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Friends Annual Used Book Sale: April 1-2

The Friends Annual Used Book Sale is scheduled for Tuesday 1 April (no fooling!) and Wednesday 2 April 2014 in the Memorial Union Ballroom on Michigan Tech's campus. As a member of the Friends, during the evening pre-sale you will enjoy early shopping, easy (and free!) parking, and the best selection on Tuesday from 5:00-7:00PM. Don't forget to renew your membership!

On Wednesday, the sale continues at 10:00AM with a new selection of withdrawn books from the J.R. Van Pelt and Opie Library, and ends with the bag sale from 3:00-4:00PM. Due to changes in parking regulations on campus, we will not be able to provide complimentary parking during hours when parking rules are enforced (7am-4pm). Visitors to campus may park at any metered space for \$0.75/hour or in lot #27 (just west of the Memorial Union) for \$3/day. The book sale uses standardized pricing for the majority of books, with hardback books priced at \$2 and quality paperback books for \$1. Mass market paperbacks (the ones that fit in your back pocket) are a bargain at 50 cents. Antique or special sets are priced separately.

The Friends perpetual book sale, the book cart, has recently been upgraded to custom shelving unit displaying an expanded selection of books for sale (see article). Look for it to the left of the Library and Information Technology Service Center in the library. For questions about the perpetual book sale shelves, ask a library staff member at the desk.

If your bookshelves are bulging and you need to make room for new books, please consider donating your used books and media for the book sale. You can drop books off in the foyer of the Library or contact Dana Richter (dlrichte@mtu.edu, 487-2149) for assistance with picking up larger donations.

Upper Peninsula's Poet Laureate Coming to Campus

Russell Thorburn, Poet Laureate of the Upper Peninsula, is visiting Michigan Tech and presenting a reading, workshop, slide show to the Michigan Tech community from 7-8:30pm on 10 April 2014 in the East Reading room of the Van Pelt and Opie Library. This exceptional event is open to the public

and is sponsored by the Friends of the Van Pelt Library; all are welcome and no preregistration is required.

Russell Thorburn was born in downstate Birmingham and moved to Marquette in 1974, where he teaches writing and literature at Northern Michigan University. Named *Poet Laureate of the Upper Peninsula* in 2013, his charge is to promote poetry and the love of reading and writing throughout the U.P. Thorburn's current project is to use Upper Peninsula artwork (photography in particular) as prompts for poetry written by himself and others involved in readings. At the event at the Van Pelt and Opie Library, Thorburn will show a slide show to inspire thought and will work with audience members to develop their own poems. All are welcome to come, watch, and/or participate.

Russell Thorburn is the author of seven books of poetry, several plays, and a forthcoming novel, and he is a recipient of

RUSSELL THORBURN

Poet Laureate of the Upper Peninsula

Reading + Workshop + Slideshow w/
Poet Laureate Russell Thorburn

7-8:30pm, April 10th, 2014
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a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship (1999). Thorburn received his bachelors at Northern Michigan University and his MFA in Creative Writing from Western Michigan University. Thorburn lives in Marquette, Michigan with his wife and youngest son. He spends time each year visiting his eldest son Gabriel in Los Angeles. Their dual-media exhibit, *Many Names Have Never Been Spoken Here*, interprets the Mohave National Preserve, where they were artists-in-residence. Thorburn has received numerous grants from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and has led hundreds of students in poetry workshops for the past twenty years. He is the editor of three anthologies of middle school poetry: *Wheat Fields with Poetry and Crows*, *Pencils on Fire*, and *Word River*. His radio play, *Happy Birthday James Joyce*, was aired four times on a National Radio affiliate, and was performed on Off-Off-Broadway.

russthorburn.com/russell.htm

Books of Poetry by Russell Thorburn:

1. *Approximate Desire*, 1999
2. *The Weight of Umber and Sienna*, 2001
3. *Father, Tell Me I have not Aged*, 2006
4. *The Drunken Piano*, 2009
5. *The Whole Tree as Told to the Backyard*, 2009
6. *Misfit Hearts*, 2012
7. *Gravitational Field*, 2014

Novel: *Salt and Blood*, 2014

Michigan Tech University Archives Awards Symposium Travel Grants

Submitted by Elizabeth Russell, University Archives

The University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections have selected nine recipients for the 2014 Symposium Travel Award. The awards are funded by the Friends of the Van Pelt Library. These grant recipients will be among the many scholars and researchers participating in "Retrospection & Respect: Michigan's 1913-1914 Mining/Labor Strike Symposium," to be held in Houghton, Michigan, 11-12 April 2014, on the occasion of the centennial of the cessation of the 1913-1914 Western Federation of Miners labor strike against copper mining companies in the Copper Country of Upper Michigan. All Friends and the community are invited to participate in any part of the symposium. For complete information and registration please visit: digitalcommons.mtu.edu/copperstrikesymposium/

Award Recipients are: *John Beck*, from Michigan State University, will explore Father Dietz and the Catholic Church within the history of the 1913-1914 Copper Miners' Strike. *Thomas Mackaman*, from Kings' College (PA), will look at new immigrants and American industry in 1914 and *Erik Nordberg*, from the Michigan Humanities Council and formerly Michigan Tech's University Archivist, will present a

paper on company houses along the picket line. *Roger Burt*, from the University of Devon (UK) will present on the role of fraternal organizations in mining communities. *Peter Krats*, from Western University (Ontario), will explore ethnic identity in the Keweenaw and Nickel Belts to 1930. *Peter Lubotina*, from Middle Tennessee State University will profile Teofilo Petriella, a Marxist revolutionary. *Shannon Rebecca Kirkwood*, from Central Michigan University, will explore gender and feminine strategies in the 1913 copper strike. *Patrick Allan Pospisek*, from Grand Valley State University, will present on federal authority and the development of corporate mining from 1807-1847 and *Ryan Driskell Tate*, from Rutgers University, will present on cross-class cooperation in the 1916 Iron Range strike.

Funded by the Friends of the Van Pelt Library since its inception over 10 years ago, the *Archives Travel Grant Program* has enabled more than 20 researchers to travel to Houghton from the United States, Canada, and Europe to examine the unique social and cultural resources in the Archives collections. Past grant recipients have studied a wide variety of topics, such as the use of images and models by mining engineers to manage complex work sites above and below ground; the role that fraternal orders have played in Lake Superior mining communities; and the adoption of the English language by European transplants to Michigan's Copper Country. This year, the Friends of the Library provided generous support for competitive travel awards for the symposium.

The award committee included Larry Lankton, Professor Emeritus from the Michigan Tech's Department of Social Sciences, Susan Martin, Professor Emerita from the Department of Social Sciences and member of the Friends Board, Don Durfee, Friends of the Van Pelt Library and Social Sciences, and Beth Russell, University Archives. For further information about the awards program or about the collections of the University Archives: 906- 487-2505; www.mtu.edu/library/archives/ or copper@mtu.edu

New Home for Honor-System, Year-Round Book Sale

The Friends are pleased to announce a new bookshelf for their "gently used" books for purchase. Manufactured by local business World of Wood, the new bookshelf has been installed in a convenient location near the Library Service Center and is stocked with paperbacks and hardcover books covering a range of topics and genres as they become available.

The bookshelf sales operate on the honor system, and prices are marked on each book. A slot on the counter shelf of the bookshelf is available for payment deposit; charitable donations and Econo slips (see article) can also be placed in the slot. Stop in the Library to see the new Friends bookshelf, and you might even find that perfect book that you've been looking for.

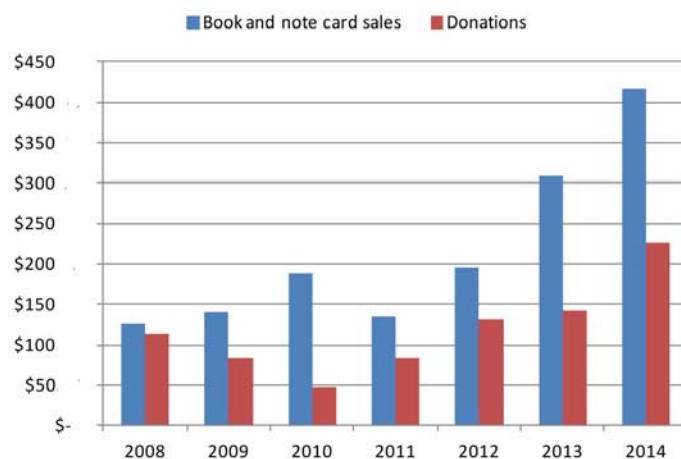
Friends Winter Carnival Hot Chocolate Giveaway and Book Sale Raises Record Funds for the Library

Once again the Friends welcomed Winter Carnival visitors this February with free hot chocolate and cookies in the Van Pelt and Opie Library. Business was brisk throughout the event, which was scheduled from 11am until 2pm. More than 700 servings of hot chocolate were dispensed, along with uncounted cookies and the occasional piece of fruit. The Friends received more than \$200 in donations and made over \$400 in book and notecard sales, a record for this event (see accompanying graphic).

For some of us, the highlight of the day was the visit of Blizzard T. Husky, who stopped by to warm up. The mood was decidedly upbeat, even though the temperatures were quite low. All visitors seemed impressed both with the Library and with the selection of books on offer.



Blizzard T. Husky looks like he's about to take all the cookies at the Friends Hot Chocolate and Cookie Event! Luckily, Madison Minerick is on the watch.



Revenue from the Hot Chocolate Giveaway as grown substantially in the last three years, as shown in the graphic above.

Econo Foods Computers for Kids Program Benefits Library

Submitted by Mary Marchaterre

Time to collect your receipts from Econo to benefit the Van Pelt Library at Michigan Tech. Through its *Computers for Kids program*, Econo Foods donates to the Friends 1 percent of the sum of all Econo Foods receipts collected.

There are drop boxes for Econo slips in the Chemical Engineering office (203 Chem Sci), the Chemistry office (607 Chem Sci), at the Library in the new booksale bookshelf, in the coffee area in the 8th floor of First Merit Bank (Hancock), and they can also be sent by campus mail to Amy Hughes at Lakeshore Center.

Friends Membership, Blankets, and Notecards Available Online

You can renew your membership in the Friends online and you can buy Friends notecards as well as the beautiful Friends Michigan Tech Blanket. All this by just a few clicks beginning here:

www.lib.mtu.edu/friends

The Friends website shows photos of all the notecards, including the popular train in snow. Each pack contains 12 distinct historical cards. The 4 foot by 5 foot cotton blanket in blue and white features historic buildings from the Michigan Tech campus (design shown on the website) and sells for \$65 plus tax and shipping. They make great gifts for Michigan Tech alumni and friends. All proceeds benefit the Van Pelt and Opie Library.

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It's time to renew your membership in the Friends of the Van Pelt Library.

Membership Categories

Friend	\$20-49
Family Member	\$50-99
Benefactor	\$100-249
Book Sponsor	\$250-999
Best Friend	\$1000+

Senior Citizens and Students may join for \$15

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Donation amount: _____

To renew your membership in the Friends, please go to www.lib.mtu.edu/friends or send your contribution with this form to:

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