Baldwin Public Library
Library Board of Directors

Library Board Meeting

November 20, 2017

Frank Pisano, President
James W. Suhay, Vice President
Bob Tera, Secretary
Ashley Aidenbaum
Melissa Mark
David Underdown

Doug Koschik, Library Director
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

Adopted October 2010
# Baldwin Public Library Board

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Baldwin Public Library Board Meeting
Monday, November 20, 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 October 16, 2017 minutes p. 7
B. Approval of October 2017 vendor payments in the amount of $115,374.79, including payments in excess of $6,000 p. 10
C. Approval of total expenses in the amount of $281,973.71 p. 15

II. Election of Officers:
A. Acceptance of nominations for President from Library Board of Directors
B. Election of President
C. Acceptance of nominations for Vice President from Library Board of Directors
D. Election of Vice President
E. Acceptance of nominations for Secretary from Library Board of Directors
F. Election of Secretary

III. Board Reports and Special Announcements
A. President’s Report
B. Board Comments
C. Upcoming Events of Interest – Rebekah Craft p. 102

IV. Board Committee Reports
A. Finance Committee (Bob Tera) p. 14
   Suggested motion: To accept Plante & Moran’s audit report for FY 2016-2017. (Handed out separately)
B. Building Committee (Frank Pisano) p. 17
V. Library Report
   A. Library Report
   B. Expenditures made with donations from Friends of the Library

VI. Liaisons
   A. Friends of the Baldwin Public Library
   B. Beverly Hills (Lee Peddie, Beverly Hills Village Council, no report)
   C. Bloomfield Hills

VII. Unfinished Business

VIII. New Business

IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

X. Information Only
   A. Commendation of Sheila Brice
   B. Thank You Letter from the Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce
   C. Eccentric article “Spooky fun at the Baldwin Public Library”
   D. Eccentric article “Friends of the Baldwin Library book sale”
   E. Eccentric article “Story Times at Birmingham Museum”
   F. Eccentric article “Author to visit Baldwin Library”
   G. Eagle article “Halloween Hoot to haunt Beverly Hills”
   H. Downtown article “Forum for Baldwin Library expansion scheduled”
   I. Downtown article “Locked bike stolen from bike rack”
   J. Eccentric article “Books & Bites fundraiser event to benefit Baldwin Public Library”
   K. Eagle article “Baldwin looks for input to design youth services wing”
   L. Downtown article “Susan Whitall to speak on art and activism”
   M. Eccentric article “Story Times at Birmingham Museum”
   N. Eagle article “Books and Bites fundraiser”
   O. Eagle article “Library discussion forum”
   P. Eccentric article Baldwin to host forum on proposed renovation”
   Q. Eccentric article “Baldwin library to host Project Vote Smart”
   R. League of Women Voters Oakland Area “Voter Guide – November Election”
   S. Oakland County Times article “2017 Candidate Interview: Melissa ‘Missy’ Mark for Baldwin Library Board in Birmingham”
   T. Eagle article “Hills commission candidates agree on roads, finance and more”
   U. Eccentric article “Birmingham library board candidates wax on the issues”
   V. Eccentric article “Letters to the Editor”
   W. Eccentric article “Baldwin Public Library welcomes new board member”
X. Downtown article “Incumbents, new faces make up city councils”  p. 79
Y. Eagle article “Write-ins await results after commissioner elections in Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham”  p. 80
Z. Eccentric article “Arts support: Cultural council honors winners”  p. 81
AA. Eccentric article “Boomer speakers offer path to significance”  p. 84
BB. Eccentric article “Helping hands: Library, robotics team partner to produce limbs for kids”  p. 86
CC. Hometown Life article “Six suggestions for an expansion of the children’s wing at the Salem-South Lyon Library”  p. 89
DD. Wall Street Journal article “In Books, Print Makes a Stand --- With e-book sales off, publishers emphasize the traditional format and at a quicker pace”  p. 92
EE. Good News Network article “World’s Coolest Library Opens in China and It’s Breathtaking”  p. 94
FF. Ann Arbor News article “New art piece pays tribute to 33,000 staff members at University of Michigan”  p. 98
GG. Eccentric article “Birmingham names a new mayor”  p. 100
HH. Upcoming events of interest  p. 102

XI. 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.

XII. Next regular meeting of Library Board: Monday, December 18, 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.

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by President Frank Pisano at 7:38 p.m.

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

Absent and excused: None.

Library Staff present: Doug Koschik, Library Director; Rebekah Craft, Associate Director; Paul Gillin, Administrative Assistant; and Jeff Jimison, Technology Assistant – Idea Lab.

Friends of the Baldwin Public Library: Pam DeWeese.

Beverly Hills Liaison: No representative present.

Bloomfield Hills Liaison: No representative present.

Members of the public present: Three

Pisano asked Webster 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 mentioned two upcoming fundraising events: Sip and Shop at J. McLaughlin on October 19, 2017, and the Books and Bites fundraiser at Baldwin on November 10, 2017. Pisano then acknowledged the retirement of Trustee Sheila Brice and expressed his appreciation for all she has done. He finished by reading a special commendation to her. Brice thanked the Trustees, BPL staff, and the Friends for the opportunity to have served them. Brice also expressed her thanks to her husband John for his support.
Brice mentioned that the October Board packet failed to include the League of Women Voters questions-and-answers for the four candidates running for the Library Board. That document will be included in the November packet.

Next, Pisano introduced a new employee: Jeff Jimison, Technology Assistant – Idea Lab. Jimison introduced himself to the Board. Suhay requested that some examples of things made in the Lab be brought to a future Board meeting. Tera asked Jimison to provide an update on the ventilation issues within the lab, which he did.

Craft highlighted the Library’s upcoming events, the complete list of which can be found on page 108 of the October Board packet. Koschik mentioned the Library’s participation in the annual Halloween Hoot in Beverly Hills on October 29, 2017 as well as the Vote Smart program on November 18, 2017.

Finally, Pisano acknowledged the following employee anniversaries: Eisele - 8 years; Bowman - 1 year; Wheeler - 4 years; Geisler - 11 years; Klimmek - 6 years; Paley – 6 years; Pepper – 6 years; Richards – 2 years and Ilmer – 23 years.

Next, Tim Barrett and Derek Estrada from Markit, the company redoing the Library’s website, presented a preview of the website, comparing and contrasting it to the existing website. The new website is more dynamic and provides sliding screens and rotating information whereas the existing website is static, with content harder to find and many dead end pages. The updated website should improve BPL’s search engine optimization (SEO) with search engines such as Google.

3. **Board Committee Reports**

**Finance Committee:** Tera reported that the Finance Committee met on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. The FY 2017-2018 budget continues to track well after three months. A complete report of the Finance Committee meeting can be found on pages 16–19 of the October Board packet.

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be on Monday, November 13, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

**Building Committee:** Suhay reported that the Building Committee met on Monday, September 25, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. He highlighted a few of the items from the complete minutes, which can be found on page 20 of the October Board packet. There was a special Library Board meeting on October 2, 2017, at which the two firms (IDS and LZG) selected by the Building Committee for the shortlist were interviewed by the entire Library Board. The Board chose LZG to do the work, which is for the conceptual/schematic design of the Youth Room expansion and renovation.

The next meeting of the Building Committee will be on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

4. **Library Report:** Koschik and Craft presented highlights from the Library Report, which can be found on pages 21-41 of the October Board packet.

5. **Liaisons**

**Friends of the Library:** DeWeese reported that the Friends are working hard on preparations for the November book sale. She also mentioned a new fundraiser coming in March 2018 called “Books, Bags, and Bagels”. Donations of nice bags, purses, and such are welcome. DeWeese thanked Brice for
all her support of the Friends over the years. Brice had recently travelled to Colorado and New Mexico and brought back some fundraising ideas from other libraries, which she will give to the Friends. Underdown suggested putting some brochures for upcoming Friends events at local businesses.

**Beverly Hills:** There was no report.

**Bloomfield Hills:** There was no report. Pisano thanked Michael Dul for his past support of BPL.

6. **Unfinished Business:** There was no unfinished business.

7. **New and Miscellaneous Business:** There was no new and miscellaneous business.

8. **Items Removed from the Consent Agenda:** No items had been removed.

9. **Information Only:** See pages 43 – 108 of the October Board packet.

**Motion:** To go into closed session 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).

1st Aidenbaum
2nd Suhay

A roll call vote was taken.
Yeas: Pisano, Brice, Tera, Aidenbaum, Suhay, and Underdown.
Nays: None.
Absent and excused: None.

The meeting went into closed session at 8:55 p.m.

The meeting was called back into session at 10:06 p.m.

10. **Adjournment**

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting.

1st Suhay
2nd Brice

Yeas: Pisano, Brice, Tera, Aidenbaum, Suhay, and Underdown.
Nays: None.
Absent and excused: None.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 p.m. The next regular meeting will take place on Monday, November 20, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Bob Tera, Secretary

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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
November Finance Committee Report

The Baldwin Public Library Board’s Finance Committee met on Monday, November 13, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. in the Delos Board Room. Present were Frank Pisano, Jim Suhay, Bob Tera, Doug Koschik, and Rebekah Craft.

- Tim St. Andrew from Plante & Moran discussed the Library’s audit report for fiscal year 2016-17. Page 1 of the audit report contains the following sentence: “In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.” This means that Plante & Moran gave Baldwin a “clean report.” St. Andrew discussed various portions of the audit in detail, including compliance with two new accounting standards, GASB #74 and GASB #75, which relate to how anticipated retiree health care obligations are to be recorded beginning in 2017 and 2018, respectively. Copies of the audit report will be distributed to all Library Board members, and one copy will be cataloged and placed in the Library’s permanent collection. Plante & Moran has requested an extension on issuing the Baldwin Trust’s 990 form. It will complete that report and submit it to the IRS by February 15, 2018.

- Koschik discussed the FY 2017-2018 budget. The budget is tracking well this year.

- Craft discussed the October Trust expenditures with the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library’s funds.

- The next meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on Monday, December 11, 2017, at 4:30 p.m.
This report references the Revenue and Expense Report 2017-18, found on the following page. At 33.3% of the way through fiscal year 2017-2018, the Library has spent 30.7% of its budget and received 80.4% of its revenue. By this point of the year, the Library was budgeted to have spent 30.9% of its budget and to have received 80.4% of its revenue. Payment was made to Bibliotheca for RFID equipment annual support and maintenance ($15,494.73); MCLS for Morningstar online services ($12,356.00); and Shelter Design Studio LLC for field measuring and "as built" drawings for the Youth Services renovation ($8,800.00).

Vendor payments in excess of $6,000:

- Baker & Taylor Books $15,157.23
- Bibliotheca $15,494.73
- MCLS $12,356.00
- Midwest Tape $17,152.22
- Overdrive, Inc. $6,642.37
- Shelter Design Studio LLC $8,800.00

Total vendor payments in excess of $6,000 $75,602.55

Balance of vendor payments less than $6,000 $39,772.24

Total vendor payments $115,374.79

City of Birmingham allocations:
- Payroll Period 9/24-10/7 $71,155.01
- Payroll Period 10/8-10/21 $76,757.79
- Employee Health Care Payroll Deduction ($551.40)
- 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

Total City of Birmingham allocations $166,598.92

Reconciling Adjustment:

Total expenses for the month $281,973.71
### REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT 2017-18

#### BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

**OCTOBER 2017**

#### 4th Month

**33.3% of the year**

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MINUTES OF MEETING ON 10.18.2017

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 Jeanne Lloyd 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
Luckenbach Zeigelman Gardner staff: Bob Ziegelman, John Gardner, Karen Swanson
Two members of the public

I. Selection of Library Consultant
   1. The committee discussed the hiring of library consultant Aaron Cohen for the project. Ziegelman shared a planning document, created by Cohen, of a recent children’s room project in Dubai. He also provided information on children’s areas in American libraries that Cohen had worked on.
   2. LZG will communicate directly with Cohen for Youth Services consulting work. The Library may hire an alternate consultant for the design development portion of the project, if needed.

II. Project Schedule & Program Review
   1. LZG presented the proposed project schedule in order to have the schematic designs finished and reviewed before the long-range planning session on January 27. Building Committee meetings will generally be held every other week. On alternating weeks, LZG will meet with library consultant Aaron Cohen as well as construction consultants.
   2. Karen Swanson will meet with Youth Staff on Wednesday, October 25 at 2:30 p.m. to discuss project goals and needs.
   3. The Library will host a focus group meeting for the community on Monday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jeanne Lloyd Room.

III. “As Built” Drawing Status
   1. Shelter Design is creating “as built” drawings of the Youth Services and Circulation area and will have the drawings completed by October 27.
   2. Library staff will look for digital drawings of the current floorplan. If these are not available, Shelter Design will create a detailed floorplan at an additional fee.

IV. Future meeting date: The next Building Committee meetings will be held in the Delos Board Room on Wednesday, November 1 at 4:30 p.m.
MINUTES OF MEETING ON 11.1.2017

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I. Approval of minutes of previous committee meeting.
   1. In a motion made by Underdown and seconded by Suhay, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the Committee’s October 18 meeting.

II. Discussion of information-gathering working session 1 with Swanson and BPL staff on October 25.
   1. On October 25, Karen Swanson met with Koschik, Craft, and the Youth Services librarians. The purpose of the session was to determine the best positions and adjacencies for each of the requested areas of the Youth Room (story room, storage, shelving, seating, computers, staff area, reference desk, etc.)

III. Program questions/clarifications/input to date from Library Consultant
   1. Ziegelman presented a document from Aaron Cohen with preliminary findings.
   2. Cohen suggested that 43% of space should be devoted to collection shelving, 19% of space should be devoted to staff office space and storage, and 38% of space should be devoted to users (seating, play area, story room).
   3. Cohen made the recommendation not to add stairs to the Youth Room, suggested moving storage space to the lower level, and suggested reducing staff areas and storage space to make more room for collections and seating area.
   4. The Committee took Cohen’s recommendations under consideration, but made no final decisions.

IV. Adjacency diagram and project design comments
   1. LZG presented an initial adjacency diagram of the proposed space plan. Staff and Board members commented on the diagram.
   2. LZG proposed enclosing the staff office with glass walls. Library staff opposed this idea.
   3. LZG proposed adding a lower level, beneath the Youth Room, for storage only. This area would need to have an elevator or powered lift in order to transport rolling book carts between levels.
   4. The Committee discussed how far the building should extend toward the property line to the east and whether or not the building should extend north to add additional square footage.
   5. The Committee made no final decisions.

V. Location of future sessions: A working session will be held at the LZG offices on Wednesday, November 15 at 4:30 p.m.
LIBRARY REPORT

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## Strategic Plan Status Report

### Key Metrics Dashboard: October 2017

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| Gate Count                                          | 22,393        | 23,592               | 95,007       | 101,566       | 138,057                  |

| Volunteer Hours                                     | 190           | 131                  | 805          | 777           | 900                      |

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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.

Services and Programs

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

Library Website

Markit launched the newly redesigned website on November 14. They are continuing to make changes to the site to improve usability based on staff, Board, and patron 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.

Battle of the Books

Under the leadership of Stephanie Klimmek, Head of Youth Services, the Baldwin Library is coordinating and running the 2018 Battle of the Books. Fourth- and fifth-grade students who attend a Birmingham Public School will form teams with an adult coach, read from a selected list of six books, and then participate in a contest where they will compete with other teams by answering questions based on the books. The chosen books were announced on November 3, and the Battle itself will be held on Saturday, February 10. More information about the program can be found at [www.baldwinlib.org/battle](http://www.baldwinlib.org/battle). Book selections include:

- [*Circus Mirandus*](http://www.baldwinlib.org/battle) by Cassie Beasley
- [*Book Scavenger*](http://www.baldwinlib.org/battle) by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman
- [*My Near-Death Adventures*](http://www.baldwinlib.org/battle) by Alison DeCamp
- [*Courageous Canine*](http://www.baldwinlib.org/battle) by Kelly Milner Halls
- [*Red Butterfly*](http://www.baldwinlib.org/battle) by A.L. Sonnichsen
- [*Pie*](http://www.baldwinlib.org/battle) by Sarah Weeks
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
Baldwin hosted its fifth Books & Bites fundraising event on Friday, November 10, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The event celebrated the 90th anniversary of the original building with a Speakeasy. 218 people attended the event. As of November 13, estimated revenues and expenses were as follows:

- Revenue: $29,304
- Expenses: $9,023
- Net profit: $20,281

The final numbers will no doubt vary somewhat from the estimates. The proceeds will benefit the Youth Services Renovation and Expansion project. Committee members Doug Koschik, Michelle Hollo, Jennifer Wheeler, Melissa Mark, Rebekah Craft, Janelle Boyce, Robert Whittington, and Frank Pisano are pictured below.
Fundraiser at J. McLaughlin
Birmingham retailer J. McLaughlin hosted a Sip & Shop to benefit Books & Bites and the Youth Services Expansion and Renovation on October 19. J. McLaughlin donated $118.50 to the Library, which was 15% of sales.

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:

- “Islamophobia and Racism in America” Author Visits Baldwin Library
- Books & Bites Fundraiser to Benefit Library’s Youth Room Expansion
- Library to Host Forum to Discuss Youth Services Expansion and Renovation
- Baldwin Library Hosts Project Vote Smart: the Facts Matter

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. She has completed or is working on the following items:

- Winter Learn.Connect.Discover newsletter
- Teen Mysteries brochure
- BPL Thank You cards
- Youth posters to advertise winter programs
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.

Library Board Election

An election was held on November 7 to select three candidates for a four-year term on the Library Board. The four candidates who ran received the following number of votes:

- Melissa Mark – 1,268
- Ashley Aidenbaum – 1,084
- Frank Pisano – 1,073
- Mike Kroll – 710

Newly elected Library Board members Frank Pisano, Ashley Aidenbaum, and Melissa Mark were sworn in at the City Commission meeting on November 13.
**Communications with Staff**

Staff talks were held on October 18 and 19 as a follow-up to the October Library Board meeting.

**Volunteer Hours**

190 volunteer hours were utilized in the month of October.

**Staff Updates**

Betty Tremba reached 17 years of service on November 6.
Phebe Wong reached 15 years of service on November 4.
Susan Dion will reach 12 years of service on November 30.
Bart Gioia will reach 10 years of service on November 26.
Cathy Gimby reached 6 years of service on November 1.

**Staff changes**

Part-time Technology Librarian Steve Remenapp resigned in October. As part of restructuring, we began the hiring process for one part-time Adult Services librarian and one full-time Idea Lab supervisor. We are in the midst of interviewing and hiring candidates for both positions and will introduce the new employees at the December Board meeting.

After fifteen years of service to the Baldwin Library, Roxanne Sander, Head of Technical Services, is retiring on December 22. We are accepting applications for her position through November 15 and will be interviewing candidates the week of November 20.

**Michigan Library Association Annual Conference**

Maria Williams, Vicki Sower, Sarah Bowman, Elisabeth Phou, and Kristen Tait attended the Michigan Library Association Annual Conference held in Lansing, on October 18-20. These staff members are grateful to the Library Board for funding attendance at this conference and supporting continued professional development of staff members.

*Maria Williams*

The opening keynote was given by Manoush Zomorodi, the Host & Managing Editor of WNYC's "Note to Self" and author of the book *Bored & Brilliant*, and it was especially good. Her talk emphasized the connection between boredom and original thinking, and I appreciated her encouragement to unplug and let ourselves, and those we care for, space out and let our minds really wander. It got me thinking about how important it is to create “brain space” for employees who are expected to do creative work, such as develop library programs or problem solve; how much time do we allot librarians to just sit and think? After the keynote I attended a workshop about systems migrations which
was led by Steven Bowers, MLA Board President and Executive Director of DALNET; enjoyed the Michigan Author Award luncheon honoring Doc Fletcher, whose acceptance speech was engaging and poignant; attended a workshop about U of M's new, low-cost online program in public library management; and then presented my own workshop, “A Crash Course on Michigan's Social Safety Net,” which was very well-attended.

**Elisabeth Phou**

The three sessions that I thought would benefit me the most as a Teen Librarian were “You Don't Have to Stay Up All Night to Have a Good Time,” “From Pinterest to Instructables: Building a STEAM Program from Scratch,” and “Making the Grade: Outstanding School Outreach.” My favorite was the session on after-hours programming, led by Hillary Berry from Richland Community Library and Whitney Hagen from Paw Paw District Library. They showed examples of different after-hours programs they have done, and shared their thoughts on what works and what doesn't. Lock-ins are always popular here, so I'll definitely be able to apply what I learned.

**Vicki Sower**

“Toxic Employees: Liars and Slackers and Bullies, Oh My!” was a crash course in how to handle challenging people with personality disorders. Two librarians (aka “people-whisperers”) presented different approaches for dealing with difficult people from both the employee and employer points of view. In a situational presentation, with a humorous but serious tone, the session was an invaluable lesson for dealing with people not only in the workplace but also in life. “Bringing Library Services to Senior Residence Facilities” offered creative ideas for senior outreach such as pop-up libraries and tech assistance that might supplement our outreach services. By far the most inspiring session was “Creating Standards for Consistency Excellent Customer Service” led by Keynote Speaker, Pat Wagner. Her intelligent, persuasive approach for establishing standards for customer service was outstanding.

**Sarah Bowman**

In addition to seeing old library friends and meeting new ones, highlights of my first MLA included the educational sessions. Two of them especially gave me ideas to consider including PR for Libraries, which focused mostly on social media. The presenter suggested having a social media budget (even just a few hundred dollars) to boost certain posts, creating a library specific hashtag, tagging partners for easier sharing, and trying Facebook live or Twitter chats to create buzz around certain events or services. I’d like to think about a weekly RA type post. If we had an infographic template, I could add book covers and a small amount of text for three books that are read alices for a
popular title. The presenters for the Nontraditional Circulating Collection session brought some of their circulating items and talked about what worked best and how they got their Chelsea Garage program started. This session made me think that there are a number of possibly circulating items that would be a benefit to our service population including, but not limited to, hotspots, mini LED projectors, Kill-a-watt detector, Thermal leak detector, Snap Circuits kits, binoculars, lawn games, craft items, etc.

Kristen Tait
I attended two helpful sessions: “Providing Exceptional Service through Kindness and Empathy,” and “Creating Standards for Consistently Excellent Customer Service.” The presenter of the latter session, Pat Wagner, also gave the keynote speech during the luncheon. Both her speech and session were very clear and were full of practical suggestions; for example, having a Hardship Clause to better enable staff handle such problems as items lost in house fires. Ms. Wagner also emphasized that creating and upholding one standard of customer service helps staff provide a consistent level of service, as well as providing administration “a concrete basis for evaluating employees.” The first session was presented by the Lindsey Dorfman, Director of Branch Services & Operations for Kent District Library. Ms. Dorfman suggested cognitive reappraisal to handle the personal emotional impact of patron complaints; namely, rationalizing the patron's behavior and coming to terms with it, rather than judging the patron and becoming bitter or angry.

Baker and Taylor Title Talk
In October, three youth librarians attended a Title Talk presentation at the Rochester Hills Public Library. Representatives from Baker and Taylor discussed upcoming book titles for youth and teens.

Maeve Devlin
At this event, a representative from Baker and Taylor discussed upcoming trends in children's literature. Some of these trends included conservation, diversity, girl power, STEM topics, social media, and siblings. By attending the TitleTalk, I am able to order books for the library's collection that will meet the needs of the community.

Caroline Salucci
Two examples of upcoming trends include books about twins and books for readers who like Raina Telgemeier, a popular graphic novel writer. I found attending the workshop...
helpful because I heard about books I would like to order for the collections I maintain and books I would like to use as Reader's Advisory suggestions.

Susan Dion
Along with advanced reader copies of books, we were given a 26 page handout listing book genres (i.e. fantasy) and new books which fall within those genres. This will be especially useful when choosing material for future book clubs.

TLN Circulation Services Committee
Kristen Tait, Circulation Services Coordinator, attended the TLN Circulation meeting on Thursday November 9. TLN will migrate fully to the CARL ILS from their current ILS, SirsiDynix, over Memorial Day weekend (May 26-28, 2018). For a period of time before and after the migration TLN libraries will suspend MeL lending and borrowing, but delivery services should not be affected. Various methods to increase attendance were discussed, as well as the pros and cons of temporary cards (Baldwin has not used these for over ten years). Handling of items returned damaged or missing parts ("snags") was also discussed; Baldwin appears to be one of the few libraries to have a detailed snags procedure that is streamlined for staff, yet allows for repeated patron notification.

Community Relationships and Partnerships
Strategic goal: Strengthen relationships with stakeholders and expand partnership opportunities with community organizations for everyone’s mutual benefit.

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.

The Library participated in the fall session of the Birmingham Citizens’ Academy. On November 2, members of the Academy toured the Library, including the attic and the Idea Lab, and learned more about Baldwin’s history and governance on Thursday, November 2.

On October 24, Koschik attended the "sneak peek celebration" at the new Whole Foods Market in Birmingham.

Koschik, Tera and Suhay attended the City of Birmingham’s Veterans Day remembrance on November 11.
**Birmingham Museum**
Koschik attended the final meeting of the Birmingham Museum Book Committee on October 30.

**Beverly Hills**
Craft submitted information to the Village of Beverly Hills for inclusion in its weekly email newsletter.

The Library participated in the Halloween Hoot on Sunday, October 29 at Beverly Park. Over 1000 children came by the Library’s Charlotte’s Web themed tent to collect candy.

**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, continues to teach one computer class per month at Next.
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
Baldwin loaned tables and chairs to the Chamber’s annual Pumpkin Patch event, which was held in Shain Park.

Friends of the Baldwin Public Library
The semi-annual book sale, held November 3 through 6, was a huge success and raised over $11,000. Thanks to Sheila Brice and student volunteers from Birmingham Public Schools for helping with the setup on Wednesday afternoon and tear down on Monday evening. Thanks to Gary Eisele and Bob Glenn for completing the cleanup on Monday evening and Tuesday morning. Thanks to Friends members who, during the course of the sale, donated many hours of time. And many thanks to Deb Mohatarem, book sale coordinator, for her tireless work to make this sale so successful.

Rebekah Craft attended the FOL Board meeting on November 14. The Board of the Friends voted to approve the Library’s winter wish list and donated $21,625 to the Library for upcoming events, supplies and services. The Library is extremely thankful for the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library and their continued support of programming and services at the Library.

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.

Plaster Ceiling Repair
The plaster ceiling in the Grand Hall was repaired the week of October 30. The ceiling had been damaged by condensation and water from the Library’s HVAC unit.

Painting of the Lower Level Hallway
Library maintenance staff painted the lower level hallway during the weeks of October 16 and 23. Janelle Boyce provided color consultation services for the project. Maintenance staff will begin painting the lower level hallway the week of October 16.
HVAC Filters
Air filters in the building were changed on November 13.

Sculpture
The sculpture “Arriving Home,” which was created by artist Dennis Oppenheim in 2007, has stood in front of the southwest wall of the Library building since 2013. It was on loan to the City of Birmingham from the Hill Gallery. A photograph of the sculpture is on the following page.
In September 2017 the Hill Gallery removed the sculpture from the Library property for repair and cleaning. The City of Birmingham believed that the sculpture was going to be returned to its location outside the Library. Instead, however, the Hill Gallery sold the sculpture to the University of Michigan President’s Advisory Committee on Public Art. It has since been installed on the U-M campus. An article from the Ann Arbor News about the U-M installation can be found in the “Information Only” section of this Board packet.

To replace “Arriving Home,” the Hill Gallery has offered the City of Birmingham the loan of another sculpture called “Eastern Hophornbeam,” which was created in 1993 by sculptor Robert Lobe. On November 15, the Birmingham Public Arts Board reviewed and recommended approval of the loan, with the intent of placing the sculpture on the existing foundation (where “Arriving Home” used to stand) on the Library’s southwest lawn. The next step is for the Library Board to review and pass judgement on this offer. If the Library Board approves it, the matter will be brought before the City Commission for a final decision. Assistant City Planner Sean Campbell is preparing a formal memo for the Library Board and will speak to the Board about the sculpture at its December 18 meeting.
The sculpture is a natural interpretation of the Eastern Hophornbean tree species. It stands 24 feet tall, two feet wide, and four feet deep, and is made out of hammered and tempered aluminum. Previously, the sculpture was exhibited in Burnham Park on the Chicago waterfront. Below is a photograph of the sculpture in Chicago.

Sean Campbell has created an image, which can be found on the following page, of how the sculpture would look in front of the Baldwin Library.
Adult Event Photos

In October calligrapher Leah Moss returned to BPL to teach a Halloween card making workshop. The finished products were BOO-tiful and a good time was had by all.

BPL partnered with the Race Relations and Diversity Taskforce to present scholar Erik Love, author of *Islamophobia and Racism in America*. A large crowd turned out to hear Dr. Love’s talk on October 28th.

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

Escape Room
Handcuffed together, teens worked together to solve puzzles and find keys to break out of jail.

Annual Halloween Lock-in
We started the night off with an informative presentation by The Conservation for Bat Preservation. They brought four different types of bats and gave the teens an up-close-and-personal lesson. Everyone then got into a costume, found a spot to hide, and the library was transformed into a haunted house.
Youth Event Photos

Bedtime Tales
Families gathered in the Story Room to hear stories, participate in songs and activities, and create pumpkin crafts.

Annual Tween Lock In
Every year, over fifty 4th to 6th graders come to the Library after hours for two and a hour program with snacks, crafts, a presenter, and the Haunted Ghost Walk. This year’s presenter was Cirque Amongus. They performed tricks with hula hoops, balancing, and even an extra unicycle.
Spooky Halloween Magic Show
The Rotary Tribute Room was full on Sunday, October 27th for Gordon Russ’ Spooky Halloween Magic Show. Children in all kinds of costumes attended the show, then headed outside for the annual Pumpkin Patch Parade.
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Submitted by Rebekah Craft on November 13, 2017
Commendation of

Sheila Brice

For her service to the Baldwin Public Library, Birmingham, Michigan

RESOLVED by the Baldwin Public Library Board of Directors and the Baldwin Public Library Staff that:

WHEREAS, Sheila Brice, outgoing Baldwin Public Library Board member, provided many years of outstanding service to the Library; and

WHEREAS, Sheila received her college education at University of Detroit Mercy and worked as a teacher with the Archdiocese of Detroit, a Community School Organizer and Community Service Organizer with the Birmingham Public Schools, the Director of the Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce, and the Community Relations Coordinator at the Baldwin Public Library. In 2009 Sheila was elected to the Library Board of Directors and, during her 8 years on the Board, served as President in 2016; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong and passionate supporter of diversity and tolerance, Sheila was one of the founding members of the Birmingham Task Force on Race Relations and was selected as a Diversity Champion with the Race Relations and Diversity Task Force; and,

WHEREAS, Sheila has served the Library Board of Directors as a member of the Communications Committee, Community Relations Committee, Personnel Committee, and Policy Committee, helping to shape the direction of the Library and improve its services, maintain fiscal management, and implement the Adult Services renovation. Sheila has coordinated and worked with high school volunteers to help set up each of the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library used book sales and has served on the Books and Bites fundraising committee to raise funds for the Library; and,

WHEREAS, Sheila Brice has made an incalculable contribution to the patrons of the Baldwin Public Library. A frequent attendee of Library programs, her support of, encouragement of and devotion to Library staff is unmatched.

NOW, THEREFORE, this Board of Directors of the Baldwin Public Library does hereby confer upon

Sheila Brice

its highest commendation for the manner in which she has promoted and served the Baldwin Public Library with special thanks for her enthusiasm, dedication, and kindness to the members of the Baldwin Public Library family.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the President of the Baldwin Public Library Board of Directors wish Sheila a happy retirement and hope that she’ll always remain Baldwin’s best friend and keep her camera rolling!

Adopted this sixteenth day of October, 2017

________________________________________________________
Frank Pisano, President, Board of Directors

________________________________________________________
Doug Koschik, Library Director
Doug: Team,

Thank you for the day of Halloween Pumpkin Patch and Parade support! Bob was terrific!

Chamber Team
Spooky fun at the Baldwin Public Library

Halloween is just around the corner and the Baldwin Public Library is celebrating with events for all ages.

**Bedtime Tales: Halloween**

In this special family story time at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, youth librarian Cathy Gimby will help get you into the Halloween spirit with not-so-scary stories, rhymes, songs and crafts. Children are invited to wear their pajamas, or a costume, and bring a favorite stuffed animal.

**Halloween Calligraphy Card Making**

At 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, create unique and spooky Halloween cards using calligraphy with instructor Leah Moss, a local calligrapher, designer and artist who currently serves on the board of the Michigan Association of Calligraphers.

**Halloween Lock-In**

The library is opening up its doors 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, for an after-hours lock-in. The library will be transformed into a haunted house and attendees will enjoy face painting, snacks and special presentations. Cirque Amongus will present an acrobatic circus show for tweens and the Organization for Bat Conservation will be bringing live bats for teens to learn about and see. The evening culminates with the popular ghost walk where teens in grades 7-12 dress in creepy costumes and hide around the library, while tweens in grades 4-6 take a ghost walk through the dark library.

**Spooky Halloween Magic Show**

At 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, during the annual Pumpkin Patch in downtown Birmingham, watch as magician Gordon Russ puts on a Spooky Halloween Magic Show filled with fast-paced fun and lots of audience participation.

The Baldwin Public Library is located at 300 W. Merrill Street. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, go to www.baldwinlib.org.
Friends of the Baldwin Library book sale

Friends of the Baldwin Public Library fall book sale will take place Nov. 3-6 at the Baldwin Public Library. The public is invited to browse thousands of books and media in great condition. Items for sale include paperbacks, hard covers, DVDs, music CDs, audiobooks, children’s books and gift-quality items. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the library’s programs and services.

The breakdown of dates, times and sale specials: 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, Member Preview Night. Reserved for members of the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library. Memberships will be available at the door; 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, Half Price Day; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6, Bag Day. Buy a bag for $5 and stuff it to the brim with books.

More information about the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library can be found at baldwinlib.org/friends.

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 time is “Teddy Bears” at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9. Baldwin youth librarian Mæve Devlin reads books, sings songs, repeats rhymes and finger plays and leads movement activities.

The Birmingham Museum is located at 556 W. Maple. For more information, call 248-530-1928 or go to 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.

Author to visit Baldwin Library

Dr. Erik Love, assistant professor of sociology at Dickinson College in Pennsylvania, will discuss his book “Islamophobia and Racism in America” at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Baldwin Public Library, 300 W. Merrill Street, Birmingham.

Love holds a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of California-Santa Barbara. With support from the National Science Foundation, the Center for New Racial Studies and the James Weldon Johnson Institute, his research and teaching centers on advocacy organizations in the United States and how they deal with race and racism.
Halloween Hoot to haunt Beverly Hills

By: Brendan Losinski | Birmingham - Bloomfield Eagle | Published October 23, 2017

The Halloween Hoot in Beverly Hills allows children to do their trick-or-treating in a safe environment. At last year’s Hoot, the Baldwin Public Library staff dressed as the Addams Family.

Photo provided by Rebekah Craft

BEVERLY HILLS — Beverly Hills is inviting local children to join in on some frightening fun with its 22nd annual Halloween Hoot.

The Halloween Hoot is an all-volunteer program overseen by members of the community and funded solely on donations, many of which were collected at the previous year’s event. It will take place in two parts Sunday, Oct. 29, at Beverly Park.

The first portion will begin at noon and allows children to decorate pumpkins, which will adorn the second portion of the event.

“Between 9 a.m. and noon, a lot of the volunteers show up, the pumpkins are delivered and the volunteers gut the pumpkins,” explained Trish Oen, who is helping organize the event. “Then the kids show up at noon to decorate the pumpkins. We then take them out on a hayride and place the pumpkins along the trail in the back of the park.”

The second part of the Halloween Hoot will be a trick-or-treat walk through the park trail at 9 p.m. This allows children to dress up and get their yearly candy in a safe and monitored environment. Among the participants are the Beverly Hills Department of Public Safety, the Devonshire Men’s Club, Premier Pet Supply, the Huntley Neighborhood Association, the Rusty Bucket and the Baldwin Public Library.

“This is our seventh year doing it. We participate in the trick-or-treat walk,” said Rebekah Craft, associate director of the Baldwin Public Library. “We do it every year. We set up our tent and we give out candy to the kids as they walk through the park along the trail, which is filled with the
pumpkins they decorated earlier. Several local businesses in the area have set up booths or stations where the kids can trick-or-treat.”

Children will snake through the park visiting each kiosk.

“The trail goes around the back of the pond, by the sledding hill and through the woods, and back to the pavilion,” said Oen. “There we have cider and doughnuts, and there’s storytellers there who tell stories for kids. We also have Creepy Clyde, who sings and dresses up as a vampire.”

Each kiosk or installation will be decorated with a theme. The Baldwin library staff, for instance, picks a theme from a book or television show. In the past, they have chosen “Harry Potter” and “The Addams Family.”

“This year we are going with a ‘Charlotte’s Web’ theme. It’s the 65th anniversary of the book. Our staff will be dressed up as animals and characters from the book, and the tent will be decorated like a barn,” said Craft. “Bring a flashlight, dress in layers — it’s October in Michigan — and it’s great for kids of all ages. We see kids who are babies and up through middle school age.”

The event organizers are still looking for volunteers, particularly to help prepare the pumpkins for decorating. They will have to arrive at the park at 9 a.m. and can contact Oen at (248) 420-7663 if interested. She said this is a great event for a great community.

“Everybody decorates their kiosks and dresses up. Some of them have lights. It’s awesome what they do. One is set up like ‘Star Wars,’ one is decorated like a pirate ship — it’s really neat,” remarked Oen. “It’s all family oriented. It’s very fun. It’s kid friendly. There’s a lot of activities for the children, and it gets bigger and bigger every year. It’s not just village people who come — it’s people from all over the place.”
Birmingham’s Baldwin Public Library is looking for public input on Phase II of its expansion and renovation project, this time to discuss how to upgrade the Youth Services wing of the building, hosting a community forum on Monday, November 13 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The library completed a $2.2 million renovation of the Adult Services area in June of 2017 that was begun in October 2016. The renovation was the first phase of three planned renovations of Baldwin Library and its board of trustees anticipates to update and modernize the library for the 21st century, for a total cost of approximately $6 million, financed through an annual increased millage rate of approximately 1.41 mills to Birmingham residents. The library is a wholly-owned entity of the city of Birmingham.

The library renovation opened up the architecturally classic 1927 building and provides successful integration with the 1981 addition by architect Gunnar Birkerts, offering collaborative work spaces, study areas and reading spots in a light and airy space. Architects Robert Ziegelman and John Gardner of Luckenbach Ziegelman Gardner Architects in Birmingham recognized the beauty of the 1927 building, and wanted to restore the exterior, which had long been encased by drywall and encircled by the 1981 addition. The result is a stunning juxtaposition of classic and modern, with light from an opened up wall of windows in the Adult Services area. Instead of narrow book stacks, shelves are set perpendicular, fanning out in bleached maple, with bleached maple furnishings and bright color cushions and accents in carpeting, designed by Karen Swanson.

Now, sights are being set on the how to best enhance Baldwin’s ability to serve the children in the community by providing developmentally-appropriate learning spaces for children from birth to grade six; increase the value the library delivers to residents, businesses and visitors; and strengthen Birmingham’s civic center by providing an exterior that complements the existing building, Shain Park, and the city campus.

The community forum will take place at the library in the Jeanne Lloyd Room on the second floor. Parents, caregivers, children, and all community members are invited to attend. Library director Doug Koschik and architect Bob Ziegelman will lead the discussion.
Locked bike stolen from bike rack
October 27, 2017

A man who had locked his bicycle at the bike rack in front of Baldwin Public Library in Birmingham on Sunday, October 22, reported around 5 p.m that day that it had been stolen.

The man told Birmingham police that the bike, described as an orange Trek Marlin 6, with a 19.5-inch frame, valued at about $570, had been locked to the bike rack at 300 W. Merrill Street, and it was stolen along with the bike lock and helmet.

Birmingham police said there are currently no suspects or witnesses.
Books & Bites fundraiser event to benefit Baldwin Public Library

Sneak out for some roaring fun to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Baldwin Public Library, which is throwing a speakeasy-themed Books & Bites fundraiser 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10. The event is raising money to help fund an expansion and renovation of the youth room.

Patrons can bid on 16 auction packages, each valued at more than $500, listen to live jazz music, strike a pose in the photo booth and try their hand at one of the game tables. Attendees will enjoy wine and beer provided by Big Rock Chophouse, dinner and dessert prepared by The Bird & the Bread, Bistro Joe's, Great Harvest Bread Co., 7 Greens, Svenska Café, Toast, Whistle Stop Diner and Whole Foods Market, plus a coffee bar provided by Caruso World Coffee. InHouse Valet is providing complimentary valet parking to all attendees.

The event's sponsors include:
» Platinum ($2,500): Chemical Bank and Friends of the Baldwin Public Library
» Gold ($1,000): Luckenbach Ziegelman Gardner Architects
» Silver ($500): Renee Lossia Acho / KW Domain, Rex and Janelle Boyce, Sheila and John Brice, Kelly Houseman Counseling, Doug Koschik, LocalHop, Melissa and Tom Mark, Mills Pharmacy, Redfin / Julie Keef, Karen and Robert Rock, Barbara and Jim Suhay and Phyllis and Bob Tera
» Bronze ($100): Douglas Cleaners, Pierce Community Education, Quarto Community Education, Susan Hill-Hall & Hunter Realtors, Tiffany Florist, Inc. and Wesch Cleaners

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. The Baldwin Public Library is located at 304 W. Merrill Street. For more information, go to www.baldwinlib.org.
Baldwin looks for input to design youth services wing

By: Tiffany Esshaki | Birmingham - Bloomfield Eagle | Published October 30, 2017

BIRMINGHAM — Just as patrons are getting settled in to the newly remodeled adult services section of the Baldwin Public Library, administrators are inviting the public to create a wishlist for the next project on their agenda: the youth services wing.

Library Director Doug Koschik will host the input session 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13, at the library alongside architect Bob Ziegelman. Their goal will be to learn what parents and other patrons of the youth services section would like to see in an expanded and renovated space.

“We’re hoping we can get to this in 2019-20. That’s our current goal,” Koschik said.

When conceptual designs began in 2015 for a library renovation — a more modest one than the proposed $21.5 million bond that failed with voters the year before — Koschik said the estimated cost to expand and revamp the youth services section was around $2.1 million. That figure includes an inflation factor, but it’s unknown if that projection still stands or if the Birmingham City Commission will even approve the funds.

“Money raised through the Books and Bites (fundraiser) will help fund this, but that’s far from the only source of funding,” Koschik said. “The City Commission will need to decide in the future whether this proposed budget item will go ahead. Ultimately, it’s their decision.”

While Koschik thinks he has a good idea of some of the suggestions he’ll collect during the input session — like wider aisles between bookshelves and compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act specifications — he’s interested to see what else residents feel they need from their library.

“I’ve heard we need a bigger play area; a larger storyline area, since our storyline is very popular; updated technology; more seating for (visitors) young and old; and I even heard a bigger fish tank mentioned,” he said. “One thing visitors have said they’d like to preserve is the lighting. There’s a lot of windows and natural light that comes through the windows, and that’s something they’d like to maintain.”
Susan Dion, library specialist with the BPL, said a larger storytime room is on her wish list too. It’s hard, she said, to develop new programs and to continue existing programing — one of the library’s most popular amenities — without space to house those events.

“I do a program called Sing and Tell, which is for 2 1/2- and 3 1/2-year-olds. At that age, they like repetition, so after the story we do a march. We like to march in a circle with an instrument, but sometimes it’s so crowded in there they have to march in place. And it just gets really hot in there too,” she said. “And the strollers lined up in the hallway — it gets crazy.”

Dion said she’s hopeful that residents will be as excited to improve the library’s space for families as they were for the adult services section.

“What a great job they did on that, and it came in under budget. Hopefully, the community will support this renovation as well,” she said.

Those unable to attend the input session are welcome to share their opinions with Koschik via email at doug.koschik@baldwinlib.org or by phone at (248) 544-4681.

The Baldwin Public Library is located at 300 W. Merrill St. in downtown Birmingham.
Susan Whitall to speak on art and activism
November 3, 2017

Award-winning journalist and author Susan Whitall will give a lecture, titled “Art and Activism: Music,” on Thursday, November 9, at 7 p.m at the Baldwin Public Library, jointly sponsored by the Birmingham Museum and the Baldwin Public Library.

Whitall is an award-winning journalist and author who was editor of the iconic Birmingham-based rock magazine CREEM in the 1970s, as well as a Detroit News journalist for three decades. She is the author of Fever, a biography of Little Willie John, and Women of Motown, an oral history of the girl groups and female artists at Detroit’s legendary record company Motown. Whitall is currently working on a CREEM documentary as well as several book projects, including Joni on Joni: Interviews and Encounters, an anthology of Joni Mitchell interviews which will be published in November 2018 by Chicago Review Press.

The lecture on November 9 is part of a joint lecture series sponsored by the Birmingham Museum and the Baldwin Public Library focusing on the themes of art and activism. Whitall’s presentation is the second in a three-part series that takes a closer look at the tradition of the arts challenging the status quo and making the public think. Whitall will discuss music as the second of the three art forms of theater, music and the visual arts to be explored. The lecture will take place at 7 p.m at Baldwin Public Library, 300 W. Merrill Street, Birmingham.

“Susan's grasp of American music culture from decades of covering music and entertainment in Detroit and beyond is extraordinary,” said Leslie Pielack, director of the Birmingham Museum. “We are excited to have her and invite the public to be part of the conversation through our Art and Activism series.”

Pielack noted that the CREEM magazine collection, a permanent exhibit at the Birmingham Museum, is the most significant collection of CREEM materials at any public museum.
Friday, Nov. 10

Books and Bites fundraiser
The Baldwin Public Library, 300 W. Merrill St. in Birmingham, will host a Books and Bites fundraiser from 6 to 9 p.m. The event will feature dinner, dessert, wine, beer, live jazz music, a photo booth and more. Tickets cost $75 for Shakers ages 64 and younger, $65 for Boomers ages 65-89, and admission is free for attendees 90 and older. All proceeds will benefit the library’s youth room expansion. For more information, call (248) 554-4683 or visit www.baldwinlib.org/booksandbites.

Monday, Nov. 13

Library discussion forum
The Baldwin Public Library, 300 W. Merrill St. in Birmingham, will hold a discussion forum on the expansion of its youth room from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Jeanne Lloyd room on the second floor of the library. Parents, caregivers, children and community members are welcome to attend. Library Director Doug Koschik and architect Bob Ziegelman will lead the discussion. For more information, call (248) 554-4681 or visit www.baldwinlib.org/renovation.
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 time is "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.

The Birmingham Museum is located at 556 W. Maple. For more information, call 248-530-1928 or go to 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.
Baldwin to host forum on proposed renovation

The Baldwin Public Library is in the initial design phase of a proposed expansion and renovation of the Youth Services wing of the building. A community forum about the project will take place 7-9:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13, in the Jeanne Lloyd Room on the second floor of the library, 300 W. Merrill Street. Parents, caregivers, children and community members are welcome to attend. Library Director Doug Koschik and architect Bob Ziegelman will lead the discussion.

The goals of the project are to enhance Baldwin's ability to serve the children in this community by providing developmentally-appropriate learning spaces for children from birth to grade 6; increase the value that the library delivers to residents, businesses and visitors; and strengthen Birmingham's civic center by providing an exterior that complements the existing building, Shain Park and the city campus.

People wishing to comment on the Youth Services expansion and renovation but unable to attend the community forum Nov. 13 may send their thoughts to Koschik at doug.koschik@baldwinlib.org or 248-554-4681. More information about the building project is available at www.baldwinlib.org/renovation.

Baldwin library to host Project Vote Smart

Richard Kimball, American politician and founder of the nonprofit voter education organization Project Vote Smart, will deliver his non-partisan voter education presentation "The Facts Matter" at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at Baldwin Public Library, 300 W. Merrill Street, Birmingham.

Registration for the event is free but required; call 248-554-4650 or go to www.baldwinlib.org to register.
### 3 Candidates for CITY COMMISSION for THREE 4-year terms

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<td>Rackeline Hoff</td>
<td>I have been a Birmingham City Commissioner since 2001, serving as Mayor in 2005, 2010 and 2016. I am running for my fifth term on the Commission because I want to continue to be involved in the decision-making that is critical to maintaining Birmingham's financial stability, its quality services/programs and its beautiful environment. During my 16 years in office, I have demonstrated that I research issues thoroughly; that I listen to all points of view and make my decisions thoughtfully and independently; and that I am approachable and respond to citizen concerns. I have 25 years of experience as a mediator for the Oakland Mediation Center and in local district courts. During my 40-years as a Birmingham resident, I have been a community activist, holding numerous volunteer leadership positions on the local, county and state levels. My professional background is public relations and corporate communications.</td>
<td>Fiscal Responsibility -- Through sound management and careful oversight, Birmingham has maintained its financial stability and AAA bond rating. To ensure continuation of quality programs and services without increasing the city's tax rate, I will focus on making prudent financial decisions and continuously pursue cost-saving measures. Communications -- With increasing activity in both the neighborhoods and Downtown area, it is essential that our residents and business community have access to current and timely information. I will continue to support City efforts to provide such information via the City's enhanced electronic tools which can be found at <a href="http://www.bhamgov.org/communications_tools">www.bhamgov.org/communications_tools</a>. Infrastructure Projects -- In addition to the ongoing replacement and/or repair of Birmingham's aging infrastructure, major projects are proposed for Downtown Birmingham including the reconstruction of South Old Woodward and consideration of the expansion of the North Old Woodward parking deck. I am committed to giving thorough oversight to these projects and carefully monitoring costs.</td>
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| THREE 4-year terms Vote for no more than THREE | **MARK NICKITA**  
752 E. Lincoln  
Birmingham, MI 48009  
I am a resident of nearly 30 years, currently serving my 2nd term as Mayor, and have been a City Commissioner since 2009. Since my initial civic involvement in 1996, I have been a dedicated volunteer on numerous boards and committees, most significantly serving over 10 years on the Planning Board. Since being elected, I have worked successfully with my colleagues on the Commission to maintain and increase the exceptional services that our community enjoys while lowering our tax rate. I will continue to work with the Commission, our city manager and staff, our business community and all residents, to set priorities and resolve difficult issues related to our budget, tax revenue, services and community development challenges. As an architect and urban designer, I have unique insight into our community and am a tireless advocate for enhancing our neighborhoods and promoting our pedestrian-friendly, walkable downtown and districts. My proven leadership and hands-on experience have been an asset to the Commission when making decisions, affecting us all, our neighborhoods and businesses. | I will focus on continuing to manage our city’s economic budget demands, specifically our increasing legacy costs. To address our growing financial commitments, I will work with the Commission, continuing to implement efficient strategies to maintain services and lower our tax rate, leading to a more effective government that meets the needs of all community members - individuals, families, seniors and businesses. Birmingham is about to embark on many significant civic projects/initiatives, including the rebuilding of Old Woodward in downtown, the Bates Street Extension, a new parking deck, a city master plan and many pedestrian enhancements. My expertise as an architect/urban planner is unique on the Commission and will be valuable in guiding our process to achieve successful results. I strongly advocate for a walkable city. I will continue working to enhance the pedestrianization of our neighborhoods, parks, downtown & districts, further implementing our Multi-Modal Plan, which increases property values, and the health and safety of our residents, particularly children and seniors. |
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<td>Three times in the last twelve years you elected me to serve on the Birmingham City Commission. I have been honored to serve not only as a City Commissioner, but also as Mayor Pro Tem (twice) and as the Mayor (twice) of the City of Birmingham. I take great pride in the knowledge that we are positioning Birmingham to remain a vibrant community for ourselves, our children, and our grandchildren. We are doing this by continuously improving our neighborhoods, our parks, and reinvigorating our downtown. We have made these improvements to our City without raising the operating millage tax rate during both good and bad economic times. We have made great progress and I want to continue working for you. That is why I am seeking re-election.</td>
<td>We must continue vigilantly controlling the City’s spending and exercise responsible budget management. During both economic downturns and economic prosperity, we must exercise responsible management by balancing the City’s budget without using reserve funds and without raising taxes. I have been a diligent gatekeeper on your behalf by personally scrutinizing every line item of every budget and every request for funds that comes before the Commission. Challenges lie ahead, many of which we don’t even know yet. To address all challenges, we must listen to our residents’ views and concerns. We must continue re-investing in our infrastructure to protect our property values and way of life. We must continue addressing how we provide services to our seniors and, at the same time, to our younger families; two vastly different demographics with different and sometimes competing needs. I have shown that I can make difficult decisions in a fair and equitable manner.</td>
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<td>ASHLEY AIDENBAUM 327 Southfield Rd. 2CS Birmingham, MI 48009</td>
<td>Baldwin Public Library is a very important place to me as a Birmingham resident and lifetime lover of reading. Naturally, I was thrilled to be appointed to the library board in 2015. We are a very dedicated group, and work hard, in partnership with the City, to keep the library strong. It has been an honor to contribute to the team. For the last few years, I have been working for the Skillman Foundation (first as Special Projects Manager and now as Associate Program Officer), which focuses on improving education and increasing opportunity for kids in Detroit. In 2007, I graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in cultural anthropology and a minor in history. In addition to philanthropy, I have professional experience in business, project management, community outreach and communications. The role of libraries is so critical today as we face declining education quality in our state. I hope I can continue to serve and ensure that BPL - a key feature of Birmingham’s civic center - remains a steadfast place of learning and community for all ages.</td>
<td>I will speak to this in terms of the strong partnership between the library and the City, and how I hope we can go forward: 1) Keep improving our library in ways that are responsive to the community and broader trends in libraries. Birmingham has many strengths, but remaining competitive requires ongoing strategic effort. 2) Continue to focus on resident needs and wants. We must use all the tools available to us to make sure our decisions as board members are informed by quality input from the public. 3) Maintain fiscal responsibility. This means using our resources wisely to deliver maximum value to residents.</td>
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<td>MELISSA S. MARK</td>
<td>I moved to Birmingham in 1983 and have lived here continually except for 9 years as a resident of Beverly Hills in the 1990s. I served on the Friends of Baldwin Public Library board for many years. I graduated from Fairfield University with a business degree in 1980 and an MS degree from Wayne State University in Library &amp; Information Sciences in 2005. I was an Adult Services substitute librarian at The Baldwin Public Library briefly when I became Executive Director of the Swedish American Chamber of Commerce. As the Director I was able to double the membership and put the Chamber on a much stronger financial foundation. I am running for the Library Board position because of my passion for &quot;lifetime learning&quot;. I am an avid reader, and I love to explore all kinds of subject matter. I believe in the importance of libraries, and I believe that libraries are community builders. I want to continue to make Baldwin even more relevant to all Birmingham and contract communities' residents by exploring ideas to connect &quot;non-Library&quot; resident users to Baldwin.</td>
<td>From the perspective of Baldwin Public Library, I believe fiscal responsibility, customer service, and &quot;connectivity&quot; are three top issues. Seeing how wonderful the renovated Birkerts addition is now, with better infrastructure, design and light is so exciting. It is even more commendable since it was accomplished on time AND below budget under the auspices of our Library Director, the Library Board and staff. I expect that if the renovation of the children's room is approved, similar results of the project will be realized. Customer/patron service is my strongest priority. I was trained in customer service excellence in my first job at Xerox Corporation. I believe great service creates better relations and ensures community support. I would urge continual staff customer service training in order to accomplish this. By &quot;connectivity&quot; I mean increasing all kinds of connections to schools, business entities, associations, the senior community, etc. This connectivity would come in the form of library materials, programs, speakers, etc. as it relates to our residents' needs.</td>
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RESIDENT IN BIRMINGHAM FOR 22 YEARS. COMPLETED TWO TERMS AS BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE.

I'M RUNNING FOR MY THIRD TERM AS A BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE BECAUSE I WANT TO CONTINUE TO SERVE IN THE COMMUNITY THAT I LIVE. OVER THE LAST 8 YEARS I HAVE BEEN ON THE LIBRARY BOARD WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH A LOT OF POSITIVE THINGS AT THE LIBRARY AND I WANT TO CONTINUE SERVING TO ACCOMPLISH GOALS WE HAVE IN PLACE FOR FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS TO THE LIBRARY. I HAVE BEEN ON THE FINANCE & BUILDING COMMITTEES THE LAST 8 YEARS AND WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO BE FiscALLY DISCIPLINE WITH THE LIBRARY BUDGET AND ACCOMPLISHED THE NEW ADULT SERVICE REHABILITATION THAT CAME IN ON TIME AND UNDER BUDGET. I'VE ALSO BEEN ABLE TO WORK ON THE BOOKS & BITES COMMITTEE SINCE INCEPTION. WE HAVE RAISED MONEY FOR THE LIBRARY TO ENHANCE AREAS IN THE LIBRARY AND ENHANCE PROGRAMS THAT WEREN'T PART OF THE LIBRARY BUDGET. I'M REALLY PASSIONATE ABOUT THE BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY AND I WANT TO CONTINUE TO BE PART OF THE GREAT THINGS THAT THE LIBRARY PROVIDES FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

Fiscally responsible with Tax payers money. I will continue to make sure we stay on budget and look for ways to enhance the library without raising taxes.

Enhance the Library. I want to continue to enhance our library and have services that support our patrons. We want the space to be flexible, collaborative, and able to change with how people will use the library in the future.

Community Relations. Continue to listen to our residents and patrons on what they would like to see implemented at Baldwin. I will also continue to visit our contract communities and to make sure they are satisfied with the services that we provide to their communities.

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2017 Candidate Interview: Melissa “Missy” Mark for Baldwin Library Board in Birmingham

Birmingham, MI – Melissa “Missy” Mark is one of four candidates running for three seats on the Baldwin Public Library Board in Birmingham. Also on the Nov. 7, 2017 ballot are Ashley Aidenbaum, Mike Kroll and Frank Pisano.

Mark has worked for both the Baldwin and the Berkley Libraries as well as served on the Friends of the Library Board and a volunteer with the annual Books and Bites fundraiser. When asked why people should vote for her, Mark said “I think I’m probably the best candidate because of my background. I have a business degree. I have a library degree. I’ve volunteered here. I’ve been on the volunteer board for at least ten years. And I’ve been coming to the board meetings once I decided to run, so I’ve tried to get involved and up to speed on what’s happening, what are the issues. And I’m also working on the fundraisers again, as I have previously. So I think all of that combines to make a very good candidate.

Hear more of what Mark had to say: Video/Audio Not Available for printed page

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS — The small crowd of residents who attended the candidate forum for the Bloomfield Hills City Commission race might have expected a heated battle of words and wits between the six contenders vying for the five open seats.

But that's not what they got.

The panel of four incumbents and two write-in candidates largely agreed on everything, from infrastructure needs to financial responsibility, and even tree preservation and restoration.

From left, Mayor Mike Coakley, write-in candidate William Hosler, write-in candidate Mark Kapel, incumbent Susan McCarthy, Mayor Pro Tem Sarah McClure and incumbent Stuart Sherr all met Oct. 16 for a candidate forum ahead of the November election for the Bloomfield Hills City Commission.

Photo by Tiffany Esshaki

The forum was hosted by the League of Women Voters Oakland Area, which gathered questions from the small crowd to rotate through the candidates.

Mayor Mike Coakley, an attorney elected to the commission in 2013, was first to field a question on infrastructure needs. He said that, “unquestionably,” the city’s biggest project at the moment is roads, and the current commission has spent the last year developing a plan to get the roads in better shape more quickly.
“After a number of years with very severe winters, the roads deteriorated faster than anticipated,” he said. “The program that was in place was working fine, but because of the deterioration, the commission decided to accelerate the road program with a scraps and resurface (method) to get more roads done quicker.”

Write-in candidate William Hosler agreed. The attorney with experience on the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Commission said he backs the current plan to expedite road resurfacing. Hosler noted that the reason he decided to run for the commission wasn’t because he was displeased with the current commission’s work, but because Commissioner Michael Dul decided not to run for re-election, and he thought he’d throw his hat in the ring.

Write-in candidate Mark Kapel, who’s retired from a career in advertising and who ran unsuccessfully for the commission in 2015, said the current plan is good, but the commission could stand to explore some other options to improve road conditions.

Susan McCarthy, a business executive elected to the commission in 2015, said she is proud of the hard work the current commission has done to find the funding and methodology to improve roads quickly.

“There were difficult decisions we’ve had to make. We knew we had to change the budget around and put some more money into the roads,” she said. “We did a plan with the city superintendent, and we graded each road in the city for what condition it was in.”

She added that telecommunications are a priority for the city’s infrastructure too, saying that the city’s cellphone reception and email service are strained.

Mayor Pro Tem Sarah McClure, an incumbent since 2010, said the plan to take $1 million out of the general fund’s surplus to benefit the roads didn’t come easy, but it will be well worth it when the city can ramp up resurfacing next year and into 2019.

Her other main concern for the city’s infrastructure, she added, is restoring Bloomfield Hills’ signature tree canopy.

Stuart Sherr, an attorney and developer who has been on the commission since 2012, said the roads are definitely a priority — a recent study for Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating, or PASER, concluded that the plan the city had in place before wasn’t even keeping up with deterioration, much less improving sustainability, he said.

The next question focused on the city’s ongoing 0.39-mill contract with the Baldwin Public Library, approved by the electorate in 2015 by nearly 70 percent of the vote and which gives the BPL $278,437.84 in exchange for six years of service to Hills residents. The contract will expire in 2020, leaving some wondering if the contract should be extended or if the city should explore other options, like the Bloomfield Township Public Library.

The candidates all seemed to agree that the current arrangement is preferable, since it was approved by voters, and at the time it was approved, the contract was significantly lower than the contract Bloomfield Township had presented.

“It is a budget issue. That’s the bottom line,” McCarthy said. “(The BPL) offers almost everything Bloomfield Township does. They did come to us with a proposal, and it was very expensive for us.
We thought we could get the same services out of Birmingham. … I don’t think we’d ever say no to the township, but right now this works for us.”

The next question concerned the city’s decision to stay opted out of services from the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation. It was in the ’90s, McClure recalled, that the city declined to participate in SMART bus service, and the decision was reaffirmed in 2015.

“We felt the usage did not justify the cost. I have agreed — first, because it would be $800,000 for the city to opt in for 1,200 households. In the resident survey, they said they did not want to opt in. And second, we don’t have the infrastructure to support it with stops and sidewalks. Our emphasis should be on the roads,” she said.

The other candidates agreed, stressing that the overwhelming opinion of residents is that they don’t want to participate, and the decision is ultimately in the residents’ hands.

Coakley added that the issue might never be closed, saying the city could revisit transit options if the region approves a large-scale transit overhaul, like the rapid transit system proposed last year by the Regional Transit Authority.

“We have three lines now that operate independently. We would be paying past debts to participate in the program as it exists now, and it would be a waste of our money, time and effort,” he said.

When asked about how the city will maintain its current level of services with cuts to revenue sharing by the state, all agreed that Bloomfield Hills will be fine, since the budget is funded overwhelmingly by residential taxes.

“We’re not dependent on revenues from the state,” Sherr explained. “We do get state money for road improvements, and with gas (taxes) going up and license registration going up, some of that money does get shared with the (Road Commission for Oakland County), and we should be getting some more money for road improvements. But in terms of operating costs, the city is not dependent on the state.”

Then came the topic of the city’s woodlands ordinance, approved in 2012 in a 3-2 decision to prevent clear-cutting in the city. Residents are able to remove any number of damaged, diseased or dead trees from their property at any time, as well as four healthy trees, or 10 percent of the trees on their lot, within a two-year period. Any more than that requires a permit from the city.

Since the ordinance often doesn’t impact homeowners — but rather, companies developing large parcels of land — the commission agreed that the ordinance is still a good idea and is an important effort to preserve the tree canopy.

“Anecdotally, there was a developer by my home who (removed several trees) and later said he regretted it,” Hosler said. “It’s got to be done with sensitivity to the goal of the project and preserving the ambience given by the tree canopy. The ordinance is just a tool to preserve trees in a reasonable fashion.”

Kapel stepped away from the question with his response, saying he wishes the commission could “use the same brainpower to develop an ethics ordinance.” He also lamented what he called the city’s lack of effort to involve residents in government, saying officials don’t do enough to get participants to meetings and that officials limit residents’ comments to topics on the agenda to three minutes.
McClure said the commission adopted a multipart code of ethics for elected officials in early 2012, and she said the three-minute time limit is rarely a restriction for most residents addressing the panel.

That led into the next question, which was how city government can better engage residents. Most of the candidates agreed that the current methods — which include a city website with easily accessible meeting agendas and minutes, televised commission meetings and a regular newsletter — are sufficient for a community of such a modest size.

“I always say what’s not broke, don’t fix it. As a member of the Planning Commission, sometimes there’s a lot of audience participation and sometimes not,” Hosler said. “I take the empty chairs to suggest things are going OK.”

Kapel disagreed.

“If you want to see government that is responsive to its people, go to township meetings or Birmingham meetings that sometimes go to midnight with all the speaking,” he said. “Two people coming to your meetings and that’s all — there’s a problem.”

The group finished with their closing statements. The incumbents agreed that infrastructure, the high standard of safety and low crime rate, along with continued fiscal responsibility, would be their top goals if re-elected.

Hosler vowed to contribute to the commission’s already satisfactory work, and Kapel emphasized how he enjoys running for office and meeting the people of the community.

The commission race is the only item on the Nov. 7 election ballot. To see the official candidate list, visit OakGov.com.
When voters cast their ballots in the 2017 election for the Baldwin Public Library Board of Trustees, they will have a choice between four candidates to fill three seats on the board.

Incumbents Frank Pisano, Ashley Aidenbaum are running for re-election, while political newcomers Melissa Marks and Mike Kroll are vying to fill a seat that's opening with the retirement of longtime board member Sheila Brice.

The four candidates offered their views on a variety of questions heading into the Nov. election:

**Ashley Aidenbaum**

**Q: What involvement have you had with the Baldwin Public Library?**

Aidenbaum: I was thrilled to be appointed to the board in 2015, and I hope to be retained. As you know, the library has had a fantastic year. The community response to the adult services renovation has been overwhelmingly positive, and we have great momentum to build upon.

**Q: What qualifies you for this position?**
Aidenbaum: I am a strategic thinker trained in results-based leadership with considerable experience in business, project management, philanthropy, and communications. For the past three years, I have worked at the Skillman Foundation, which endeavors to improve education and increase opportunity for kids in Detroit.

Before joining the foundation, I spent six years working to grow the Detroit-based media company Issue Media Group. As group publisher and director of business development, I drove the company’s expansion into new markets and helped build their processes and capacity. I have experience in policy and community economic development, as well. I am also a proud graduate of the University of Michigan.

**Q: What is your opinion of the recently completed Adult Services renovation?**

Aidenbaum: I am absolutely delighted to see the renovation come to fruition. Everyone’s favorite feature is the addition of the windows that wrap around the Birkerts addition, which enhance the lighting and create a more spacious, welcoming environment. We were also able to improve wayfinding, restore and elevate the historic 1927 building, and harmonize the old with the new.

**Q: How have public libraries changed during the past decade, and what kinds of changes do you see happening in the upcoming decade?**

Aidenbaum: Some commenters have predicted the obsolescence of libraries as online media increases and circulation declines; these predictions have not borne out. Instead, libraries are shifting to become multi-purpose community hubs, and centers of learning and collaboration in various forms.

Recent literature reports that public libraries that invest in their space and services have realized an increase in their gate counts. In light of these data, our decisions to increase group work space in the adult services area and add the new idea lab (makerspace) were steps in the right direction. And, importantly, all of these changes have been embraced by the community.

**Q: What would you like to accomplish during the course of your four-year term?**

Aidenbaum: Our top priority is the youth services renovation, which we hope to complete by 2020. We are improving the library in stages, and we want to make sure our kids and families have a great space to learn and play.

**Mike Kroll**

**Q: What involvement have you had with the Baldwin Public Library?**
Kroll: During my residency in Birmingham, my involvement with the library has been as a collection user. The library collection has been quite useful in my research into the founding, settlement and development of Birmingham, especially as it relates to its location on the River Rouge and Defiance moraine.

Q: What qualifies you for this position?

Kroll: After 40 years as a librarian, I feel that I owe the profession some well-deserved recompense. A career as a librarian has given me considerable experience and knowledge of day-to-day library management, budgeting and strategic forecasting.

Over the years, I’ve managed large libraries, including a six-branch network. These libraries were in the private sector, which required that they routinely justify their mission while being fiscally responsible.

My experience will bring a new, independent and knowledgeable member to the board.

Q: What is your opinion of the recently completed Adult Services renovation?

Kroll: All brick and mortar facilities need vigilant maintenance and recurring modernization. Baldwin library facility upgrading is currently underway and when complete should be sufficient for the predictable future. Once upgrading is complete, focus necessarily needs to shift to systematic preventive maintenance so that the value added to this community property is reasonably maintained.

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Q: How have public libraries changed during the past decade, and what kinds of changes do you see happening in the upcoming decade?

Kroll: Increasing mass media and the digitization of information clearly have changed libraries during the past decade, and these trends are likely to continue.

These trends, however, have not necessarily led to user expertise in information retrieval, analysis and reporting. Instruction, training and education in these fundamental characteristics of information use are the provenance of libraries.

Expertise in the retrieval, analysis and reporting of information is vital for success in the expanding information era.

Q: What would you like to accomplish during the course of your four-year term?

Kroll: I believe that community fundraising is an essential part of the library board’s fiscal responsibility. Non-public organizations in the community need to step up and pitch in to ensure that library services are not subject to the vagaries of a single funding source.

An excellent library supports neighborhood verve, which in turn drives and sustains community economic growth and value.

Melissa Mark

Q: What involvement have you had with the Baldwin Public Library?

Mark: I have been involved in the Baldwin Public Library for many years. I have been a board member of Friends of Baldwin Public Library twice. I have also been a part-time substitute at Baldwin for Adult Services. In addition, I have worked on the strategic plan and have been on the Books & Bites fundraising committee. I have also attended board meetings this summer when my candidacy was announced.
Q: What qualifies you for this position?

Mark: I am qualified for this board position because of my experience, coupled with my MS Library & Information Sciences degree from Wayne State University that I earned in 2005 specializing in public libraries.

In addition, I earned a BS in business from Fairfield University in 1980. I also received specialized training in customer service and communication at the beginning of my career at Xerox Corp. and have continued to use that training at various organizations. I have lived in the Birmingham area almost 35 years.

Q: What is your opinion of the recently completed Adult Services renovation?

Mark: I love the Adult Services renovation! The interior is much lighter and open. The wayfinding signs are easy to follow. And I especially appreciate the fact the renovation complimented the curve of the Birkerts addition rather than contrasted with it. From the outside of the building, I have a much more welcome feeling for the library because of the windows and the light. Finally, the infrastructure has been updated, which was very much needed.

Q: How have public libraries changed during the past decade, and what kinds of changes do you see happening in the upcoming decade?

Mark: The biggest change for public libraries in the last decade is the evolution of the library as a community gathering space, rather than a place to do research and take out books. Programming at Baldwin is skyrocketing - with book clubs, speakers, computer classes, craft activities and contests.

I believe this "community gathering" concept will continue in the coming years with more and more diverse offerings to engage the public in other ways besides the traditional.

Q: What would you like to accomplish during the course of your four-year term?

Mark: I would like to accomplish/prioritize three things: fiscal responsibility, patron service & clear communication, and "connectivity."

Fiscal responsibility is a priority as Baldwin initiates the second renovation phase focusing on the Youth Room. If this second phase is approved to go forward by the city commission, all library personnel will be needed to ensure the renovation budget is maintained as it was during phase one.

Patron service and clear communication is integral to the success of Baldwin to ensure better community relations and public support.
"Connectivity" is the term I use to describe my desire to connect more fully to various entities of Birmingham such as seniors, businesses, schools, associations of various kinds. This "connectivity" might take the form of programming, materials, speakers, or events.

Frank Pisano

Q: What involvement have you had with the Baldwin Public Library?

Pisano: I have been elected to two terms as a Baldwin Public Library Trustee.

Q: What qualifies you for this position?

Pisano: Over the last eight years serving on the board I have been on the Finance and Building Committee. I served four years on the Policy Committee and served as president of the board in 2017.

I have been involved with Books & Bites committee since inception, which raises funds for library projects and programs. I'm also a member of the Friends of the Library.

Q: What is your opinion of the recently completed Adult Services renovation?

Pisano: I think the new Adult Service area is fantastic! I think adding the windows makes the space feel more open and inviting, and highlighting the 1927 building by exposing the original brick and windows makes coming into the library more inviting.

Adding the study rooms, larger tables and the charging bar allows for more collaboration among our patrons which is a huge improvement from what we had in the past. I'm really excited about the Idea Lab that allows patrons to use a 3-D printer, or a laser engraver which allows you to be more creative to build any object that you can imagine.
Q: How have public libraries changed during the past decade, and what kinds of changes do you see happening in the upcoming decade?

Pisano: Libraries in the past were warehouses for books and computers. Now and in the future, we see libraries as a gathering space for collaboration and creation. We need a space that can be flexible so we can change quickly when identifying emerging trends that are relevant to libraries and the communities they serve.

Q: What would you like to accomplish during the course of your four-year term?

Pisano: Over the next four years, I want to work hard to be fiscally responsible with tax payers dollars, keep improving our library, and focus on our community needs.
Library board endorsements

As President of the Baldwin Library Friends board, I attend many meetings of the Baldwin Library Board. I am always impressed by how well they work together and by their diligence and accomplishments. They have a good team. I support re-electing Ashley Adenbaum and Frank Pisano so they can continue their high level of performance.

Melissa Mark is a long-time resident and library volunteer, she has a library degree and she has served on the Friends Board and on the committee for the Books and Bites fundraiser. With her enthusiasm, hard work and knowledge of the library she will be an asset to the Board. For the third opening on the board, I support Melissa Mark.

Pam DeWeese
Baldwin Library Friends board president

Vote strong library board team

Our community is most fortunate that highly competent citizens have volunteered to serve four-year terms on the Baldwin Public Library Board.

Library trustees serve as stewards of our tax dollars and have a fiduciary responsibility to monitor the budget and plan for the future. Trustees set and review policies and evaluate the Director.

We need a strong team that has the experiences of working well on behalf of the Library.

Frank Pisano has proven his dedication, expertise and leadership serving on the Board for the past 8 years - 2017 as President, 4 years on Policy and 8 years on Building and Finance Committees, as well as liaison to the City and contract communities.

Ashley Adenbaum, a young professional with background in business and philanthropy, has demonstrated her excellent communication skills, critical thinking and problem solving at Library Board meetings, as well as serving on Communications, Personnel and Policy Committee.

Melissa Mark holds a degree in library and information services. She is a longtime Friends of the Library member, volunteered on FOL book sales and Books and Bites Committees, as well as attends Library Board meetings. Melissa brings marketing expertise to the team.

These candidates have demonstrated they conduct efficient and effective business meetings in an ethical, respectful and transparent manner. The recently completed Adult Services renovation became a reality thanks to their contributions and time.

Vote for Pisano, Adenbaum and Mark for the Library Board.

Sheila Brice
Retiring Baldwin Library Board Trustee

Birmingham library endorsements

The outcome of this elections contest for Library Board will mean a lot to Birmingham and the Library’s contract communities.

Four are seeking to fill three seats on the Library Board. And that is what I hope will bring you to the polls on Nov. 7. Because, for as much as the Library Board has accomplished, there remains much to be done.

Current Library Board President Frank Pisano and current Member Ashley Adenbaum have done an amazing job and have worked well with their board members, library staff and the public.

Ashley and Frank have successfully overseen the extensive adult services renovation and continue to be the best for these positions.

Frank's background in finance has been tried and proven as the team made their way through the renovation showing unequivocally Frank is an excellent steward of our tax dollars.

Ashley's experience in business and philanthropy has helped guide the way and keep the team on task.

Missy Mark, not an incumbent, has been a dedicated Library volunteer and holds a degree in Library Science. She would prove to be an incredible asset to an already amazing team.

The dedication of these three candidates to this library and our city and their willingness to be inclusive of public opinion make them the very best choices for the next four years.

I hope you'll join me in casting your votes for Frank Pisano, Ashley Adenbaum and Melissa Mark on Nov. 7.

Janelle Boyce
Birmingham
Not only did Melissa Mark win an open seat on the Baldwin Public Library Board of Trustees, she was the top finisher in the race.

"I am very honored to receive the support from the Birmingham community," Mark said Wednesday. “I will work hard to do my best to advance Baldwin's efforts to maintain fiscal responsibility, while keeping current in library trends as they pertain to Birmingham and its contract communities. I welcome and encourage communication from residents on how to keep improving and connecting the library into your lives. This is your library."

Mark is a longtime volunteer at the library, having served for many years with the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library. She takes over a seat that opened with the retirement of veteran board member Sheila Brice.

Mark received 1,268 votes in Tuesday’s election. Two incumbents, Frank Pisano (1,073 votes) and Ashley Aidenbaum (1,084 votes) were re-elected to new terms on the library board, while challenger Mike Kroll finished a distant fourth with 710 votes.

"I'm thrilled to be retained and grateful for the community's support of our ongoing efforts to improve the library," Aidenbaum said. “There's a lot of work ahead, but we have a great team lined up to make it happen."

Pisano, the veteran member of the group, will be starting his third term on the board.
“I look forward to continuing improvements to our library building, along with maintaining good relations with our contract communities and being fiscally responsible with taxpayer dollars,” he said. “Thank you for entrusting me with this responsibility to continue to make Birmingham a great place to live and raise our families.”

As for priorities, Aidenbaum said the board is holding a community forum 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13, to collect input on the proposed expansion and renovation of the youth services room. The meeting takes place in the library’s Jeanne Lloyd Room, with library director Doug Koschik and architect Bob Ziegelman leading the discussion.

"We are improving the library in stages and we want to make sure our kids and families have a great space to learn and play," Aidenbaum said. More information about the building project is available at www.baldwinlib.org/renovation.

Otherwise, it was a snoozer of an election, with less than 10 percent of the registered voters in Birmingham participating. In the uncontested city commission race, incumbents Rackeline Hoff, Mark Nickita and Stuart Sherman retained their seats.

In Bloomfield Hills, city commissioners Mike Coakley, Susan McCarthy, Sarah McClure and Stuart Sherr were re-elected to new terms. Two write-in candidates, William Hosler and Mark Kapel, were vying for a fifth seat on the board, but the results of that contest won't be available until Thursday or Friday.

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Incumbents, new faces make up city councils
November 7, 2017
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Voting was light for candidates for local government and libraries on Tuesday, November 7, with unchallenged incumbents in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills retaining their seats on their city commission, a write-in candidate becoming a first-time commissioner in Bloomfield Hills, and Rochester and Rochester Hills welcoming a mix of old and new faces to their city councils.

Bloomfield Hills
All five city commission seats were open in Bloomfield Hills, and four of the five city commissioners ran for reelection and handily retained their seats. Out of 3,625 registered voters, 1,855 votes were cast on Tuesday, along with 516 absentee ballots, as the electorate returned commissioners Mike Coakley, Susan McCarthy, Sarah McClure and Stuart Sherr to their seats at the commission table for another two-year term. The vote totals for each were close, with Sherr receiving 425, or 22.91 percent of the vote; McCarthy, 419, or 22.59 percent; Coakley, who had 416 votes, or 22.43 percent; and McClure, with 410 votes, for 22.1 percent of the vote.

The final seat is to be determined by a write-in contest between planning board member William Hosler and resident Mark Kapel, but results will not be known until the board of canvassers comes in and counts the results and certifies the election, Bloomfield Hills clerk Amy Burton said.

“They’re not hand-counted. We will not know the final results until they are certified, which is not until Thursday at the earliest,” she said.

“I’m glad the four incumbents were reelected because we all work well together,” said McClure. “We all bring different skill sets.”

“I’m excited and I want to thank everyone who voted,” McCarthy said. “I’m thrilled to be on the commission to continue working on the roads, supporting fire and police, and preserving the unique beauty of the city. We all work well together and everyone brings these unique skill sets. We focus on what’s right.”

Birmingham
Three of the seven Birmingham city commission seats were open, with incumbents Rackeline Hoff, Mark Nickita and Stuart Sherman running unopposed. Hoff was returned to the commission for her fifth four-year term, receiving 1,329 votes, or 34.4 percent of the 3,863 votes cast out of about 16,000 registered voters in Birmingham. Nickita, finishing his second time as mayor and second commission term, had 1,301 votes for 33.68 percent, and Sherman received 1,207 votes, for 31.25 percent of ballots cast.

“I’m pleased to have another four years to serve the city, and look forward to continuing moving the city in a positive direction,” Nickita said.

“I’m honored to continue serving the residents of Birmingham for another four years,” said Sherman, who will serve his fourth term as a commissioner. Hoff could not be reached.

Four candidates ran for three open Baldwin Library board seats, each for four years, with Melissa Mark, Ashley Aidenbaum and incumbent Frank Pisano winning to become board members. Mark had 1,268 votes, for 30.58 percent of the vote; Aidenbaum received 1,084 votes, for 26.14 percent; and Pisano, 1,073, for 25.87 percent of the votes cast.
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Write-ins await results after commissioner elections in Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham

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BIRMINGHAM/BLOOMFIELD HILLS — The precinct signs have been taken down, the stickers have been doled out, and the counting machines have been tucked away until next year.

But in Bloomfield Hills, the election was not over when the polls closed. While the four incumbents running for re-election to the City Commission have earned their seats, the fifth spot on the board — likely to be taken up by a write-in candidate — has yet to be determined.

Commissioners Mike Coakley, Susan McCarthy, Sarah McClure and Stuart David Sherr all kept their seats with close margins to each other — Sherr came out on top with 425 votes, or 22.91 percent, followed by McCarthy with 419 votes, then Coakley with 416 votes and, finally, McClure with 410 votes from among the 1,855 total.

But the remaining 185 votes went to unassigned write-in candidates. Two write-in candidates officially filed with Oakland County for the Nov. 7 election, Mark Kapel and William Hosler. The Eagle wouldn’t learn until after press time who had won the final seat.

“The write-in category is for any name that was written in,” said Bloomfield Hills City Clerk Amy Burton in an email. “It could be for a valid write-in candidate — Hosler or Kapel — or it could be for a name someone wrote (in), like Mickey Mouse.”

The Oakland County Board of Canvassers was working to tabulate the votes early this week, and results were expected to be in on Tuesday, Nov. 14 — after press time — Burton said.

Voter turnout in Birmingham was just under 10 percent. The ballot was small, and aside from the Library Board race, voters had the chance to re-elect three uncontested commissioners to their seats.

Rackeline Hoff took the top spot with 1,329 votes, or 34.4 percent, followed by Mark Nickita with 1,301 votes and 33.7 percent, and then Stuart Sherman with 1,207 votes and 31.3 percent. Just 26 votes, or 0.67 percent, were given to unassigned write-ins.

“I am very pleased to begin another four years of working to make the city an even better place for all of us to live, work and recreate,” said Nickita as the polls closed last week.

For updated information on the Bloomfield Hills City Commission write-in race, visit the Eagle on Facebook at Facebook.com/BirminghamBloomfieldEagle.
A beautiful fall evening set the stage for the Birmingham Bloomfield Cultural Arts Award event at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

This is the 22nd year that the community has recognized the contributions of local persons who enrich the life of the community. The Cultural Council of Birmingham Bloomfield awards are sponsored by The Community House, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and the BBAC.

More than 100 people gathered to honor Glen Michaels, influential artist of world renown, and Susan D. Nine, tireless arts champion. Lively conversations occurred as people enjoyed the wine and hors d’oeuvres and the pottery art works on display in the gallery. Many of the guests were artists who were previous recipients of the award or friends and supporters of the awardees.

Annie Van Gelderen, president and CEO of BBAC, welcomed the guests and talked about the many areas of arts and culture that BBAC touches.

“We have incredible artists, writers, musicians, photographers and actors who reside within our Birmingham Bloomfield community," she said. "They are the voices keeping arts alive and thriving in southeast Michigan. Here at BBAC, we offer hundreds of classes for pre-K children to adults in their 90s.”

Guest John Reddy called the BBAC an "icon representing the cultural richness of the community."
"BBAC is one of the many assets that a good number of residents have yet to discover and appreciate," Reddy said.

Community House CEO and president William Seklar called the BBAC a "jewel and a gift" to the community.

"They have been a good neighbor for 60 years," Seklar said. "It is great to honor Glen and Sue for their extraordinary work."

Marcy Heller Fisher and Anita Goor co-chaired the awards committee. Fisher gave the history of the award and recognized the collaborative help of supporting cultural institutions and people.

Cultural Council president Laurie Tennent described the role of the council as being responsible for the public art and sculptures in Birmingham. In her tribute to Michaels, she said, "He came to this area in 1956 to attend the master of fine arts program at Cranbrook. He had already attended Yale Music School for two years, studying piano, and completed college in Washington. He developed talents in pottery, portrait painting and making assemblages for which he became world famous. His works are in the Baldwin Library, Beaumont Hospital, the (Detroit) People Mover and other sites around the nation and world."

After Tennent presented Michaels with a bracelet and plaque designed by local jewelry designer Link Wachler, Michaels gave a moving acceptance speech in which he mentioned his delight in staying in Michigan and his wonder at finding talented local persons who could work with "some crazy artist."

The Michaels assemblage in Baldwin Library is popular with patrons.
“People enjoy looking at it and reading the brochure about it,” library director Doug Koschik said.

Maggie Allesee and Sally Gerak nominated Nine for the Lifetime Achievement Award. Allesee said, “It is the nicest thing to nominate someone you really care about. For 40 years, Sue has been serving local nonprofits with her outstanding work ethic. Her intelligence and sense of humor often save the day.” Nine received Wachler-designed awards, also.

In her acceptance speech, Nine noted that she feels awkward receiving praise when there are hundreds who helped with her projects. She praised her late parents, her husband Paul and her daughter Diane for their encouragement.

Oakland County Commissioner Shelley Goodman Taub presented proclamations to Nine and Michaels. “It’s about time we honored Sue Nine,” Taub said.

Wachler was there to enjoy the ceremony.

"This is the 10th year that I have provided the bracelets and plaques," Wachler said. "I like it; it gives purpose to my art works. Many times, as I am walking in Birmingham, winners approach me and show me their bracelets."

The Rev. Tony Tocco came to honor Nine, saying, “Sue and Paul are good friends and honorary parishioners at St. Hugo’s. She is amazing. If you want something done, ask her.”

“We’re here to honor our good friend, Sue Nine. She is fabulous to work with, with her great creative energy,” Cynthia Van Oeyen said.

Also in the gathering were people whose lives had been touched by Michaels. Patricia Yulkowski served as an apprentice to him for one year. “I learned more in that year than in my entire college career,” she said. Her friend Lisa Delor has pleasant memories of taking drawing and painting classes from Michaels in his home. Karen DiChiera took piano lessons from Michaels for five years.

Suzanne Barbero, Michael’s daughter, came from New York to celebrate her father’s honor.

“This is wonderful," she said. "It is great to see all of his friends and to see him recognized for all of the work he has done. We celebrated his 90th birthday in July. He is always thinking and creating. He still carries his sketch book and recently did a series of drawings of people on the subway in New York when he visited me. He has had such a good time with this."

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The 50-plus community is the fastest growing demographic nationwide and Birmingham is no exception.

Last weekend, Next, along with community partners including the city of Birmingham, the Baldwin Public Library and the Principal Shopping District, presented an event for baby boomers and beyond, Boomer Summit 2017.

Through a series of speakers, it became clear what a powerful and important group boomers are. Chuck Gaidica, award-winning media personality, opened the event with humor and insight stating that boomers are healthier, living longer and have more money to spend than any other group.

That is true, according to Nielsen marketing: Not only do baby boomers control 70 percent of the nation’s disposable income, they stand to inherit $15 trillion in the next 20 years; yes, that is trillion with a “T.”

Boomers have had successful careers and raised their children, but how do you go from success into significance? The presenters at Boomer Summit offered suggestions to answer that question.
They shared stories of retirees making significant transitions, sometimes several transitions, not only to live well, but thrive in the years that lie ahead.

The feel and reoccurring theme of the morning was one of warmth, humility and humanity. Many of the speakers shared their own very personal stories, ones of struggles, sacrifice and, ultimately, significance. Sometimes significance took the form of an encore career, volunteering at a nonprofit or simply developing their own passion. We are all capable of growth; the trick is to keep exploring.

Kerry Hannon, a national speaker and expert on personal finance, jobs and retirement, challenged the audience to think about what to do with the more than 20-plus bonus years that this generation, unlike previous generations, is fortunate to have.

With advanced skills that only decades of experience can develop, the possibilities are endless. Her suggestion: Take an inventory of your passions and talents, think back to the jobs you’ve had and write down what you liked and didn’t like and, just as important, reflect on what you don’t want to do. If possible, Hannon said, "Spend a few years planning a transition, that way there will be fewer surprises that could derail you."

Alicia Simon, formerly of the College of Creative Studies and currently at the University of Michigan, suggested even simple things can bring positive change to your mental and physical health; tap into your creativity, try a new recipe, learn a new skill or teach someone yours — all can help stimulate learning, which leads to better health. You don’t have to paint a masterpiece, just find joy in the process.

Dave Bing, a member of the NBA Hall of Fame, former Detroit mayor and founder of Bing Steel, and Lomas Brown, who played with the Detroit Lions for 12 years and now guides young entrepreneurs, have both experienced great success as professional athletes, but are now choosing to leverage their years playing to make a difference right here in their own community.

They are now making an impact one student and one person at a time, generously sharing of themselves and a conviction to make a difference. Both Bing and Brown, along with Ginna Holmes from the Michigan Community Service Commission, spoke of mentoring, showing an interest or simply showing up for a child that needs extra support, that alone can mean the world.

Boomer Summit showed it's OK to be uncertain with what's next. As Gaidica said, he is comfortable with confusion. It’s going to take time and that’s OK, too, just don’t stop trying.

For more ideas on how to stay active and connected, go to www.BirminghamNext.org

_Cris Braun is executive director of Next._
There’s giving a hand – and there’s giving 200 hands.

That’s one of this year’s goals for the Novi Public Library. Partnering with the Novi High School robotics team, the library is working to establish itself as an official chapter of e-NABLE, joining the group’s grassroots effort to create free 3D-printed limbs for kids overseas who’ve lost a hand, arm or fingers due to war, disease or natural disaster.

Novi’s e-NABLE project got started about two years ago by the high school robotics team, Frog Force 503. Kirsten Anderson and Fenton Lawler are among the students leading the project. This year, the two had a chance to meet Jen Owens, e-NABLE’s founder, at the robotics world championship – and they came away inspired.

“It was her vision: that engineering is not just automotive, there’s a lot of innovation going into the medical field as well – robots, prosthetics,” said Anderson, a junior at Novi High/MIAT (Michigan Institute of Aviation Technology).

For Lawler, a Novi High senior, it was the message behind the project that really hit home. “Jen was entering a password into her phone to log on [to the e-NABLE site], and I happened by accident to see it, and the password was ‘love’: spread the love,” he said. “It made me fall in love with the whole project.”

A few weeks later, someone contacted Julie Farkas, director of the Novi Public Library, about a possible partnership with e-NABLE and she and the two high school students sat down together to
make it a reality. They set a goal: to make and assemble 200 hands by the end of the 2017-18 school year.

The prosthetic limbs are made of plastic filament. They’re printed on the 3D printers at the library and at the school district, using open-source files available from the e-NABLE website. Each hand has about 30 parts. “You piece them together like a puzzle — a lot like Legos,” Anderson said. “We add strings that act as tendons, so that when you flex your wrist or elbow joint, it opens and closes.”

Each hand takes a couple of hours to put together. For workers, Frog Force reached out to fourth-grade classrooms in each of Novi’s five elementary schools — then, to the community at large. The idea caught on quickly: registration for the library’s Community 3D Hand Assembly Day event Dec. 14 is already filled.

Once a hand is assembled, the wearer fastens it onto his or her stub via Velcro straps. “It makes the child feel complete,” Farkas said. “That’s the goal at this point.”

Prior to this year, the team had made and distributed about 70 prosthetics. Now members have set themselves another ambitious goal: creating an actual bionic hand. “Robotics is about innovation and the newer, more bionic ones use electronics,” Anderson said. Recently, the robotics team and some students from the medical club met with a prosthetic surgeon to discuss the intricacies of muscles and tendons.

Linking the robotics team with the e-NABLE chapter is a step up from what most chapters normally do. “These robotics students and this team is amazing,” Farkas said. “They’ve been wonderful to work with and they are really the ones driving the project themselves.”
Gaining status as an official e-NABLE chapter will mean the Novi group gets included on e-NABLE's world map. “Once our name gets out there, people can come to us directly and we'll start getting personalized letters,” Anderson said. “We'll be a part of that innovative process – individual measurements, personal connections.”

Those kinds of personalized connections mean a lot – to both donors and recipients. The prosthetics made in Novi are sent to New York and, from there, to children in countries like Korea and Iraq — children born missing a limb or who have lost one in a war zone or disaster.

Two years ago, the robotics team made a pink prosthetic for a little girl named Misha in Georgia (the country, not the state), who’d been missing a hand since birth. “We got this picture of her with her Barbie,” Anderson said. “It was the cutest thing.”

It was the first time in her life she’d been able to hold the doll with both hands.

Anyone interested in participating in the Novi e-NABLE project is invited to pitch in as a donor (funding goes specifically to materials and supplies), help the robotics team with custom hand requests or put together the hands at one of the assembly days. While the Dec. 14 assembly day is booked, another will be scheduled for this spring.

To learn more about the Novi e-NABLE effort, go to novlibrary.org/Resources/Access-Technology/Enabling-The-Future.aspx.
Six suggestions for an expansion of the children's wing at the Salem-South Lyon Library

LeAnne Rogers, hometownlife.com
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An expansion of the children's section was promised when voters approved a millage increase for the Salem South Lyon District Library in 2014.

The library held two meetings to get public input on what elements should be included in the addition, expected to double the current 3,000 square feet of the children's department and cost about $1 million.

Neither of the public input meetings was heavily attended. Those who attended did have some ideas.

1. Resident Molly Jourden, who has two pre-schoolers, said she mainly brings her kids to the library to check out books. That's made difficult, she said, when the children's computers are located right up front as you enter the children's department.

"They run to the computers, iPads or to listen to music. I want them to focus on books," Jourden said. "If there was an area where when you walk in, the focus wasn't on screens - an area for books."

2. One idea suggested by Kathy Merucci, who heads the library's teen and youth services, was to separate the tweens collection from the children's section.

"We could have the tween collection (located) where you leave the children's section. Some parents are hesitant to send their tweens over to the teen section," said Merucci. "Non-fiction and fiction could be in separate areas. That would make it easier to access for the tweens."
3. Some kind of soft seating where parents can sit and read with the youngsters was suggested by Casey Branch, who wears a lot of hats for the library including handling storytimes. Currently, the library has only two rocking chairs.

"Adult seating has also has also been requested. It's amazing how many grandparents come with kids - it's hard to get down in those little chairs," said Branch.

With storytimes held in a multi-purpose room, Branch also suggested an additional room for storytime and other activities with a soft, easy-to-clean surface. "The rug has to be rolled up in the meeting room," she said. "We need passing under the flooring. Today, we had 17 2-4 year-olds, 17 moms plus siblings."

4. Jeanette Benson, a Friends of the Library member and library garden coordinator, said she supports the expansion but asked if the project could possibly add some nearby first floor storage space.

"The basement storage is a concern. It would be wonderful if there was an elevator," said Benson. "There is a winding stairway. It's very difficult to get book carts up and down the stairs. I know elevators are very expensive."

That winding stairway makes it difficult for making deliveries of library supplies also, she said.

"There was also a tornado warning when I was here. People went to the basement. It's not for the handicapped," she said.

5. There was also discussion about windows for the addition and possible direct access to the library garden. Along with use for children's programs, Benson suggested that there be rooms that could be utilized for after-hours events.

"It could be valuable to have a place for community groups, fine arts shows, etc.," she said. "Most of the time tables offer power so you can plug in. So you could plug-in in a meeting/program room. We can do a lot with a couple of flat screens (televisions)."

6. The current children's area has a high ceiling and is noisy. "We are looking at ways of addressing the acoustics," said architect Ronald Cieslak of Merritt Cieslak Design. "I have no information to share with you tonight. Right now, we're gathering what is important to you. We want to know what the community wants and thinks. It's your library."

Visit https://ssldl.info/ for an online survey about the library expansion.
In Books, Print Makes a Stand — With e-book sales off, publishers emphasize the traditional format and at a quicker pace


**THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.**

**Abstract**

None available.

FRANKFURT -- Book publishers are giving an advance review of the industry's future, and it looks a lot like the past.

After a decade of technological upheaval and lackluster growth, executives at the top four U.S. consumer-book publishers say they are done relying on newfangled formats to boost growth.

It has been nearly 10 years since Amazon.com Inc. introduced its Kindle e-book reader amid the financial crisis, destabilizing publishers and challenging their well-honed business models.

Now, e-book sales are on the decline, making up a fraction of publishers' revenue, and traditional book sales are rising. The consumer-books industry is enjoying steady growth in the U.S., with total revenue increasing about 5% from 2013 to 2016, according to the Association of American Publishers.

Executives gathered in Frankfurt for the industry's biggest trade fair said they are returning to fundamentals: buying and printing books that readers want to buy -- and they are streamlining their businesses to get them out faster than ever before.


The shift is a surprise reversal for an industry that experts just a decade ago predicted was facing radical change, if not a slow death, because of digitization and changing reading habits. Instead, e-book sales in the U.S. were down about 17% last year, according to the AAP industry group, while printed-book revenue rose 4.5%.

Interviews at the Frankfurt Book Fair with the top four consumer-book publishers in the U.S. -- Penguin Random House, CBS Corp.'s Simon & Schuster Inc., Lagardere SCA's Hachette Livre and News Corp's HarperCollins Publishers -- showed the decade of seeking cover from outside threats is over, but the fight to overcome the lackluster growth it left behind has just begun.

One thing all agree on is the need for speed. Companies are reinvesting in printed books after years of cost-cutting, and they are building pipelines to bring an author's words into readers' hands faster.

The effort has been spurred on by the success of books that resonate with the political moment such as HarperCollins's "Hillbilly Elegy," by J.D. Vance, about rural American culture and Penguin Random House's "Devil's Bargain," by Joshua Green, about former White House chief strategist Steve Bannon.
HarperCollins is printing two million copies of "Hillbilly Elegy," Chief Executive Brian Murray said, after an initial pre-election print run of just 15,000 copies. "Everyone on the coasts wanted to know how Donald Trump got elected. ...and to understand the view from the heartland of America," Mr. Murray said. HarperCollins, like The Wall Street Journal, is owned by News Corp.

Mr. Murray blamed flagging e-book sales on "screen fatigue," and said HarperCollins was raising its investment in printed books, "the value anchor" for the entire business.

Printed books are "more beautiful now," he said. "You'll see endpapers [and] a lot more design sensibility going into the print editions because we recognized that they can't be throwaway."

When Simon & Schuster published the hardback edition of Hillary Clinton's "What Happened" last month, it sold 167,000 copies in its first week, more than any hardcover nonfiction book since 2012, according to the company and NPD Bookscan data. CEO Carolyn Reidy said a million copies would ship by the end of the year.

And after years "spent taking pennies out of the cost of making a book," the company is raising the quality of its print editions again, she said.

Publishers say the quickening pace of politics, especially in the U.S., has made speed all the more crucial. "Previous presidents moved more slowly," said Eric Nelson, executive editor for the Harper imprint of HarperCollins. "You could write to where you'd think the political world would be in a year and likely be correct. Now, you could spend an entire chapter on a prominent political figure in President Trump's administration and that person could be gone by the time the book comes out."

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Jeffrey A. Trachtenberg contributed to this article.

Credit: By Zeke Turner
Book lovers, pack your bags – one of the coolest libraries in the world has just opened up in China and it is absolutely gorgeous.

The Tianjin Binhai Library, also called “The Eye of Benhai” because of its mirrored spherical centerpiece depicted above, has opened up in the Binhai Cultural District of Tianjin earlier this month.

The 5-story library features a dazzling futuristic interior with rippling shelves and layered terraces that double as steps and seats.

For the more practically-minded viewers who are eyeing the books that are out of reach on the taller shelves, don’t worry – the designers used aluminum plates instead of actual literature on the higher terraces in order to keep up with the library’s aesthetic.
The library spans over 34,000 meters (366,000 square feet) and can hold as many as 1.2 million books.

The lower levels are made up of children’s play areas, lounges, and reading rooms, while the upper floors
are mainly offices and audio, computer, and meetings rooms.

Designed by the Dutch architecture firm MVRDV in partnership with Tianjin Urban Planning and Design Institute (TUPDI), the library was completed after just three years of construction.
The library is a part of the city’s effort to improve the region’s cultural infrastructure. According to MVRDV, the building acts not only as an education centre but as a connector from the park into the cultural district.
New art piece pays tribute to 33,000 staff members at University of Michigan

By Martin Slagter
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ANN ARBOR, MI - The University of Michigan saluted its 33,000 current staff members and those who came before them Friday, Oct. 27 with the dedication of its latest piece of public art "Arriving Home."

The statue, which was installed between the C.C. Little Science Building and the Dana Samuel Trask Building, was acquired by the UM President's Advisory Committee on Public Art to recognize 200 years of contributions by staff members.

The statue was created in 2007 by artist Dennis Oppenheim. It is made of stainless steel and acrylic that reflect a variety of colors, according to the time of day and the position of the sun in the sky.

University of Michigan dedicates "Arriving Home" art piece
Jack Janveja, project director in construction management at the university, donated $100,000 to help bring the piece to campus. He emigrated to America in the early 1960s and enrolled as a student at the university. He has worked for UM since 1962.

Janveja has advocated for and funded the installation of several outdoor public art pieces on campus at sites including the Ford Library, Michigan Stadium, Museum of Natural History, Bentley Historical Library, the College of Engineering and the soon-to-be-completed Biological Science Building.

"Public art adds to wherever it is," Janveja said. "When you look at the big cities, you have big pieces. People go and visit things and these are the things that they remember. Later on, these are the memories that they associate with."

Laurita Thomas, associate vice president for human resources, said "Arriving Home" is an apt reflection of the community: constantly changing and evolving, comprised of many colors, backgrounds and beliefs.

She credited Janveja for his efforts helping bring public art to campus.

"Jack's devotion to the university is evidenced by his many years of service in architecture, engineering and construction and his incredible generosity in making the acquisition of multiple important works of modern art on our campus possible," she said. "The installation of this beautiful work of art on our campus would not have been possible without him."

UM President Mark Schlissel said honoring the staff's two centuries of excellence was a key component of the university's bicentennial celebration and "Arriving Home" is fitting tribute to their efforts.

"We wanted to commemorate the amazing work of the past but also recognize that all of our future goals for Michigan's third century and beyond rely on the dedication and intellect of our talented staff," Schlissel said.
The hometown kid is now the hometown mayor.

Birmingham City Commissioner Andy Harris, a lifelong resident of the city and graduate of Seaholm High School, was elected by his colleagues to serve as mayor for the upcoming year. Fellow Commissioner Patty Bordman will serve as mayor pro tem.

“Since entering adulthood, I’ve felt a strong obligation to serve my community and, over the past decade, I’ve been fortunate enough to give back to the city where I was born and raised,” Harris said. “Being the mayor of an exemplary city is a humbling honor I take very seriously. In this position, I feel obliged to serve at a level commensurate with the high-level government service delivered by my predecessors and expected from all the city’s stakeholders.”

Birmingham operates under a city manager form of government, but it’s the mayor’s job to meet with constituents, property owners and other stakeholders to help keep the city in a positive spotlight. He’ll serve as an ambassador for the city at various functions around the state. Plus, it’s his responsibility to run the city commission meetings, set the agenda and make sure the meetings run in an orderly fashion.
Andy Harris is sworn in as the new city mayor of Birmingham, and Patty Bordman the new mayor pro tem, at the Nov. 13 City Commission meeting. (Photo: David Bloom)

Harris noted 2018 promises to be a busy year.

“In the upcoming year, the commission will have many very important issues to address, such as the improvements to Old Woodward, the citywide master plan process, the potential development of North Bates, the implementation of the parks and recreation master plan and renovations to the Baldwin Public Library,” he said.

A partner in the Kitch Law Firm, Harris was a volunteer member of the city’s parks and recreation board before he was elected to serve two terms on the Baldwin Public Library Board of Trustees. Voters elected him to the city commission in 2015. He also volunteers as a coach with the Birmingham Little League and manager with the Birmingham Liberty hockey team.

He and his wife Tiffany have two children, Roger and Russell. His parents, David and Marcia Harris, lived in Birmingham for 27 years before retiring to Glen Arbor in 2004.

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Upcoming Events of Interest

DIY Super Bouncy Ball
Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 4:30pm - 5:30pm. Registration required.
Grades 4 to 6. Learn how to make your own super bouncy balls using science and common household objects. A fun, hands-on STEM experience.

Parenting Strategies
Thursday, November 30, 2017, 7:00pm - 8:00pm. Registration required.
Jessica Cortez, LMSW, will discuss sleep patterns and behaviors and give tips and tricks for parents.

Idea Lab: Drop-in to Create an Ornament or Pop-up Greeting Card
Saturday, December 2, 2017, 10:00am - 4:00pm
Drop-in any time between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm to select a card or ornament design to make. Then watch as our laser cutter creates your design.

McDermott & Rich Jazz Duo
December 3, 2017, 2:00pm - 3:00pm. Registration required.
Hear a mix of jazz and seasonal favorites performed by guitarist Rodney Rich and flutist/vocalist Kelly McDermott.

Battle Book Talks
Get ready for Battle of the Books! Help your team prepare for the Battle by joining our in-depth discussion.
Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. – Circus Mirandus
Thursday, December 14 at 4:30 p.m. – Book Scavenger
Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m. – Pie
Wednesday, January 10 at 4:30 p.m. – My Near-Death Adventures
Tuesday, January 16 at 7:00 p.m. – Courageous Canine
Wednesday, January 24 at 4:30 p.m. – Red Butterfly

Idea Lab: Make a Light-up Bookmark with the Laser Cutter
Wednesday, December 6, 2017, 6:30pm - 7:30pm. Registration required.
Watch the laser cutter in action as it cuts out a paper bookmark. Then learn how to add a circuit to power a small light inside the bookmark.

Tassel Earrings
Saturday, December 9, 2017, 2:00pm - 3:00pm. Registration required.
Make a pair of trendy tassel earrings to wear or give as a gift this holiday season.

Financial Outlook 2018, with Rick Bloom
Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 7:00pm - 8:00pm. Registration required.
Professional asset manager Rick Bloom will provide insight on what he thinks will happen with the stock market and economy for 2018.

Gingerbread House Decorating for Teens
Thursday, December 14, 2017, 6:30pm - 8:30pm. Registration required.
Grades 6-12. Create your own sweet holiday gingerbread house. We'll provide the supplies and you bring the creativity!
Trust Agenda
Trust Minutes
Trust Financial Reports
Gifts to Trust: Receipts
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Baldwin Public Library Trust Meeting
Monday, November 20, 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 October 16, 2017 minutes
   B. Acceptance of the October 2017 receipts of $7,407.91
   C. Approval of the September 2017 disbursements of $7,490.20

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, December 18, 2017.
1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by President Frank Pisano at 10:07 p.m.

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

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 the receipts and disbursements.

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.

3. **New and Miscellaneous Business:** There was no new and miscellaneous business. Pisano mentioned that Trust’s portfolio was outpacing the blended benchmark by over two percent.

4. **Adjournment**

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting.

1st Tera  
2nd Suhay

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 10:09 p.m. The next regular meeting will be on Monday, November 20, 2017.
Baldwin Public Library Trust: October 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:

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* 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.

In October the Trust received generous donations from the following people:

- David Underdown - $1,100 for the Linne Underdown Hage Forester Endowment Fund plus an additional $1,100 for the Marion G. Sweeney Endowment Fund
- Janet Francis - $1,500 for staff appreciation activities
- William and Nancy Duffy - $500 for general Trust funds

A number of people have contributed money in memory of Cynthia Ann Greenhalgh—a much-loved former teacher, Birmingham resident, and Baldwin patron—who passed away on October 25. Her family asked that, in lieu of flowers, memorial tributes be made to the Baldwin Public Library for the benefit of children’s literacy.
# Baldwin Public Library Trust
## Portfolio Performance Benchmarks
### As of October 31, 2017

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### BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST

#### BALANCES BY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

**OCTOBER 31, 2017**

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#### Investment and Cash Report

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- **Endowment Money**
  - Prior Month: $0.00
  - Current Month: $0.00
  - Current Year to Date: $0.00
  - Ending Month: $2,701.90
  - Ending Year to Date: $19,545.31
  - Transfer: $0.00
  - Ending Investment Balance: $2,701.90

- **2012 Books & Bites at Baldwin Fundraiser**
  - Prior Month: $0.00
  - Current Month: $0.00
  - Current Year to Date: $0.00
  - Ending Month: $0.00
  - Ending Year to Date: $0.00
  - Transfer: $0.00
  - Ending Investment Balance: $0.00

- **2013 Books & Bites at Baldwin Fundraiser**
  - Prior Month: $0.00
  - Current Month: $0.00
  - Current Year to Date: $0.00
  - Ending Month: $0.00
  - Ending Year to Date: $0.00
  - Transfer: $0.00
  - Ending Investment Balance: $0.00

- **2015 Books & Bites at Baldwin Fundraiser**
  - Prior Month: $0.00
  - Current Month: $0.00
  - Current Year to Date: $0.00
  - Ending Month: $832.96
  - Ending Year to Date: $3,777.33
  - Transfer: $0.00
  - Ending Investment Balance: $832.96

- **2017 Books & Bites at Baldwin Fundraiser**
  - Prior Month: $0.00
  - Current Month: $0.00
  - Current Year to Date: $0.00
  - Ending Month: $404.00
  - Ending Year to Date: $404.00
  - Transfer: $0.00
  - Ending Investment Balance: $404.00

- **Restricted Funds**
  - Prior Month: $1,225.63
  - Current Month: $0.00
  - Current Year to Date: $0.00
  - Ending Month: $2,755.80
  - Ending Year to Date: $13,218.22
  - Transfer: $0.00
  - Ending Investment Balance: $2,765.60

- **General Spendable Funds**
  - Prior Month: $101.59
  - Current Month: $0.00
  - Current Year to Date: $0.00
  - Ending Month: $798.54
  - Ending Year to Date: $1,875.56
  - Transfer: $0.00
  - Ending Investment Balance: $795.54

- **TOTAL**
  - Prior Month: $1,327.22
  - Current Month: $0.00
  - Current Year to Date: $0.00
  - Ending Month: $7,493.20
  - Ending Year to Date: $38,820.42
  - Transfer: $0.00
  - Ending Investment Balance: $7,500.00

#### Chemical Bank Money Market:

- **Endowment Budgeted Funds**
  - Prior Month: $92,148.70
  - Current Month: $1,500.00
  - Current Year to Date: $1,570.00
  - Ending Month: $0.00
  - Ending Year to Date: $0.00
  - Transfer: $0.00
  - Ending Investment Balance: $90,946.80

- **Endowment Investment Funds**
  - Prior Month: $910.00
  - Current Month: $2,300.00
  - Current Year to Date: $2,400.00
  - Ending Month: $0.00
  - Ending Year to Date: $0.00
  - Transfer: $0.00
  - Ending Investment Balance: $3,210.00

- **2012 Books & Bites at Baldwin Fundraiser**
  - Prior Month: $17.94
  - Current Month: $0.00
  - Current Year to Date: $0.00
  - Ending Month: $0.00
  - Ending Year to Date: $0.00
  - Transfer: $0.00
  - Ending Investment Balance: $17.94

- **2013 Books & Bites at Baldwin Fundraiser**
  - Prior Month: $3,955.76
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  - Current Year to Date: $0.00
  - Ending Month: $0.00
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  - Ending Investment Balance: $3,955.76

- **2015 Books & Bites at Baldwin Fundraiser**
  - Prior Month: $7,545.83
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  - Current Year to Date: $0.00
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- **2017 Books & Bites at Baldwin Fundraiser**
  - Prior Month: $8,610.00
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  - Current Year to Date: $8,290.00
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- **Restricted Funds**
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  - Ending Month: $0.00
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- **General Spendable Funds**
  - Prior Month: $142,963.93
  - Current Month: $7,407.91
  - Current Year to Date: $18,901.63
  - Ending Month: $0.00
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  - Ending Investment Balance: $142,871.84

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- **Endowment Fund Investments**
  - Prior Month: $1,129,553.34
  - Current Month: $0.00
  - Current Year to Date: $0.00
  - Ending Month: $12,468.16
  - Ending Year to Date: $1,142,021.50

- **Endowment Cash**
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  - Current Year to Date: $0.00
  - Ending Month: $(1,350.30)
  - Ending Year to Date: $(1,789.32)

- **Sub-total Endowment Funds**
  - Prior Month: $1,132,692.96
  - Current Month: $0.00
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  - Ending Month: $(11,117.86)
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- **General Spendable Funds Cash**
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- **General Spendable Mutual Funds**
  - Prior Month: $263,558.94
  - Current Month: $0.00
  - Current Year to Date: $0.00
  - Ending Month: $1,843.94
  - Ending Year to Date: $265,402.88

- **General Spendable CD Funds**
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- **Sub-total General Spendable Funds**
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- **TOTAL**
  - Prior Month: $1,136,251.90
  - Current Month: $0.00
  - Current Year to Date: $7,493.20
  - Ending Month: $38,820.42
  - Ending Year to Date: $7,500.00
  - Transfer: $(7,500.00)
  - Ending Investment Balance: $12,961.80

#### Total All Funds

- **Prior Month**
  - $1,540,543.05

- **Current Month**
  - $7,407.91

- **Current Year to Date**
  - $18,901.63

- **Ending Month**
  - $7,493.20

- **Ending Year to Date**
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- **Transfer**
  - $(7,500.00)

- **Ending Investment Balance**
  - $7,500.00

- **Ending Year to Date**
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## BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST
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**14-Nov-17**

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**Receipt Number Total:** $7,407.91

**Total Amount For This Bank:** $7,407.91
## Check Register

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

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