

Views

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Friends Annual Book Sale Dates Announced—Saturday 9 April (Pre-sale Friday 8 April)—In the Library!

The Friends of the Michigan Tech Library will hold their 2016 Book Sale Saturday 9 April 2016 with the Friends-Only Pre-Sale on Friday 8 April 2016. Both events are scheduled to take place in the East Reading Room of the J. Robert Van Pelt and Opie Library. The Pre-Sale on Friday will be from 5pm-7pm (membership available at the door) and the Saturday main Sale (including sale of Library withdrawn books) will be from 10am-4pm, with the Bag Sale being held from 3pm-4pm.

Since the first Friends Book Sale, the sale has always taken place in the Memorial Union Ballroom on Michigan Tech's campus. For 2016, the sale comes home to the Library itself, a short distance to the east. "We're excited about this change, bringing the sale into the East Reading Room," says Library Director Ellen Marks. "We can show off our facility and the Friends Art Collection."

Parking during the sale will be easier on Saturday, a plus of the change. Spread the word—Books for sale in April! All proceeds benefit the Van Pelt and Opie Library.

Winter Carnival Book Sale and Hot Chocolate Giveaway Sets a Record

Kelly Luck, Board Member and Treasurer of the Friends of the Michigan Tech Library

The Winter Carnival Book Sale was a huge success! We sold just over \$500 worth of books and note cards, which is a record. Having more books out definitely made a difference. And we received over \$200 in donations for the many, many cookies and oranges, as well as cups of hot chocolate, we gave out. Thanks to everyone who helped out, and special thanks to Akhila and Shruti, two graduate students who helped at Make a Difference Day and returned to help for many hours during the Saturday Winter Carnival event.

Making a Difference by Helping the Library Friends

Eloise Haller, Board Member of the Friends of the Michigan Tech Library

What a fun and energetic Make a Difference Day! Kelly, Dana and I arrived in the sorting area about 9 am, and almost didn't know where to start – so many books scattered in boxes and bags all over, and the shelves were so unorganized. We did a little bit of organizing the shelves and then 12 wonderful student volunteers arrived about 9:30 am, full of laughter and energy. We introduced ourselves and Dana gave our goal for the day: organize shelves by category, then sort books and box them. The students sprang into action. Amy came soon thereafter to help. The students make such quick work of the plethora of books and I was the neophyte pizza-orderer for



The expanded Winter Carnival Friends Hot Chocolate event drew a crowd! It helped that the weather was fine for statue-strolling.

lunch: first call to Domino's was for delivery at 12:30; then called them back for delivery at 12 noon; then yet another call to deliver at 11:30! Who could believe that in just 2 hours the students could create order out of chaos? (Phew, just made it in time, as the students were done by then, but I don't know what Domino's thinks of the 'crazy lady' who kept changing delivery time!) Our pizza lunch was delicious and convivial, as the group of students had a fun time getting to know each other and exchanging stories. Just a great group of delightful and friendly students.

End result: The storage room was packed to the gills with boxes of books, with the boxes needed for Winter Carnival in front: children's, self-help, cook books, paperbacks and hardcover fiction books will be easily accessible. Best of all, though, is that the students not only enjoyed themselves, but also said that they would like to help during our Book Sale. We send them a big *Thank You* for the help.

Best quote of the day: "There is nothing like a good book," as one of the students was carrying home a full box of books she purchased that day.

Mining Memories Project to Start this Winter

Michigan Tech Archives

The Michigan Tech Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections initiated its "Mining Memories" oral history project this winter. The archives is currently seeking interviewees who are former Copper Country mine workers and their family members.

This project, funded in part by the Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission, aims to collect first hand accounts from Copper Country mine workers and their families in an effort to preserve local mining heritage.

More information can be found on the Michigan Tech Archives Blog at blogs.mtu.edu/archives/2015/12/07/mining-memories-project-to-start-this-winter/

If you would like to participate in the project email the archives at copper@mtu.edu or call 906-487-2505 to schedule an interview.

Travel Grant Program Presentation on the Steamer Pewabic

Michigan Tech Archives

The University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections and the Friends of the Michigan Tech Library

hosted a presentation by visiting scholar Philip Hartmeyer; Hartmeyer's travel was sponsored by the Friends. The talk took place on 6 November 2015 in the Van Pelt and Opie Library's East Reading Room.

Hartmeyer, a maritime archaeologist currently working at the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary in Alpena gave a talk titled "*Passengers, Packages and Copper: The Steamer Pewabic, Its Archaeology, Management, Material Culture and the Development of the Keweenaw Peninsula.*"

Hartmeyer contributed remarks to the University Archive's blog, which may be accessed at blogs.mtu.edu/archives/2014/10/27/passengers-packages-and-copper-the-steamer-pewabic-its-archaeology-management-material-culture-and-the-development-of-the-keweenaw-peninsula/

In the "Brought Kicking and Screaming into the Present" Department...

The Friends have a Twitter account!

The Twitter handle for the Friends of the Michigan Tech Library is @FriendsMTULib. Follow us! If you have tweets you want your friends at the Friends to see, please use the hashtag #FriendsMTULib.

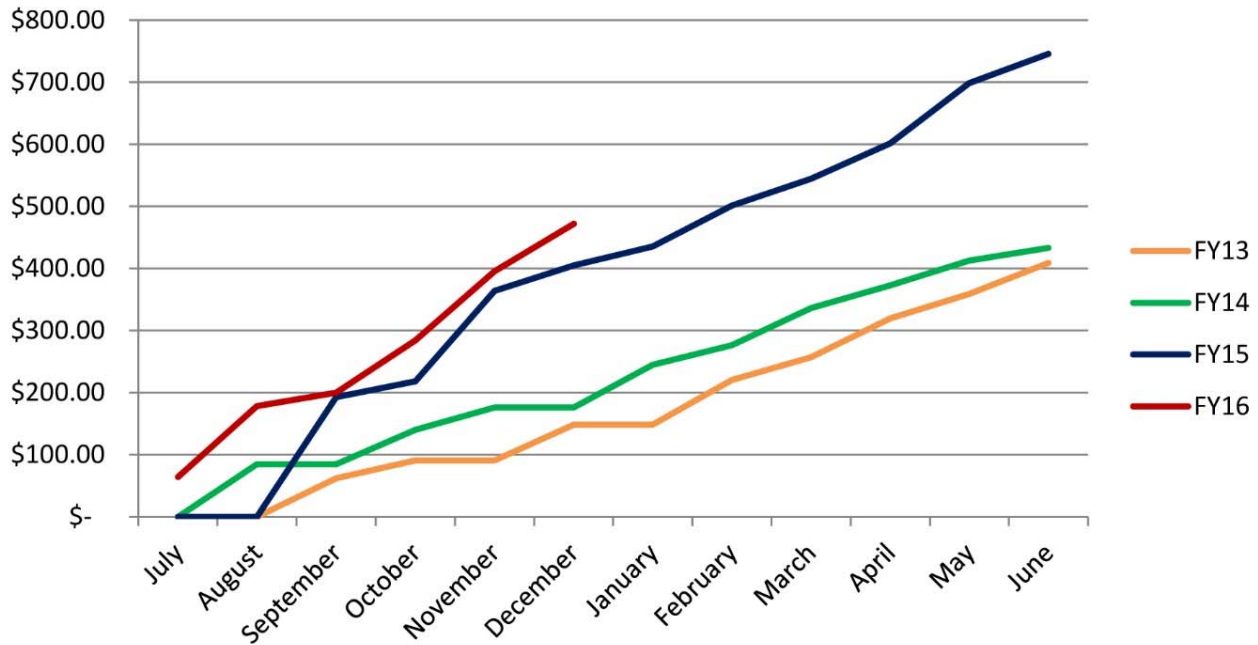
We're new to this, but game, so give us a shout-out! If you have any comments, questions, or advice for the newly tweeting, please contact Steve Walton (sawalton@mtu.edu), our newest board member and our Twitter-meister (!).

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 one percent of the sum of all Econo receipts collected.

Want to help? Please collect your receipts from Econo Foods and send them to us or drop them in the collection box at the Library (there's a slot in the Friends *Books For Sale* display near the Service Desk). Want to help more? Put out a collection box in your area and encourage your coworkers to bring in their receipts for our library. There are drop boxes on campus and they can also be sent by campus mail to Amy Hughes at Lakeshore Center. Every little bit helps.



The Friends of the Michigan Tech Library Book Shelf offers gently used books year round and raises much needed funds for the Library. The Book Shelf's success grows every year! Your newsletter editor sends a shout out to former Treasurer and current Arkansas retiree Terry Reynolds—hey Terry, we may spend all the money we raise on the Library, but we also think of cool ways to raise more funds! It's all good!

Renew with the Friends of the Michigan Tech Library

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

www.mtu.edu/library/friends/

The Friends website shows photos of all the notecards, including the popular train in snow (look under announcements). 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. All items make great gifts for Michigan Tech alumni and friends. All proceeds of items for sale benefit the Van Pelt and Opie Library.



Many books were available at the Winter Carnival Sale and many more will be displayed in April. See you at the Book Sale!

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