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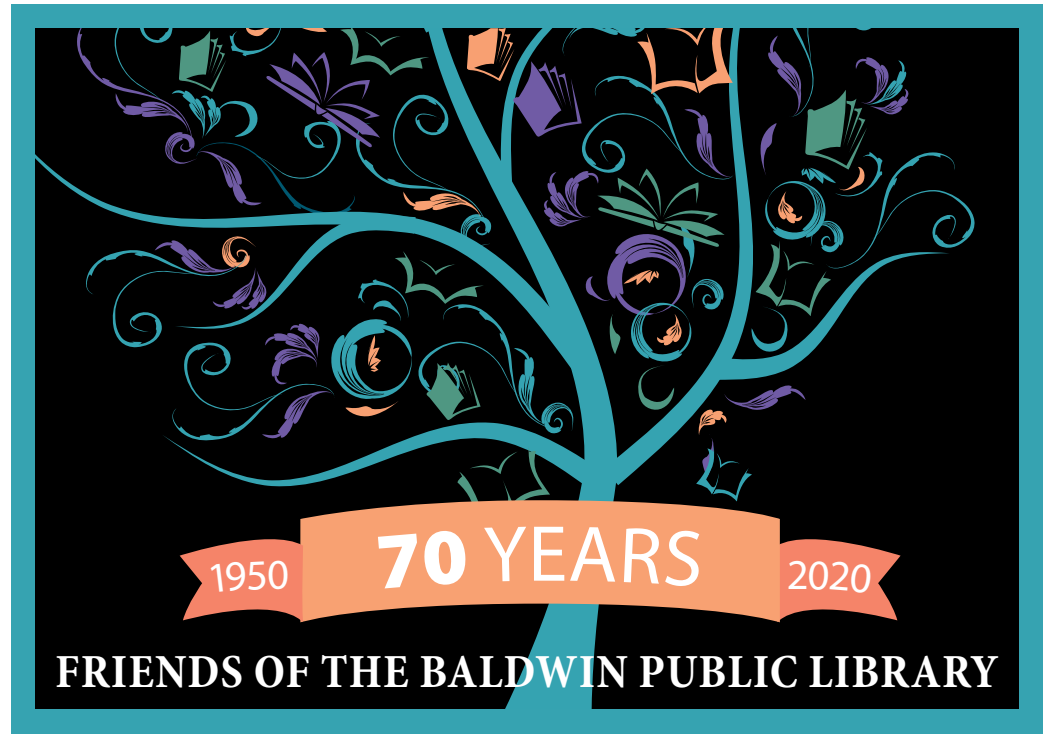
FRIENDS OF THE BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY CELEBRATES 70TH ANNIVERSARY

In 1950 President Harry S. Truman approved construction of the hydrogen bomb to protect Americans from Soviet aggression, the Korean War commenced, the first human organ transplant occurred, and the post-World War II baby boom began.

That same year the citizens of Birmingham (population 15,467) decided to form a Friends group to support the Baldwin Public Library (BPL), a major asset for the community then as it is today.

Seven decades later, the Friends of the BPL remains a group of volunteers who love and help Baldwin, which is among the best public libraries in Michigan.

The Friends has a long history of donating books and equipment to the library. In the past, it was things like microfiche readers and film projectors.



Today, it's state-of-the-art technology such as 3D printers.

Thanks to support from our members, donors, and volunteers, the Friends supplement tax-payer dollars to fund popular programs like Summer Reading, Battle of the Books, the Beverly Park Story

Book Trail in Beverly Hills, and more. There are currently 378 members.

To keep up with what the Friends are doing to support Baldwin or to volunteer, please visit our Facebook page (@friendsofbaldwinpubliclibrary) and the library's website (<https://www.baldwinlib.org/friends>).

FRIENDS AID BPL COVID-19 RESPONSE

Public libraries perform vital roles in times of crisis, with the 2020 coronavirus pandemic serving as the most recent example.

When Baldwin Public Library closed to the public on March 14, the staff soon devised a plan to use the expertise and equipment from the BPL Idea Lab to produce face shields and masks for local first responders and medical personnel on the front lines of the fight against Covid-19.

Deb Mohatarem, Friends vice president and book sale chairman, proposed

that the Friends donate money to support this initiative. The Board quickly voted its approval and donated \$2,320 to purchase an additional 3D printer and materials for 2,000 masks.

"We were proud to help kick-start this project that aided our community in a time of great need," said Friends Board President Ryndee Carney.

This project attracted local, state, and national news media coverage, stimulating significant additional financial support.



ANNUAL REPORT



FRIENDS OF THE BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD, HOLDING BOOKS THEY ARE CURRENTLY READING, LEFT TO RIGHT: JUSTEN LEWIS; MARK LYLES; JERRY DREER; BARB AYLESWORTH; CANDEE REPA (SECRETARY); JUDY VINDICI; DEB MOHATAREM (VICE PRESIDENT; BOOK SALE CHAIRMAN); RYNDEE CARNEY (PRESIDENT); LATOYA STROKER; JENNIFER PETERSON (TREASURER).

GIVING BACK TO BALDWIN

Raise your hand if visiting the Baldwin Public Library (BPL) is one of the things you've pined for the most as we've quarantined at home these past months.

I miss seeing the library staff and the Friends Board and volunteers, discovering the newest (used) treasures patrons have placed on our donation cart in the lobby, prepping for our book sales and chatting with the folks who come, and seeing the progress on the new Youth Room.

Kudos to the Baldwin staff who did a heroic job of keeping our community safely connected, informed, entertained, and most importantly safe via the library's digital services.

The Friends of the BPL is a group of volunteers who love the library and work to enrich the programs and services it provides to you. We are always looking for people who want to join us.

If you raised your hand, please consider becoming a Friends volunteer or Board member. To learn more, please visit <https://www.baldwinlib.org/friends> or send me a message on our Facebook page, @friendsofbaldwinpubliclibrary.

Ryndee Carney
President, Friends of the BPL



WHEN'S THE NEXT USED BOOK SALE?

Members look forward to the Friends semi-annual used book sales in May and November each year, circling the dates on their calendars.

The coronavirus pandemic caused the Friends of the BPL spring sale to be cancelled. The space where the inventory of materials is stored is nearly full with donations made before the library closed in March. No new donations of used books, music CDs, and DVDs are being accepted at this time.

"We can't wait to be back in the book-selling business and hope to do so as soon as the library staff feels it's safe and appropriate," said Deb Mohatarem, book sale chairman.

Updates on when patrons can again donate used books and the date of future book sales will be posted on the Baldwin Public Library website (<https://www.baldwinlib.org>) and the Friends Facebook page (@friendsofbaldwinpubliclibrary).

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 2020-21.



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