reading Party

for Teens at the Library

Ariana Afrakhteh

On August 10th, the Baldwin Public Library hosted an amazing program for teens in 6th to 12th grade to celebrate a summer of reading. The End-of-Summer Reading Party for Teens featured all sorts of activities including life-size Jenga, life-size Connect Four, coloring books, "make your own ice cream sandwich" bar, and video games. About thirty kids from the Birmingham community came out to socialize and make new friends with others who enjoy reading as well.

Ms. Elisabeth Phou planned and set up the event in order to encourage kids to continue reading and to honor the teens who logged more than twenty hours of reading this summer. She brought in games from other libraries and purchased the ice cream and prizes in order to make the event possible. This event is a yearly affair and this year's theme was "build a better world." The activities put out were all aimed to connect with the theme and to entertain all ages who would attend. Teen volunteers helped with the setup of this event and other similar ones as well. The summer volunteer program is a huge asset for not only the librarians but the students as well. It is community service that allows for the teens to positively interact with others and to help their community flourish by helping with planning and setup of these events.

The games were most definitely the highlight of the entire event. The Super Smash Bros video game was a big hit for all the kids because kids competed to show off their gaming skills and win. The "make your own ice cream sandwich" bar was also a focal point of the event where kids would layer cookies, ice cream, and toppings to make masterpieces the size of a dinner plate. Naomi, an incoming sophomore at Seaholm High School, layered five cookies with ice cream and whipped cream to create an unforgettable dessert that is sure to satisfy any sweet tooth. To work off the energy from all the sugar, the teens played Just Dance, and many joined in.

Grand prizes were handed out throughout the duration of the event and coupons to Dairy Mat were given to all the teens who had logged more than twenty hours of reading. Three lucky winners of the raffle got iTunes and bookstore gift cards.

Ms. Phou says, "These events are very important in order to give recognition for what the students have read over the summer and to encourage teens to compete to win the grand prizes. Also, it allows for them to see some friends who they wouldn't have seen otherwise over the summer." Bringing the community together is an obvious goal of the Baldwin Public Library, and the librarians' hard work makes this possible.

At the beginning of the event, it was clear that many of the kids were not acquainted with one another, but by the end, everyone made fast friends. Students who didn't know each other played games and joked around with one another. One of the 6th graders said, "I really like coming to these events to see friends and meet new people." The library sets up these amazing events targeted toward older age groups to have teens get out of their houses and have some fun with others in the same age group.

Libraries

Baldwin Public Library

The Baldwin Public Library, located in the heart of downtown Birmingham, is your place to learn, connect, and discover. Serving the communities of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Beverly Hills and Bingham Farms, Baldwin sees over 275,000 visitors each year.

Stop by the youth room to find books for all ages and stages, toys, video games, DVDs, audiobooks, and resources for parents and teachers. Youth librarians host story times for babies and children up to age five each week. They also offer a busy calendar of special programs, crafts, and book clubs for students, and families.

Teens in grades 6 to 12 will find everything they need in Baldwin's Teen Scene, from test preparation materials online and in print to homework help to books, graphic novels, and video games. Baldwin hosts weekly programs for teens, including anime club, teen writing workshops and a monthly book club called Pizza and Pages.

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The library has several unique collections with themed kits for patrons of all ages and abilities. Kits contain games, toys, adaptive devices, plus informative books and DVDs to aid learning, improve quality of life and encourage independence.

Resident cardholders have access to the library's online research databases and downloadable content 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Databases provide access to a variety of information including investing, business, genealogy, historic newspapers, homework help and more. Downloadable digital content includes books, audiobooks, magazines, music and movies.

The library encourages community engagement through a variety of events: books clubs for all ages, concerts, story times, lectures, technology classes, movies, writing groups and conversation groups.

Inside the Library, patrons have access to study rooms, meeting rooms available to rent, rotating displays and two outdoor terraces. The Library Shop sells used books and other media, plus small gifts and office supplies.

The Friends of the Library hold monthly used book sales on the second Saturday. Bloomfield Township Public Library provides library services to residents of Bloomfield Township. A nonresident with a library card for a library that is located in his or her community and is a current member of The Library Network offering reciprocal borrowing privileges to Bloomfield Township Public Library cardholders may use his or her home library card to register at Bloomfield Township Public Library to borrow books and other materials.

The library is open seven days a week. Call or visit the library's website, or connect with the library on Facebook and Instagram.

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The small village that sits along Telegraph and 14 Mile Road may not be as well-known as its surrounding communities, like Beverly Hills, Franklin or Birmingham, but it has a charm all its own.

"If you're looking for a tranquil retreat, Bingham Farms is it," said Kathryn Hagaman, village clerk for Bingham Farms.

It seems that tranquil is the word one can readily associate with Bingham Farms. Spanning just 1.25 miles, the village is home to just over 1,000 residents with a median home price of $381,190.

The peace comes from not only its small size, but also the fact that many of the residential lots are larger than those in surrounding communities. Shaded with numerous trees and enjoying a woodsy feel, Bingham Farms also values its proximity to nature.

For more than 60 years, Bingham Farms has valued its residential character. Prior to its incorporation, moves were made to annex the area that is now Bingham Farms into becoming part of the city of Southfield. That did not sit well with the residents in the future Bingham Farms, however. They believed the natural landscape and quality of the neighborhoods in the area made it important to retain a separate identity.

It was incorporated as a village in 1955, taking its name from Carson Bingham, one of the five original drafters of the village charter. In the years after it became a village, residential development began to threaten the natural habitat that drew residents to the area in the first place. However, with strategic land use plans and ordinances, the pure woodsy charm of the area is largely intact.

Bingham Farms has its own village council, and is serviced by the Franklin Bingham Fire Department and Franklin Bingham Police Department. Birmingham Public Schools is the village's public school district.

Residents are able to experience both the peace of their hometown and the convenience of being located so close to larger cities. As Hagaman pointed out, Bingham Farms is "immersed in nature yet at a crossroad to major highways and convenient to high-end shopping and restaurants."

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Boomer Summit features all-star list of speakers

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America is growing up.

With 10,000 baby boomers retiring every day, the 50-plus population is one of the fastest-growing demographics in the United States. How boomers can stay active and enjoy a fulfilling life is the main theme of the second annual Boomer Summit in Birmingham.

Cris Braun, executive director of the Next 50-plus activity center, said the summit offers something for anyone in search of ideas and inspiration on how to navigate the next chapter of their lives.

"Many people are retiring from successful careers, but how do you go from success to significance?" Braun said. "Whether you are soon to be retired or have been retired for years, Boomer Summit offers guidance to those facing the excitement and uncertainty of what's next."

The Boomer Summit takes place from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Oct. 14, at Seaholm High School, 2436 W. Lincoln. Registration and a vendor showcase begins at 8 a.m. Tickets are $10 apiece at the door and can also be purchased online at www.BirminghamNext.org.

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Vendors will fill the school auditorium with information about financial, lifestyle and health services that are available to boomers. Many of the vendors will be offering giveaways, including a raffle for a pair of round-trip Delta tickets provided by Departure Travels. At the end of the morning session, there will be a food truck outside the school so attendees can grab lunch.

The event also features a prominent list of guest speakers:

» Media personality Chuck Galdica, who will share own experiences and explain how choosing an unconventional path to retirement might be the way to go.

» Alicia Simon, former director of the College for Creative Studies Lifelong Learning Department and currently with the University of Michigan. Simon will explore ways to stay sharp through creativity.

» Ginna Holmes, executive director of the Michigan Community Service Commission, the state's lead agency on volunteerism.

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» Former Detroit Mayor Dave Bing, an NBA Hall of Fame player who played 10 years with the Detroit Pistons. As the founder of Bing Steel, Bing was awarded National Minority Business Person of the Year in 1984.

» Kerry Hannon, a nationally-recognized expert and strategist on career transitions, personal finance and retire-

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ment.

» Lomas Brown, a former NFL player who spent 12 years with the Detroit Lions and now enjoys a successful career in broadcast. Brown will speak about starting a second career.

The Boomer Summit is being presented by Next, the Birmingham Shopping District, the city of Birmingham and the Baldwin Public Library. The Jeffares Group is premier sponsor. To learn more about the Boomer Summit or other upcoming events, go to www.BirminghamNext.org.

"You don't grow older in Birmingham, you grow smarter," Birmingham City Commissioner Patty Bordman said. "And that's because we have access to such enlightening programming like the Boomer Summit."

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Finance, health and leisure to headline second Boomer Summit

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BIRMINGHAM — Retirement isn't about early-bird dinner specials anymore.

For baby boomers, turning 65 is about traveling, saving and not just living, but thriving well into their golden years.

A new era in retirement means learning about a new philosophy on aging from experts in the industry. For the second year in a row, local residents can do just that at Next, Birmingham's center for the over-50 community.

The Boomer Summit will take place 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, Oct. 14, in the auditorium of Seaholm High School. Guests can peruse vendor booths and hear presentations from a variety of well-known speakers, including television personality Chuck Gaidica and NBA Hall of Famer and former Detroit Mayor Dave Bing.

"We probably started seeking out speakers

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and planning this summit about eight months ago," said Next Executive Director Cris Braun. "Particularly with Kerry Hannon, who's a nationally recognized expert on personal finance and retirement. She's coming in from (Washington), D.C. for this, because we wanted to have the best person around to speak on this topic."

Also on the docket to speak at the summit is Lomas Brown, an ESPN analyst and broadcaster, who will discuss "Second Acts: How to Go from Success to Significance." Alicia Simon, from the College for Creative Studies Lifelong Learning Department, and Ginna Holmes, of the Michigan Community Service Commission, will talk about the importance of volunteering.

During last year's event, the volunteer presentation was one that stood out to Birmingham resident Lynne Doyle.

"I think we all want to be more active in the community," she said. "And I enjoyed the travel expert who put a new twist on travel, particularly traveling alone with clubs or travel groups. And I enjoyed the integrated medicine physician who talked about various ailments and conditions the older population tends to have, and how to live a better life with treatments like massage and acupuncture combined with regular medical care."

Doyle, 70, added that the vendors were useful as well to illuminate some of the resources available for the over-50 crowd. After all, comfortable retirement takes years to master.

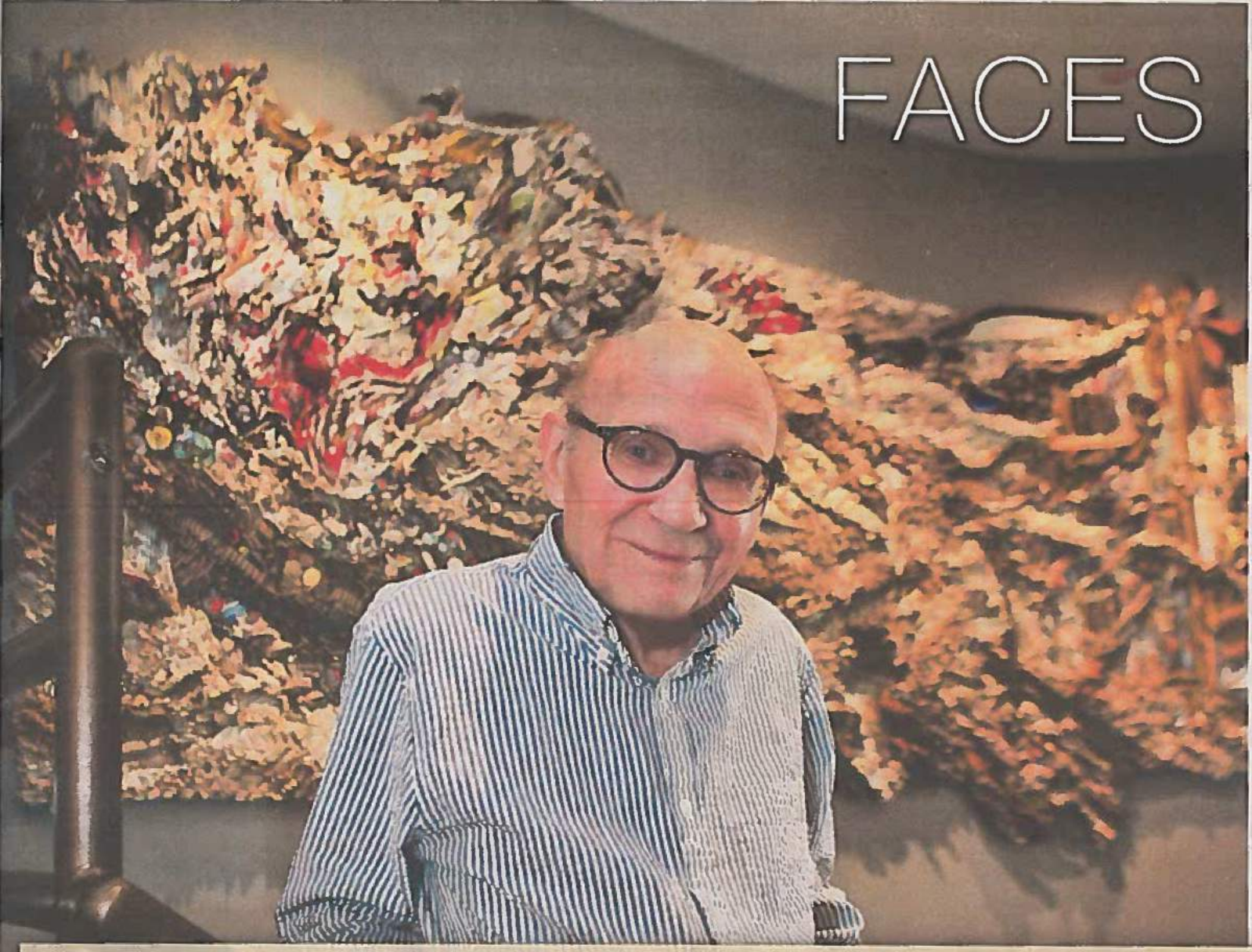
"I would say the important thing to remember is this is as relevant for people in their 50s as it is for those in their 80s. There's something for everyone," she said.

Two Delta round-trip tickets will be raffled off courtesy of Departure Travel, and Birmingham Roast will provide coffee for visitors. Food trucks will be on-site as well.

"If you're just getting ready to retire or 10 years into retirement, you can come and get ideas and inspiration to put into practice," Braun said. "Or just come and spend a nice half-day with us; it really is a good time."

Tickets to the second annual Boomer Summit cost $10 and can be purchased at Birmingh amNext.org or at the door the day of the event.

Seaholm High School is located at 2436 W. Lincoln Road in Birmingham.



Glen Michaels

World-renowned architectural sculptor Glen Michaels is a character...both literally and figuratively. His good friend, the late Elmore Leonard, named a character after him in his mystery novel, "Out of Sight." "But Elmore told me he purposely spelled my first name with two n's so I wouldn't sue him," Michaels says.

Born in Spokane, Washington in 1927, the Birmingham resident says he started taking piano lessons when he was just six years old. "And I was always doing drawings while in grade school. I had a talented aunt who was a costume designer and she would often take me sketching," he says. "Painting and drawing was a natural thing in my family."

After he was released from the Army, the GI Bill of Rights gave Michaels the means to study piano at Yale University, but after two years there "I decided I was interested in creating drawings, not music," he says.

In 1956, at the recommendation of a friend, Michaels enrolled at the Cranbrook Academy of Art and received an MFA in painting one year later. From 1958 to 1965, he supervised the academy's workshops for kids six to eighteen years old.

Eventually, when Michaels concluded he didn't really enjoy creating traditional still life paintings any more, a visit to a local dump turned out to be serendipitous. "I found all kinds of collectible things that I took home to my apartment in Birmingham," he says. "And once I put hundreds of tiles on their edges, leaning against each other, I discovered it created shadows quite like the motion of undulating waves."

Glen's most recent major piece, a spectacular sculpture completed in 2014, is located above a fireplace in the lobby of St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital in Pontiac. Approximately 14 feet long, it consists of mosaic tiles that are topped with industrial glass rods and other collage materials, including peacock feathers, gold leaf, wooden pieces cut out by a toymaker, wooden cigar molds, fused glass, square brass rods that have been highly polished and waxed, iridescent glass, shale, several pieces of wood that have a leathered look and are enhanced with paint, pieces of Tiffany glass that have been saved for him by local antique dealers and reglets (wood spacers used to set up type.) "I cut most of these pieces by hand," Michaels says. "And I have the scars to prove it."

Another fascinating sculpture, a fourteen by five foot assemblage called "Medieval Tapestry," graces the front stairway of Birmingham's Baldwin Public Library. By backing the piece with a specially constructed curved armature, Michaels was able to give it the same beautiful waving quality that is commonly found in medieval tapestries.

On the other end of the spectrum, innumerable smaller sculptures by Michaels can be found dwelling in both homes and corporations throughout the United States.

Just recently, on April 7th, the Scarab Club, the renowned 110-year old artist's club, gallery and studio located in Midtown Detroit, honored Glen by asking him to sign one of the wooden ceiling beams located in their second floor lounge. Previous signers include Diego Rivera, Norman Rockwell, Eliel Saarinen, Marshall Fredericks, Marcel Duchamp and Balthazar Korab. And on October 6th, Michaels will be the recipient of the 2017 Birmingham Cultural Arts Award.

When asked to name his favorite sculpture, Michaels replied: "Whatever is the most recent is always my favorite."

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Glen Michaels, renowned assemblage artist and portrait painter, is still busy creating art works. He recently did this portrait of his granddaughter. Michaels is being honored with the Cultural Arts Award as an influential artist and educator whose works adorn international public, corporate, religious and private venues. DIANE K. BERT

Culture winner Glen Michaels honored for arts contributions

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Diane K. Bert
Correspondent

Glen Michaels, named the 2017 Cultural Arts Award winner, has "made a huge impact on art and architecture in his era," said Marcy Fisher, co-chair of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Cultural Arts Council, along with Anita Goor. They led the committee that chose the 2017 winner.

Michaels has had an illustrious career in the arts, which has included music, ceramics, portraiture and making assemblages that are on display in hospitals, public buildings and homes throughout the country.

While he was a child in the state of Washington, Michaels began drawing caricatures and then went on to painting, doing murals with his brother. He had taken lessons from a WPA artist. He had always been fascinated by architecture.

"My wife (Jackie) was my favorite critic. She always gave me straight answers on portraits."

GLEN MICHAELS
2017 Cultural Arts Award winner

He also studied piano and, during World War II, he entertained at military installations. He studied piano at Yale School of Music for two years and completed college in Washington. He came to the Detroit area in 1957 to obtain a master of fine arts degree at Cranbrook. He studied ceramics and painting.

"I stretched my own large canvases," he said.

Michaels stayed in the Detroit area and developed his special approach to art, making assemblages.

Ken Gross, who nominated Michaels for the Cultural Arts Award, said, "Always busy, always inventing, he was in advance of his time in repurposing utilitarian items and findings such as piano keys, cigar molds, metal, glass and tile. He takes his inspiration from nature, history and art, spanning all cultures and time periods."

Many local hospitals display Michael's works, including St. Joseph Mercy, Beaumont, Detroit Receiving Hospital and Providence. Baldwin Public Library and the Detroit People Mover also feature his large installations. Many homes feature his private commissions for assemblages.

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Michaels and his late wife Jackie remained in the Detroit area and raised their three children here.

"My wife was my favorite critic," said Michaels, 90. "She always gave me straight answers on portraits."

His children, Paul, John and Suzanne, took for granted his presence in their home all day every day. His studio was there. Recently, his two sons helped with an installation at St. Joe's Hospital.

Michaels has fond memories of a trip he took to Japan. He lived in a Zen temple for three weeks, describing it as a quiet contemplative place. He drew a portrait of the head priest and received a beautiful drawing in return, which he has hanging in his Birmingham apartment. The Japanese art was an inspiration for his work.

One of his memorable projects was the design and installation of a glazed brick patio at the home of Hawkins Ferry in Grosse Pointe at the request of Bill Kessler, the architect.

Many art lovers commissioned Michaels for portraits.

"I am always sketching. I carry a sketchbook or have one nearby," Michaels said. In his apartment, he had a portrait of his granddaughter that he recently painted.

"He touches the paper and it comes to life," Ken Gross said. "He is a superb craftsman and does extraordinary portraits."

Michaels's assemblages adorn the Frank Lloyd House in Bloomfield Township, built by the late Maxwell and Sarah Smith.

"I had an instant rapport with the Smiths," Michaels said. "They had a welcoming quality and were wonderful hosts. I was lucky to meet them. It was nice working with them. Their enthusiasm for the projects was wonderful. I admired Frank Lloyd Wright very much."

Michaels has served as a mentor and teacher to many artists. His daughter, Suzanne Barbero, said, "Our house always was welcoming to artists and architects. Night and day, there were frequent visitors. It was normal for our father to be inventing and creating stuff in his basement studio. We could help sometimes. It was a fun house to grow up in."

These days, Barbero is very helpful in making life easier and safer for her father as he moves around his apartment. She cherishes the memories of her childhood and adulthood and the influences of her father.

One time she was away from home and without playthings. He made paper dolls for her and she happily played with them, appreciating his creativity benefiting her life.

Michaels will be honored 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. The public is welcome to attend.

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2017 Candidate Interview: Mike Kroll for Baldwin Library Board in Birmingham

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(Crystal A. Proxmire, Sept. 30, 2017)

Birmingham, MI – Mike Kroll is one of four people running for three seats on the Baldwin Public Library Board in Birmingham on Nov. 7. Also on the ballot are Ashley Aidenbaum, Melissa S. Mark and Frank Pisano.

Kroll has a Masters in Library Science from Wayne State University and has worked in libraries for 40 years, mainly in science and technology including at Harper Hospital, an aerospace research library, and Safety Engineering focusing on fire safety. He also became a certified fire inspector to gain hand-on insight for his work.

“I think the reason that people should vote for me is not only my experience and expertise in libraries, I do have a long term knowledge of that, having served in libraries over the years, but also I think that it might be a good reason to vote for me is it gives me an opportunity to give some pay back to the profession as a volunteer on the board. I would say that would probably be the two reasons.”

Hear more of what Kroll had to say:

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The Washington Post

Gunnar Birkerts, who brought light and elegance to his architecture, dies at 92

The National Library of Latvia. (iStock/iStock)

By Matt Schudel August 19

Gunnar Birkerts, a modernist architect who created dozens of elegant, gleaming buildings around the world, including a national library in his native Latvia that has become the country's symbolic "Castle of Light," died Aug. 15 at his home in Needham, Mass. He was 92.

The cause was congestive heart failure, said a son, the literary critic Sven Birkerts.

Mr. Birkerts began sketching buildings as a teenager in Latvia, studied architecture in Germany and built his career in Michigan, where he was a protege of the Finnish American architect Eero Saarinen.

In 1982, a survey of architecture professors named Mr. Birkerts one of the country's 10 most important architects of "nonresidential structures," along with I.M. Pei, Philip Johnson and others.

With one of his first major buildings, the Federal Reserve Bank in Minneapolis (completed in 1974 and now a commercial office building), Mr. Birkerts adapted construction principles of the suspension bridge, with most of the building's floors supported by cables, allowing for a column-free interior. The idea was further reflected in the glass facade, with a deeply curving line reminiscent of bridge cables.

Gunnar Birkerts in 2016. (Sven Birkerts/Associated Press)

Mr. Birkerts rarely repeated himself throughout his career and did not have a signature visual style, other than an ingenious ability to arrange windows and mirrors to refract light deep inside his buildings.

“I suppose I just feel too secure to need a dogma,” he told The Washington Post in 1980. He rejected unified design theories because “they take out the spirit of invention.”

Some of his buildings, such as the U.S. Embassy in Caracas, Venezuela, which seemed to grow naturally from its setting in the foothills of the Andes, had an organic, earthy quality. His corporate headquarters for Domino’s Pizza in Ann Arbor, Mich., was designed, at the behest of company founder Tom Monaghan, in the low, ground-hugging manner of Frank Lloyd Wright’s Prairie Style.

Mr. Birkerts’s Calvary Baptist Church in Detroit is an orange pyramid thrusting out of the earth. Other buildings, including the Corning Museum of Glass in Corning, N.Y., and the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art in Kansas City, Mo., used concrete, glass and steel in ways that seemed to flow, almost as if shaped by hand.

The Corning museum, which opened in 1980, “has the sensible beauty of a hand-cut crystal tumbler,” architecture critic Wolf Von Eckardt wrote in The Post. “And like a crystal tumbler, the building can be viewed as a precious work of art or as practical utensil.”

Mr. Birkerts designed many buildings on college campuses, including additions to libraries at Cornell University, the University of California at San Diego and the University of Michigan, where Mr. Birkerts was a longtime faculty member. At Michigan’s Ann Arbor campus, he built an underground law library addition that filtered light into three subterranean levels.

Mr. Birkerts said an architect should be “someone who has compassion for humanity,” adding that “architecture may indeed be an art of accommodation, but it is also an art of communication.”

The Washington Post

Gunnar Gunivaldis Birkerts was born Jan. 17, 1925, in Riga, Latvia. His parents were divorced when he was an infant, and he was raised by his mother, a teacher and folklorist.

As a teenager during World War II, he fled his country to escape the Russian army as it approached his homeland. Latvia, which was independent during Mr. Birkerts's childhood, became a satellite state of the Soviet Union.

He moved to Germany, where he received dual degrees in architecture and engineering in 1949 from what is now Stuttgart Technology University of Applied Sciences. While there, he met his future wife, also a native of Latvia.

Mr. Birkerts then came to the United States, where he hoped to work for Saarinen, who designed the St. Louis Gateway Arch and the main terminal at Dulles International Airport.

Knowing that Saarinen worked late at night, Mr. Birkerts went to the architect's Michigan office after hours and introduced himself. Saarinen didn't have a job opening at the time but recommended Mr. Birkerts to a firm in Chicago. After a year, Mr. Birkerts joined Saarinen's office, where his colleagues included such budding architectural giants as Cesar Pelli, Kevin Roche and Robert Venturi.

Mr. Birkerts later worked at a firm headed by Minoru Yamasaki, who designed the World Trade Center in New York, before opening his own architecture practice in 1963. He taught at the University of Michigan from 1959 to 1990 and moved to Massachusetts in 2007.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, the former Sylvia Zvirbulis of Needham; three children, Sven Birkerts of Arlington, Mass., Erik Birkerts of Lake Bluff, Ill., and Andra Birkerts-Footer of Wellesley, Mass.; and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Birkerts often explored architectural ideas by drawing rough conceptual sketches he called “brainwaves.” His finished buildings, including the National Library of Latvia, often show few changes from the early sketches.
When he received the commission for the library in 1989, he imagined it as a reflection of the historic Latvian notion of the “crystal mountain,” which few people had the courage or tenacity to scale.

After Latvia won its independence in 1991, Mr. Birkerts decided the library would embody another element of Latvian folklore, that of the Castle of Light, representing the abiding strength of wisdom amid the country’s rebirth of freedom.

“Allegiance to history and culture, and not simply the mode of the day,” he told Blueprint magazine in 2014, “is essential to the lasting quality I strive for in my architecture.”

After 25 years, the library was finally completed in 2014. It rises like a shimmering mountain beside a river, with vertical strips of windows aligned to represent birch trees.

“The birch forest is as Latvian as they come,” Mr. Birkerts said.

Inside, the eight-story atrium blossoms with crystalline light, reflecting off triangular metal fins hanging from the ceiling.

This year, Mr. Birkerts won the Library Building Award of the American Institute of Architects, which pronounced the library a “contemporary Modernist masterpiece.” It was perhaps his greatest design and was certainly his most personal.

Before the library opened its doors, 14,000 Latvian citizens formed a mile-long human chain to pass books from the old library to Mr. Birkerts’s new structure — the accumulated wisdom of a nation moving from one hand to the next until it was safely stored in the Castle of Light.

THE OAKLAND PRESS

Junior League of Birmingham to host speaker on how women can ask for a raise

Welsh

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The Junior League of Birmingham, Inc. will host award winning career and life style coach Sherry Welsh, 7-8:30 p.m., Oct. 19 at the Baldwin Public Library, 300 W Merrill St., Birmingham.

“Welsh’s lecture is designed to help audience members find their voice to communicate more effectively, whether they are for asking for a raise, more responsibility at the office, more independence, more time or any other goal,” according to a press release from the Junior League.

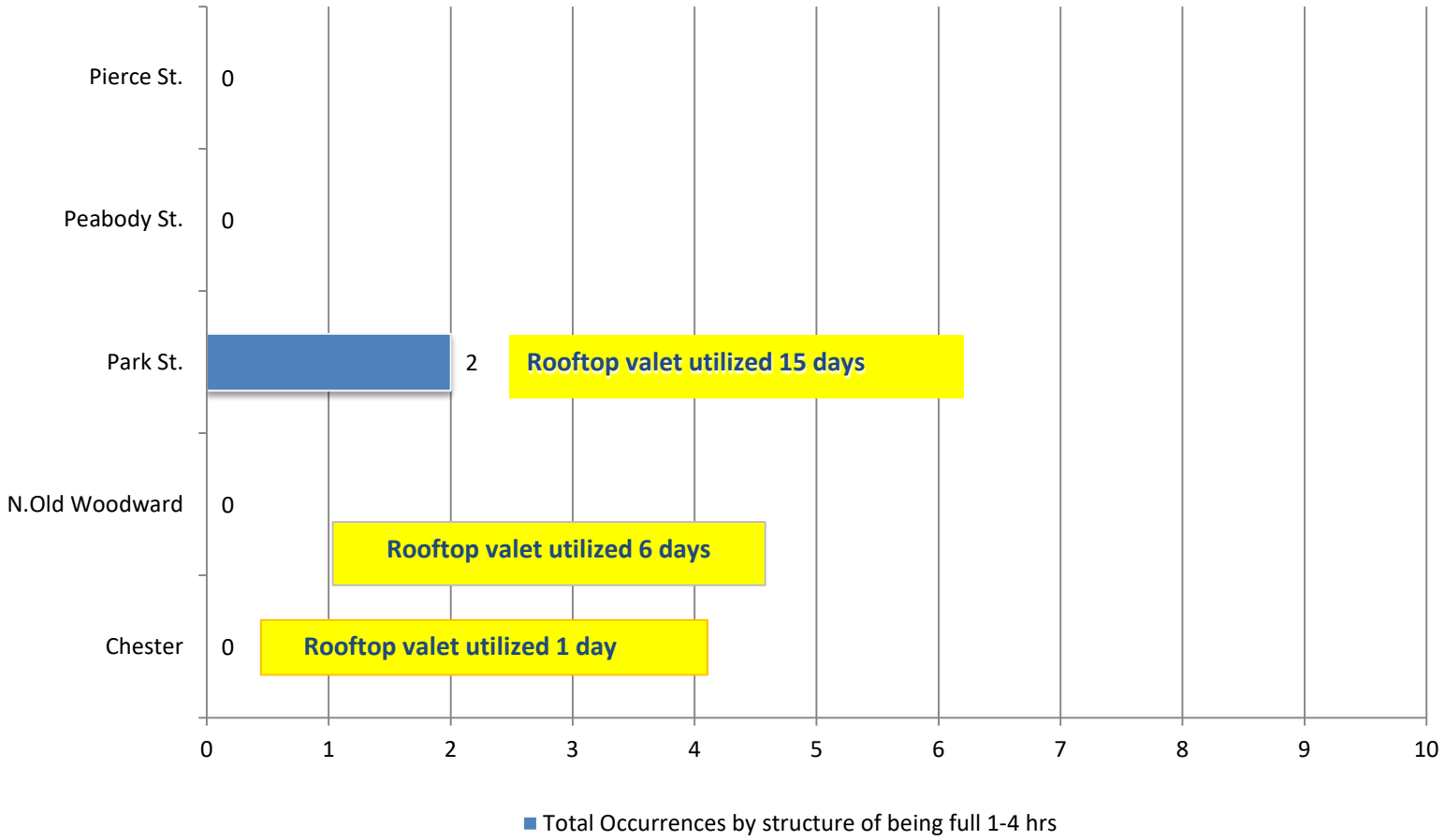
Tickets for the event are $40 for nonmembers and $25 for members and includes Welsh’s book, “Slow Down-Unexpected Way To Thrive As A Leader”. Purchase tickets at www.jlbham.org/product-category/training-opportunities.

For more information, visit www.jlbham.org.

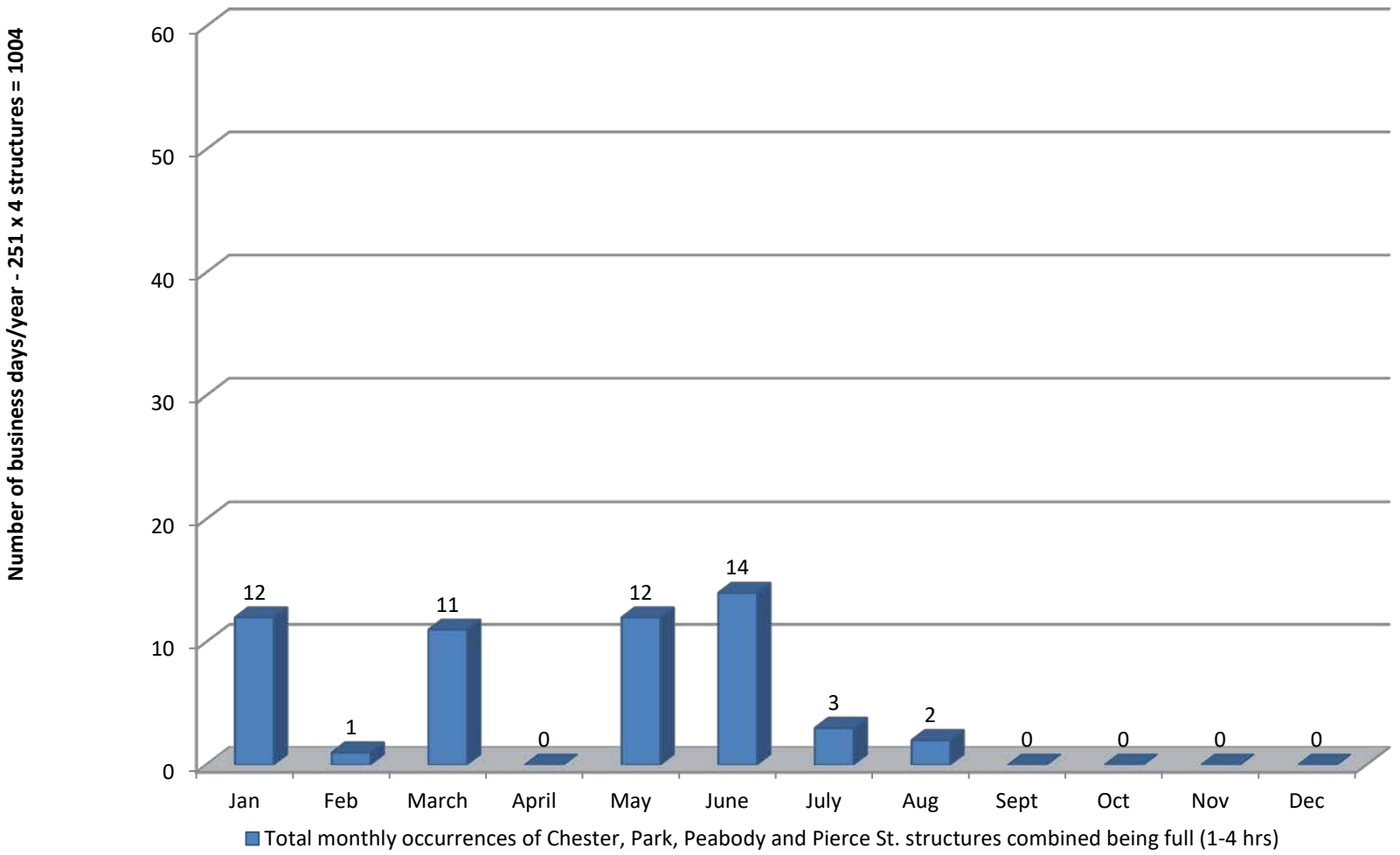
— Kathy Blake, The Oakland Press

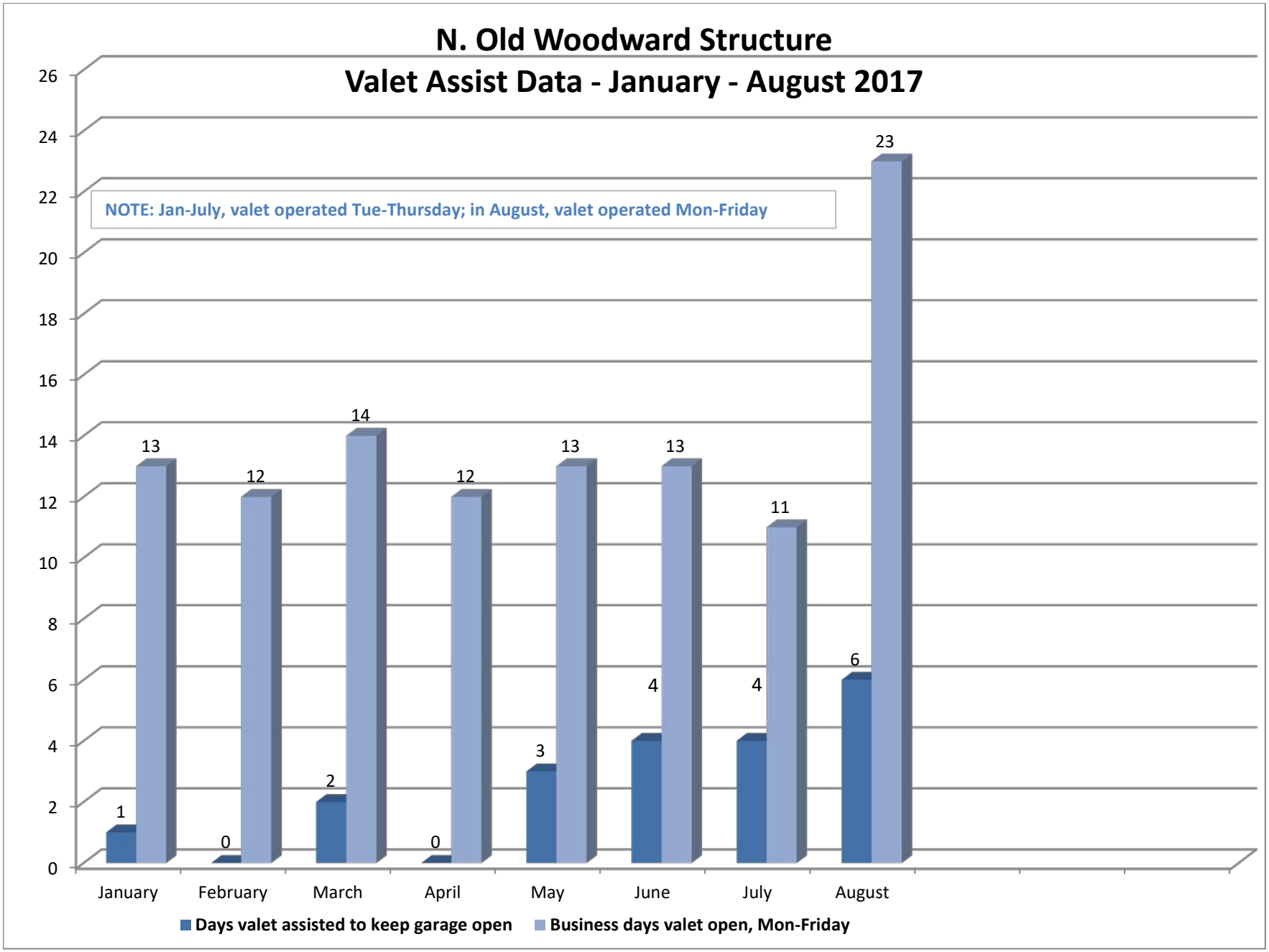
Parking Full Status by Structure

August 2017 Business Days Only (M-Friday)



2017 Combined Parking Structure Full Status

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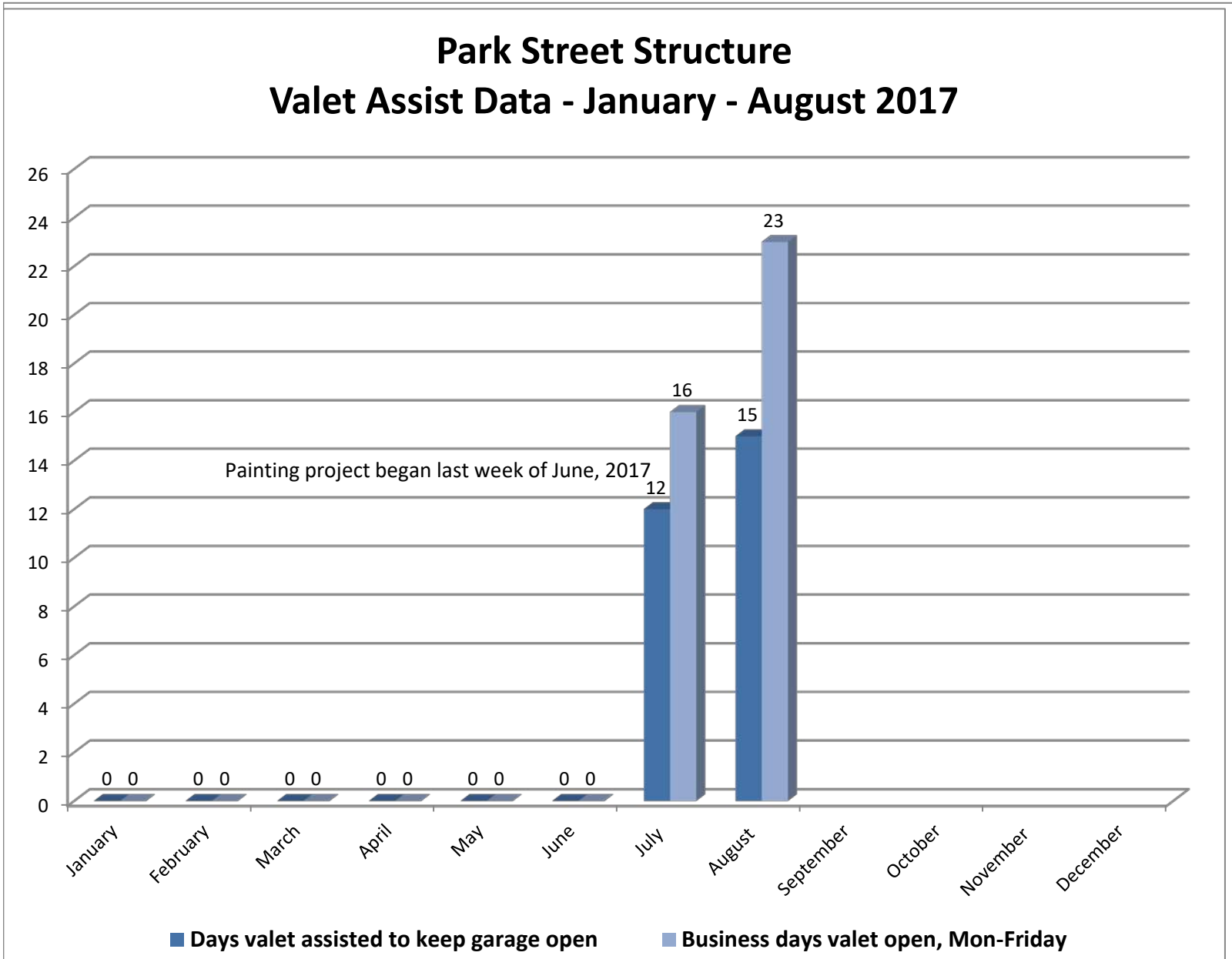
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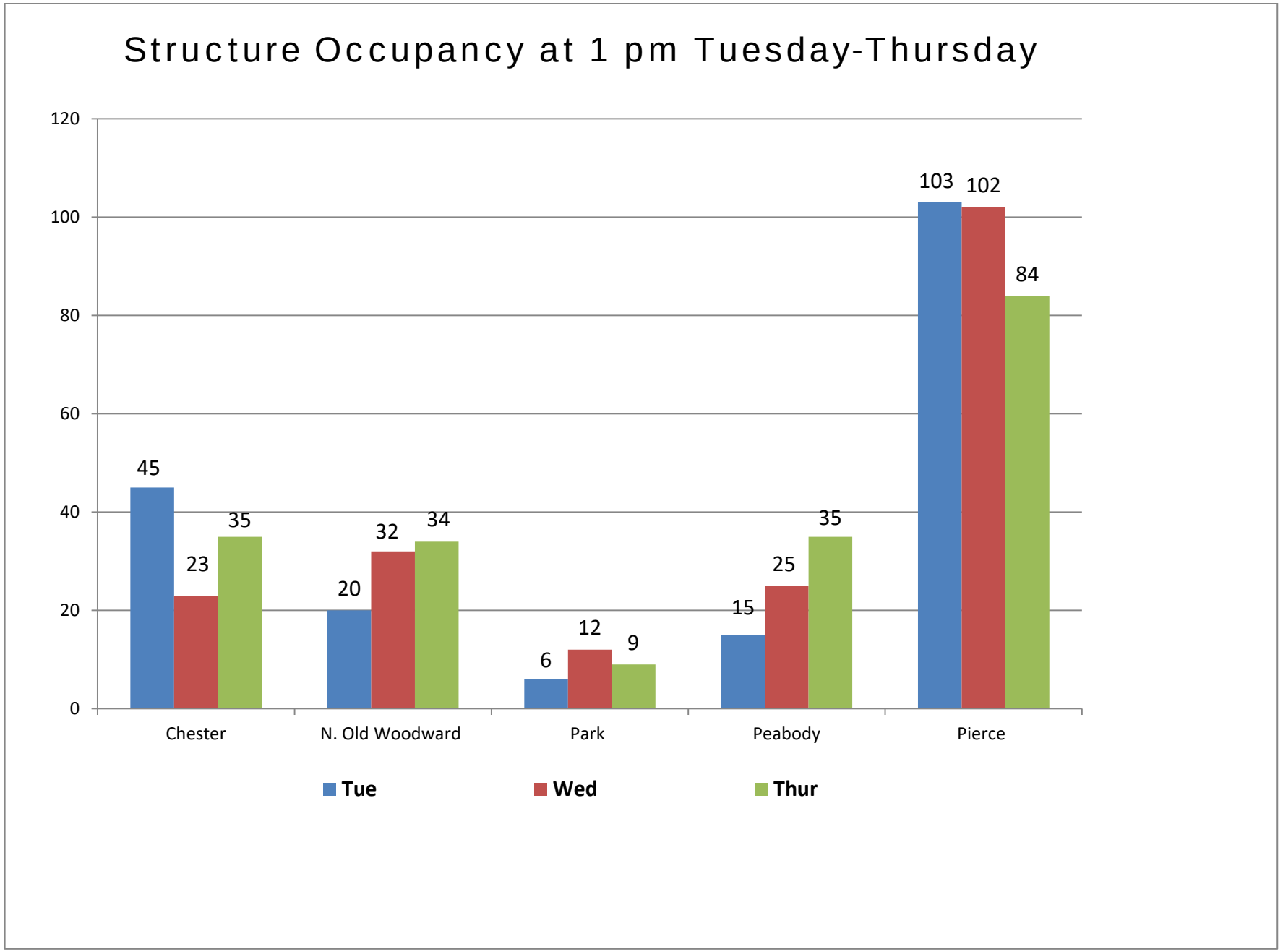
Business days valet open, Mon-Friday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Pierce Street Structure

Garage full list

AUGUST 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
		Notes:	Structure did not fill.			

Peabody Street Structure

Garage full list

AUGUST 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
		Notes:	Structure did not fill.			

Chester Street Structure

Garage full list

AUGUST 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Valet-2 cars	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
		Notes:				

Park Street Structure

Garage full list

AUGUST 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Valet-34 cars	2 Valet-47 cars	3 Valet-42 cars	4 Valet-13 cars	5
6	7 Valet-44 cars	8 Valet-28 cars	9 Valet-44 cars	10 Valet-42 cars	11 Valet-23 cars	12
13	14 Valet-22 cars	15 Valet-50 cars **FULL @12:54a** **OPEN @1:37p**	16 Valet-0 cars	17 Valet-0 cars	18 Valet-0 cars	19
20	21 Valet-0 cars	22 Valet-0 cars	23 Valet-0 cars	24 Valet-0 cars	25 Valet-0 cars	26
27	28 Valet-15 cars	29 Valet-33 cars	30 Valet-21 cars	31 Valet-50 cars **FULL @2:00p** **OPEN @2:35p**		
		Notes: Park Street Painting Project-Blocking off between 85-160 spaces at a time.				

N. Old Woodward Garage

Valet Counts

August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 18 cars	**2** 4 cars	**3** 3 cars	**4** Garage not filled.	**5**
6	**7** Garage not filled.	**8** 22 cars	**9** Garage not filled.	**10** 2 cars	**11** Garage not filled.	**12**
13	**14** Garage not filled.	**15** 2 cars	**16** Garage not filled.	**17** Garage not filled.	**18** Garage not filled.	**19**
20	**21** Garage not filled.	**22** Garage not filled.	**23** Garage not filled.	**24** Garage not filled.	**25** Garage not filled.	**26**
27	**28** Garage not filled.	**29** Garage not filled.	**30** Garage not filled.	**31** Garage not filled.		
		Notes:				

Upcoming Events of Interest

Ed Emberley Art Party
October 19, 2017, 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Registration required.
Grades K to 3. Join the fun as we celebrate Ed Emberley's birthday and his thumbprint art through stories, activities, and crafts.

Annual Teen & Tween Halloween Lock-In
*Friday, October 20 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. - R*egistration required.
If you dare, hang out inside the library after it's closed. Enjoy spooky stories, snacks, face painting, games, and of course, our Library Ghost Walk. A signed permission slip is required to participate.

Jack Teagarden: King of the Blues Trombone
October 23, 2017, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Registration required.
Join speaker Peter Bray for a lively talk about trombone legend Jack Teagarden's life and career.

Islamophobia and Racism in America, with Dr. Erik Love
October 28, 2017, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Registration required.
Dr. Erik Love of Pennsylvania's Dickinson College will discuss his book "Islamophobia and Racism in America." This program is presented in partnership with the Race Relations and Diversity Task Force.

Spooky Halloween Magic Show
October 29, 2017, 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. Registration required.
Join us as we celebrate the annual Birmingham Pumpkin Patch with Gordon Russ, the magician. Parade to follow.

Friends of the Library Semi-Annual Book Sale

Friday, Nov. 3 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Members Preview Night (Memberships are available at the door)
Saturday, Nov. 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 5 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Half Price Day
Monday, Nov. 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Bag Day - Buy a bag for $5.00 and stuff it to the brim with books

Books & Bites 2017
Friday, November 10 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Sneak out for some roaring fun to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Baldwin Public Library. Baldwin is throwing a speakeasy-themed Books & Bites fundraiser. All proceeds from the event will help fund an expansion and renovation of the Youth Room. Bid on hotsy-totsy auction items, listen to live jazz music, strike a pose in the photo booth, and try your hand at one of the game tables. Sip and get stuffed with food, drinks, and desserts. Tickets are $75 for Shakers ages 64 and under, $65 for Boomers ages 65 to 89, and free for attendees 90 and over.

BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST

Trust Agenda

Trust Minutes

Trust Financial Reports

Gifts to Trust: Receipts

Check Register: Claims

Baldwin Public Library Trust Meeting

Monday, October 16, 2017

Rotary Tribute & Donor Rooms

Immediately following regular Board meeting

Agenda

Call to order and establishment of a quorum

I. Consent Agenda

All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and approved by a roll call vote. There will be no discussion of these items unless a board member or a citizen so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered as the last item under new business.

A. Approval of the September 18, 2017 minutes p. 111

B. Acceptance of the September 2017 receipts of $9,837.10 p. 117

C. Approval of the September 2017 disbursements of $10,116.86 p. 118

II. New and Miscellaneous Business

III. General Public Comment Period

The Library Board values public meetings and welcomes your comments on Library issues. The Board respectfully asks that comments be made as concisely as possible. We welcome your comments but cannot debate items not on the agenda.

IV. Adjournment

The next Trust meeting will be held immediately following the next regular meeting of the Baldwin Public Library Board of Directors on Monday, November 20, 2017.

BALDWIN LIBRARY BOARD
MINUTES, TRUST MEETING
September 18, 2017

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by President Frank Pisano at 8:48 p.m.

Library Board present: Frank Pisano, Sheila Brice, Bob Tera, Dave Underdown, Ashley Aidenbaum, Jim Suhay, and Student Representative Glennie Webster.

Absent and excused: None.

Library Staff present: Doug Koschik, Director; Rebekah Craft, Associate Director; and Paul Gillin, Administrative Assistant.

Members of the public present: None.

2. Consent Agenda

Motion: To approve the consent agenda, which includes receipts and disbursements.
1st Tera
2nd Underdown
A roll call vote was taken.
Yeas: Pisano, Brice, Tera, Aidenbaum, Suhay, and Underdown
Nays: None.
Absent and excused: None.
The motion was approved unanimously.

3. New and Miscellaneous Business: There was no new business. Koschik thanked Nancy Platts for including Baldwin in her will and leaving the Library $5,000.

4. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.
1st Brice
2nd Tera
Yeas: Pisano, Brice, Underdown, Tera, Suhay, Aidenbaum, and Underdown.
Nays: None.
Absent and excused: None.
The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The next regular meeting will be on Monday, October 16, 2017.

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Bob Tera, Secretary Date

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Baldwin Public Library Trust: September 2017

September receipts totaled $9,837.10. September disbursements totaled $10,116.86.

The current value of the Trust is $1,540,543.05, divided up in the following way:

Total endowment investments*	$1,105,770.96
Endowment funds distributed for use	$91,391.81
Total endowment funds	$1,197,162.77
General spendable funds	$274,830.30
Restricted funds**	$39,961.09
Naming rights for Rotary Tribute Room	$28,588.89
Total non-endowment funds	$343,380.28
Total endowment funds	$1,197,162.77
Total non-endowment funds	$343,380.28
Total of all Trust funds	$1,540,543.05

* The principal of the endowment funds is $815,449.98.

**Includes memorials, proceeds from fundraisers, and donations from the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library.

Baldwin Public Library Trust
Portfolio Performance Benchmarks
As of September 30, 2017

Index	2017: Year-to-Date	2016: Entire Year
S&P 500 (Equity benchmark)	12.53%	11.95%
Global Aggregate (Bond benchmark)	6.25%	2.09%
Blended Return of Both Benchmarks*	10.65%	8.99%
Baldwin Trust's Portfolio Return	12.72%	9.70%
Trust's Portfolio Performance Compared to Blended Return of Benchmarks	**2.07%**	**0.71%**

*Since September 2013, the blended return for 2013 has been calculated according to the Baldwin Trust's current allocation of 70% equities and 30% fixed income, cash and cash alternatives.

BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST
BALANCES BY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Investment and Cash Report									
	Prior Month	**Current**		**Current**				**Change in**	**Ending**
	Balance	**Month**	**Year to Date**	**Month**	**Year to Date**	**Transfer**	**Transfer**	**Investment**	**Balance**
	08/31/17	**Revenue**	**Revenue**	**Expenses**	**Expenses**	**In**	**Out**	**Value**	**09/30/17**
Chemical Bank Checking:									
Endowment Money	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$6,460.20	$16,843.41	$6,460.20			$0.00
2012 Books & Bites at Baldwin Fundraiser	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00			$0.00
2013 Books & Bites at Baldwin Fundraiser	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00			$0.00
2015 Books & Bites at Baldwin Fundraiser	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$554.45	$2,944.37	$554.45			$0.00
2017 Books & Bites at Baldwin Fundraiser	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00			$0.00
Restricted Funds	$2,642.49	$0.00	$0.00	$2,777.97	$10,462.42	$1,361.11			$1,225.63
General Spendable Funds	$104.59	$0.00	$0.00	$327.24	$1,077.02	$324.24			$101.59
TOTAL	$2,747.08	$0.00	$0.00	$10,119.86	$31,327.22	$8,700.00			$1,327.22
Chemical Bank Money Market:									
Endowment Budgeted Funds	$98,538.90	$70.00	$70.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($6,460.20)		$92,148.70
Endowment Investment Funds	$910.00	$0.00	$100.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		$910.00
2012 Books & Bites at Baldwin Fundraiser	$17.94	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		$17.94
2013 Books & Bites at Baldwin Fundraiser	$3,955.76	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		$3,955.76
2015 Books & Bites at Baldwin Fundraiser	$8,100.28	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($554.45)		$7,545.83
2017 Books & Bites at Baldwin Fundraiser	$4,110.00	$4,500.00	$5,500.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		$8,610.00
Restricted Funds	$19,967.04	$0.00	$100.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($1,361.11)		$18,605.93
General Spendable Funds	$6,226.91	$5,267.10	$5,723.72	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($324.24)		$11,169.77
TOTAL	$141,826.83	$9,837.10	$11,493.72	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($8,700.00)		$142,963.93
Raymond James & Associates:									
Endowment Fund Investments	$1,100,762.18					$0.00	$0.00	$28,791.16	$1,129,553.34
Endowment Cash	$3,059.93					$0.00	$0.00	$79.69	$3,139.62
Sub-total Endowment Funds	$1,103,822.11					$0.00	$0.00	$28,870.85	$1,132,692.96
General Spendable Funds Cash	$0.00					$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
General Spendable Mutual Funds	$261,129.77					$0.00	$0.00	$2,429.17	$263,558.94
General Spendable CD Funds	$0.00					$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Sub-total General Spendable Funds	$261,129.77					$0.00	$0.00	$2,429.17	$263,558.94
TOTAL	$1,364,951.88					$0.00	$0.00	$31,300.02	$1,396,251.90
Total All Funds	$1,509,525.79	$9,837.10	$11,493.72	$10,119.86	$31,327.22	$8,700.00	($8,700.00)	$31,300.02	$1,540,543.05

BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST
ENDOWMENT BY INDIVIDUAL FUND
SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

							CHANGE IN	
							VALUE	CURRENT
		PRINCIPAL		VALUE AS OF	2017/18	EARNINGS	JULY 1, 2017-	VALUE OF
		AMOUNT		JULY 1, 2017	DONATIONS	INCOME OUT	SEPT. 30, 2017	ENDOWMENT
FUND	NAME	OF FUND	PURPOSE				$45,997.56	INVESTMENTS
401	Frances Balfour	$10,000.00	Adult Reading	$13,192.01			$564.08	$13,756.09
402	Gladys E. Brooks	$41,437.86	Large Print Books/Senior Citizens	$54,664.02			$2,337.41	$57,001.43
403	Jane Cameron	$68,770.00	Programs	$85,880.93			$3,879.15	$89,760.08
404	Jane Martin Clark	$5,000.00	Baldwin Public Library	$6,596.00			$282.04	$6,878.04
405	Jan Coil	$10,500.00	Baldwin Public Library	$13,708.42			$592.28	$14,300.70
406	Aubrey & Grace Flood	$5,000.00	Youth Services	$6,596.00			$282.04	$6,878.04
407	Paul R. Francis	$10,000.00	Staff Appreciation	$12,258.61			$564.08	$12,822.69
408	Friends of the Library	$32,000.00	Library Collections	$42,214.76			$1,805.04	$44,019.80
409	Priscilla Goodell	$113,718.00	Baldwin Public Library	$150,017.55			$6,414.56	$156,432.11
410	Emmelene Hornac	$50,000.00	Youth Services & Adult Reading	$65,960.10			$2,820.38	$68,780.48
411	H. G. Johnston	$6,350.00	Reference Collection	$8,317.29			$358.19	$8,675.48
412	Bob & Jean Kelly	$10,508.00	Youth Services Programs	$13,160.40			$592.73	$13,753.13
413	William Kernan, Jr.	$25,000.00	Library Collections	$32,980.07			$1,410.19	$34,390.26
414	Merle L. Roninger	$250,890.00	Reference Collection	$330,881.25			$14,152.10	$345,033.35
415	Rosso Family Foundation	$10,000.00	Baldwin Public Library	$13,192.03			$564.08	$13,756.11
416	Marion G. Sweeney	$10,000.00	Youth Services	$12,879.31			$564.08	$13,443.39
417	Stephen Vartanian	$10,000.00	Audio Visual Material	$13,192.03			$564.08	$13,756.11
419	Clarice G. Taylor	$59,852.76	Professional Development	$81,515.69			$3,376.15	$84,891.84
421	Eric & Julie Gheen	$10,000.00	Adult Reading Print Books	$12,233.47			$564.08	$12,797.55
422	Ileane Thal	$39,913.98	Baldwin Public Library	$46,353.12			$2,251.45	$48,604.57
423	Judith Nix	$15,207.48	Adult & Youth Programs	$17,985.50			$857.82	$18,843.32
424	MAF-Rae Dumke	$10,000.00	Architecture Books	$12,286.43			$564.08	$12,850.51
425	Linne Underdown Hage Forester	$11,301.90	Professional Development	$12,798.41			$637.51	$13,435.92
		$815,449.98		$1,058,863.40	$0.00	$0.00	$45,997.56	$1,104,860.96

BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST
ENDOWMENT FUNDS BY DESIGNATION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

		Prior Month	Current	Year to	Current	Year to			Change in	Ending
		Balance	Month	Date	Month	Date	Transfer	Transfer	Investment	Balance
Gift & Tribute Funds	**Purpose**	**08/31/17**	**Revenue**	**Revenue**	**Expense**	**Expense**	**In**	**Out**	**Value**	**09/30/17**
General Spendable Funds		$267,461.27	$5,267.10	$5,723.72	$327.24	$1,077.02	$0.00	$0.00	$2,429.17	$274,830.30
Restricted Funds:										
Memorials		$7,474.17	$0.00	$100.00	$0.00	$44.58				$7,474.17
2012 Books & Bites at Baldwin Fundraiser		$17.94	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00				$17.94
2013 Books & Bites at Baldwin Fundraiser		$3,955.76	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00				$3,955.76
2015 Books & Bites at Baldwin Fundraiser		$8,100.28	$0.00	$0.00	$554.45	$2,944.37				$7,545.83
2017 Books & Bites at Baldwin Fundraiser		$4,110.00	$4,500.00	$5,500.00	$0.00	$0.00				$8,610.00
Friends	Adult Services Programs	$4,331.23	$0.00	$0.00	$1,133.92	$2,085.74				$3,197.31
	Young Adult Programs	$1,782.11	$0.00	$0.00	$998.90	$4,796.04				$783.21
	Youth Services Programs	$8,099.04	$0.00	$0.00	$645.15	$3,286.06				$7,453.89
	Outreach & Equipment	$922.98	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$250.00				$922.98
	Director's Discretionary	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00				$0.00
	Sub-toal Restricted	$38,793.51	$4,500.00	$5,600.00	$3,332.42	$13,406.79	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$39,961.09
Rotary Room Fund	Naming Rights-Principal	$27,832.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$27,832.00
	Maintenance Funds	$756.89	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$756.89
Total Gift and Tribute Funds		$334,843.67	$9,767.10	$11,323.72	$3,659.66	$14,483.81	$0.00	$0.00	$2,429.17	$343,380.28
Endowment Funds										
Endowment Budgeted Funds	General Funds	$42,985.10	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$373.38	$0.00			$42,985.10
	Adult Large Print	$2,560.89	$0.00	$0.00	$302.78	$1,406.20	$0.00			$2,258.11
	Adult Services Department	$12,118.75	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$342.12	$0.00			$12,118.75
	Adult Audio Visual	$1,780.92	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00			$1,780.92
	Adult Reference	$11,784.41	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$7,126.00	$0.00			$11,784.41
	Adult Programs	$10,159.53	$0.00	$0.00	$2,500.00	$2,717.40	$0.00			$7,659.53
	Adult Architecture	$875.07	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00			$875.07
	Youth Services Department	$9,269.89	$0.00	$0.00	$1,202.34	$1,589.53	$0.00			$8,067.55
	Youth Programs	$1,085.05	$0.00	$0.00	$400.00	$860.70	$0.00			$685.05
	Professional Development	$4,491.14	$70.00	$70.00	$2,055.08	$2,428.08	$0.00			$2,506.06
	Staff Appreciation	$671.26	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00			$671.26
	Sub-total	$97,782.01	$70.00	$70.00	$6,460.20	$16,843.41	$0.00			$91,391.81
Total Endowment Investments	All Funds	$1,076,900.11	$0.00	$100.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$28,870.85	$1,105,770.96
Total Endowment Funds		$1,174,682.12	$70.00	$170.00	$6,460.20	$16,843.41	$0.00	$0.00	$28,870.85	$1,197,162.77
Total All Trust Funds		$1,509,525.79	$9,837.10	$11,493.72	$10,119.86	$31,327.22	$0.00	$0.00	$31,300.02	$1,540,543.05

Receipts by Bank

09-Oct-17

Bank Number 11 Talmer Bank and Trust

Receipt Number	Date	Account Number and Name		Amount	Received From
802	30-Sep-17	301.0000.999.00.07	Trust Money Mkt General Funds	$250.00	Anne Calomeni
					General Funds Donation
		301.0000.999.00.07	Trust Money Mkt General Funds	$5,000.00	Nancy J. Platz Trust
					General Funds Donation (Baldwin was a 2% Beneficiary of Nancy J. Platz Trust)
		419.0000.999.00.11	Taylor Interest-Professional Development	$70.00	Charter Township of Redford
					Reimbursement for Steve Remenapp MLA Conference Registration
		302.0000.999.00.08	2017 Books & Bites at Baldwin Fundrais	$500.00	Kelly Houseman Counceling
					Sponsor Donation for 2017 Books & Bites at Baldwin Fundraiser
		302.0000.999.00.08	2017 Books & Bites at Baldwin Fundrais	$1,000.00	Melissa & Tom Mark
					Beverage Donation for 2017 Books & Bites at Baldwin Fundraiser
		302.0000.999.00.08	2017 Books & Bites at Baldwin Fundrais	$500.00	LocalHop
					Sponsor Donation for 2017 Books & Bites at Baldwin Fundraiser
		302.0000.999.00.08	2017 Books & Bites at Baldwin Fundrais	$2,500.00	Friends of Baldwin Public Library
					Sponsor Donation for 2017 Books & Bites at Baldwin Fundraiser
		301.0000.999.00.07	Trust Money Mkt General Funds	$17.10	Chemical Bank
					Interest Income for September
			Receipt Number Total:	**$9,837.10**	
			Total Amount For This Bank	**$9,837.10**	

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Check Register

Baldwin Public Library

300 W. Merrill Street

Birmingham , MI 48009

All Banks

Check Number	Check Date	Vendor	Amount
4685	9/12/2017	HOWARD MARKEL	$1,500.00
4686	9/18/2017	CAPITAL ONE BANK	$1,425.51
4687	9/18/2017	AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION	$48.00
4688	9/18/2017	GORDON FOOD SERVICE	$315.30
4689	9/18/2017	FARMINGTON COMM. LIBRARY	$1,000.00
4690	9/18/2017	JOSH ROUAN	$410.08
4691	9/18/2017	MARIA WILLIAMS	$114.87
4692	9/18/2017	REBEKAH CRAFT	$209.36
4693	9/18/2017	MICHIGAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION	$1,645.00
4694	9/18/2017	ESCAPE ROOM ZONE	$500.00
4695	9/18/2017	LEAH MOSS	$275.00
4696	9/18/2017	CIRQUE AMONGUS	$400.00
4697	9/18/2017	ORGANIZATION FOR BAT CONSERVATION	$50.00
4698	9/18/2017	ORGANIZATION FOR BAT CONSERVATION	$210.00
4699	9/18/2017	FINDAWAY WORLD, LLC	$631.88
4700	9/18/2017	MIDWEST TAPE	$279.93
4701	9/18/2017	RECORDED BOOKS, LLC	$279.90
4702	9/18/2017	GALE/CENGAGE LEARNING	$79.17
4703	9/18/2017	CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	$53.84
4704	9/18/2017	BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	$573.60
4705	9/18/2017	SARAH BOWMAN	$80.42
4706	9/18/2017	BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST	$35.00

Total Amount of Warrants: **$10,116.86**