

Friends' of Cheboygan Area Public Library

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April 2025

From the Library Director

The Executive Order (EO) signed by President Trump on March 14, 2025 seeks to eliminate the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the nation's only federal agency for America's libraries.

For twenty years, Michigan residents have enjoyed the use of the Michigan Electronic Library (MeL), as well as a state-wide interlibrary loan service called MeLCat. If IMLS funding is eliminated, local library users will have less access to books and other library materials.

While the majority of revenue for public libraries in Michigan comes from local property taxes, the most significant

impact of the potential loss of IMLS funding is the elimination of MeL and MeLCat. Essentially, without IMLS funding, Cheboygan Area Public Library (CAPL) users will be limited to borrowing only the items that exist in the CAPL collection.

What you can do: Please contact state and federal officials showing support for the IMLS. We ask that you include a quick description of how you use Melcat or the Michigan eLibrary.

Thank you for supporting public libraries!

Brice Bush

2025 Friends' Calendar

April

8Friends' Meeting (all are welcome) 1:00 pm

Treasurer's Report

Sept-Oct, 2024

Balance Forward	\$8,089.21
Income	
Book Nook	
September	\$155.00
October	\$100.00
SubTotal	\$904.66
Membership	
September	\$1,145.00
October	\$50.00
Subtotal	\$255.00
Total Income	\$1,159.66
Expenses	
Cheboygan Member	\$50.00
GOF Totes	\$77.17
Ending Balance	\$9,121.70

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At the Library

Grandmother Moon Drummers

April 6, 13, 27..... 1:30-2:30 pm

This Drum Circle is for Native American hand drums. All are welcome.. Learn, and participate, if you have a drum.

Thursday Gardening Series

Thursday, April 10..... 6:00 – 7:00pm

Participants will learn what a plant needs and share how their herbs, onions and perennial flowers are growing. Opportunity to plant tomatoes, cucumber and lettuce to take home and care for. All ages and experience are welcome to attend. Full series attendance is encouraged, not required.

Knitting & Crochet Group

April 10, 24 May 8, 22..... 1:00 – 2:30pm

Explore colors from around the world. This month, powdered colors are used in India to celebrate Holi. Dress in white or light colored clothes that you don't mind staining and bring eye protection (we'll have masks you can use). We will fill the air and each other's clothes with vibrant colors! All are welcome.

Dungeons and Dragons

Every Wednesday

Snacks are provided by the Library. Friends' support for this expense would be appreciated.

Blood Drive

Thursday, March 27..... 2:00 – 5:00pm

https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/144581

Click on the above link to register for the blood drive. Walk-ins are also welcome!

Meet Grizzly Bear

April 9..... 12:30pm

Let's read with our new library friend.

Earthweek Expo

April 23 10:00am-2:00pm

Herbal Tea Tasting

Tuesday, April 22..... 6:00 – 7:00pm

Herbalist Bevin Cohen shares his knowledge of the history and folklore of the various herbal ingredients. Create a cus-

tom herbal tea to enjoy at home with a fun make and take activity! Registration is required. All are welcome!

DeClutter Bug Program

Tuesday, April 29 6:00 – 7:00pm

Join Heather Barta, organizer and coach, for this discussion on how to better organize your home and life. All are welcome. Registration is not required.

The Fish Thief: A Great Lakes Mystery

Tuesday, May 6..... 6:00 – 7:30pm

Documentary - 2024 - USA - English - 90 minutes

Discover the mystery of the Great Lakes. Sportsmen, Nature Lovers and Environmentalists were perplexed as Great Lakes fish began to disappear with no explanation. Finally a mystery with an answer. Narrated by J.K. Simmons.

Community Shred Day!

Saturday, May 10..... 8:00 – 11:00am

Bring your boxes of documents to be shredded! Limit 5 bankers box size boxes per vehicle. Drive in and we can help you unload. Paper is shredded on site in a Shred-It truck then recycled at their facility. This free shred event is brought to you by Encore Financial Group and the Cheboygan Area Public Library.

Reindeer At The Library

December 8

Check with the library for additional information and programs and an update on times.

Books recommendations:

Remarkably Bright Creatures..... Shelby Van Pelt (F)

The Rose Code..... Kate Quinn (F)

Fire Weather..... John Valliant (NF)

Friends of CAPL Minutes

November 12, 2024

President Sue Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM.

Present: Sue Johnson, Rosita White, Jeanette Mateer, Mary Ellen Sheridan, Fay Gibeau, Julie Kelly, Linda Rogers, Brice Bush & Paula Jewell.

Mary Ellen presented minutes of September 10, 2024. Motion to approve minutes as printed was made by Rosita White, Jeanette Mateer seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Sue distributed report for September - October, 2024. Expenses: \$50.00 for Friends membership in Cheboygan Chamber of Commerce and \$77.12 check to Jeanette for for Gift of Reading totes.

Book Nook sales and new/renewal of membership: \$1,100. Friends' donation of \$1,500 for fall programs, approved by Friends at the September meeting, had yet to be provided.

Membership: Jeanette noted 3 new members. Sue distributed a list of Book Nook Volunteers with contact information.

Book Nook: Jeanette reported current number of Book Nook volunteers is not optimal, particularly during winter months when fewer volunteers are available. Members who want to learn more about of Book Nook volunteer duties are encouraged to talk with Sue or Jeanette. A list of current volunteers will also be placed in the Book Nook Volunteers' Red Folder.

Director's Report: Brice reported all carpets and floors downstairs, were cleaned and windows washed.

The Library applied for a Federal e-rate grant that subsidizes the cost of internet facility access for all equipment in the building.

Updated broadband was estimated at \$59,000. The grant reduced the cost to \$8,500. Grant also permits expanding wireless access in the outside area facing the children's circle and adds two hot spots in front of the building.

Gwen Kuehn named the Library beneficiary of certain

funds in her estate. Gwen was involved for many years in Book Nook and as Treasurer of the Friends.

Staff luncheon last December was very well received; Bryce hoped Friends would consider renewing support of this event.

Library Programs/Publicity:

Paula highlighted upcoming programs in December: repeat of the "make a gingerbread house" program and a reindeer visit on Sunday December 8th from 2-4 P.M. with hot chocolate and a Gift of Reading opportunity in the Library. Brice noted the Lego building project will come back in the summer.

Check "At the Library", on the next page.

Old Business: Many free books were handed out to children at the Library on Halloween as part of the Gift of Reading program.

New Business:

Sue asked for volunteers to assist in the GOF Program for the Reindeer visit. Library will offer hot chocolate indoors and Friends' volunteers will assist. Sue, Rosita, Jeanette, Julie and Mary Ellen offered to help.

Sue opened the floor for a motion to support Library programs and activities discussed earlier in the meeting. Jeanette offered a motion to approve \$1,000 to the Director's Discretionary Fund. Motion seconded by Mary Ellen. Motion approved.

Sue Johnson offered a motion to elect Rosita White to serve as Treasurer the remainder of Gwen's term as Treasurer. Mary Ellen Sheridan seconded. Motion passed.

Rosita will meet with Citizens National Bank to sign the official authorized signatory card authorize the Bank to remove Gwen Kuehn's name from all Friends accounts at the bank.

Motion to adjourn at 2:12 PM by Mary Ellen; Rosita seconded. Motion passed.

Next Meeting Tuesday, April 8, 2025 1:00 p.m.

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