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MEET THE FRIENDS OF THE BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Hi, we're the Board of the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library. The Friends was incorporated in 1950 as "an association of persons interested in books and reading; to focus attention on Library resources, service and potentials; and to stimulate gifts of books, desirable collections, endowments and bequests."

Today, we are passionate BPL advocates, proud of our efforts to enrich the programs and services your library provides our community. We donated \$47,825 to the library between September 2018 and May 2019, which BPL used for programs such as Battle of the Books, Summer



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Reading, the Beverly Hills Story Book Trail, various book clubs, and more.

If you would like to learn more about the Friends or become part of our

group, please go to: https://www.baldwinlib.org/friends. You can also visit our Facebook page, @friendsofbaldwinpubliclibrary.



WHAT HAPPENS TO THE BOOKS?

Ever wonder what happens to all of the great books and other materials that remain unsold after one of our used book sales?

Short answer: it's all good! Some go to non-profit groups that provide free media materials to soldiers, veterans, or underserved schools and libraries in Michigan. Many of the remainders are taken by a company that deals in used books, which either resells them (and gives the Friends of the BPL a cut of the proceeds to benefit the library) or

recycles them.

Following our spring used book sale, we received a thank-you from Alcott Elementary School in Pontiac. The note said, in part, "We are grateful for the donation and please know that the students are thrilled to have additions to their media center as well as books to take home to read at their leisure."

Thanks to everyone who donates and buys materials. You help us make the programs the BPL offers you among the best in Michigan.

ANNUAL REPORT



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

We couldn't do it without you!

Our dedicated volunteers, that is. We deeply appreciate those folks who tirelessly sort and organize the books and media materials our generous donors drop off at the library throughout the year.

Sorting books is a little like falling down the proverbial "rabbit hole." It's fascinating to see what people are reading and what treasures have accumulated on their bookshelves over time.

We especially appreciate the energy (and strong backs!) of our teen volunteers who help us prepare for our semi-annual book sales. This is a great way for students to earn community service hours. Go to https://www.baldwinlib. org/friends or message us on Facebook @ friendsofbaldwinpubliclibrary if you want to help with the fall used book sale in November.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

We're testing the water: would you consider receiving your future Friends of the Baldwin Public Library newsletter by email rather than getting a printed copy via U.S. Mail?

It's a "greener" and less costly option, which would allow us to put more of our funds toward supporting the library while still staying in touch with you, our valued members.

If you would like to have future newsletters emailed to you, please let our newsletter editor know by contacting her at **ryndeecarney@ gmail.com**. Please include your name and email address.

SEMI-ANNUAL FALL USED BOOK SALE NOVEMBER 1-4 FRIENDS MEMBER PREVIEW NIGHT:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1 FROM 7:00-9:00 P.M.



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ARE YOU AN AMAZON.COM SHOPPER? If you visit smile.amazon.com and select the "Friends of the Baldwin Public Library," a portion of every purchase you make will be donated to the Friends.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE MAILED BY EARLY SEPTEMBER following the close of the Friends fiscal year on August 31.

WE HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE YOUR GENEROSITY AND HELP THE FRIENDS SUPPORT EVEN MORE LIBRARY PROGRAMS IN 2019-20.



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