

# Views

The Newsletter of the  
**Friends of the Michigan Tech Library**  
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## ***Friends Annual Book Sale: April Fools' Day (no joke)***

The Friends of the Michigan Tech Library will hold their 2017 Book Sale Saturday, 1 April 2017 with the Friends-Only Pre-Sale on Friday, 31 March 2017 (memberships available at the door). Please come!

This year, the sale returns to the Memorial Union Building, in the second-floor ballroom. The Pre-Sale on Friday will be from 5pm-7pm. Memberships are \$20 for a single membership, \$50 for a family, with discounted memberships of \$15 for students and seniors. The Saturday main Sale (including sale of withdrawn Library books) will be from 10am-4pm, with the \$5 Bag Sale (everything that fits a paper grocery bag for \$5) being held from 3pm-4pm. Free parking is available in University lots for both sales.

Spread the word—Books for sale in April! All proceeds benefit the Michigan Tech Library.

## ***Winter Carnival Book Sale Revenues Double in 2017***

Since 2008 the Friends of the Michigan Tech Library have welcomed Saturday Winter Carnival visitors with free cookies and hot chocolate and the opportunity to buy used books, notecards, and blankets. Revenues have grown every year—but 2017 was a doorbuster with double the sales of 2016! Book sale revenue in 2017 was \$1047 and donations totaled \$248.

Hundreds of people attended the sale, which benefited greatly from the excellent statue-viewing weather. We're getting better at this sale—we pre-sorted, used smaller carts, and sold many DVDs. This was also the first year that the sale was widely publicized in Blue Key schedules of Winter Carnival events.

Many thanks to everyone who brought cookies and cocoa for the sale and who staffed the table and served as cashiers. The Friends especially wish to thank Darren and Garrett for schlepping boxes and boxes of books from the storeroom and even crawling all over the remaining boxes to find more paperbacks, and to Adrienne for setting up so many tables of



paperbacks and other books and then even staying past noon to continue to help.

And we also wish to thank our "secret weapons," Madison and Alessia, who set up the cookie table and so delightfully staffed it that the donations kept flowing in.

## ***Updates from the Library***

*Ellen Marks, Library Director and University Librarian*

New staff members have joined the Library this year. Allison Neely has joined the new University Archivist, Lindsay Hiltunen, as an archivist. Emily Riippa has also joined the archives as a resident archivist. All have made the archives a welcoming place and under the leadership of Lindsay have received four grants in the past year. John Schneiderhan assumed a new position that focuses on investigating new technologies and keeping the current ones working optimally.

*It was a busy day at the Winter Carnival Book sale—books were flying off the shelves.*



David Holden is the Library's web and systems developer, working with the team that will redesign the Library's web site. Juan Song is working part-time as a data and research informatics specialist to develop reports and data visualization for many of the Library's data sources and will be assuming responsibility for faculty support for Digital Measures in the coming months. Katie Edson is a new Scholarly Communications Librarian, specializing in collection development and analysis. When you are visiting the Library, take a moment to say hello to our new staff. If you are unsure where they are located, introduce yourself to Mia Kemppainen in the administrative offices. We are very excited to have Mia to keep our office organized and welcoming.

The Library now averages 41,000 patrons passing through our two gates each week. During April 2016 over 101,000 people passed through the two gates. Additional patrons entered through the new Café entrance and, of course, through the Opie Library overnight security door—open 364 days/year.

Because of the generosity of Provost Jackie Huntoon, the Library received an increase in its collections budget for the first time in well over a decade. As a response to a study done in spring 2015 and analysis of multiple data points, the Library was able to add 2,998 new e-journal titles. All titles were selected in response to faculty opinion and demonstrated use by students and faculty.

The Keweenaw Digital Archives is now the Copper Country Historical Images ([cchi.mtu.edu](http://cchi.mtu.edu)). More than just a name change, these images now reside on a professional and robust digital archive platform, aimed at both easier access and selection but also enduring preservation. As of January 2017 the Digital Commons (at Michigan Tech ([digitalcommons.mtu.edu](http://digitalcommons.mtu.edu)))—the campus repository for

worldwide access to the publications of Michigan Tech students and faculty—now holds 2,784 works. There were 15,379 downloads in January alone, which demonstrates in real time the high level of interest in our student and faculty publications across the globe.

For questions or expressions of interest about any aspect of the Library, contact Ellen Marks, University Librarian at (906) 487-2500 or [library@mtu.edu](mailto:library@mtu.edu).

## ***Book Shelf Sales Strong***

Since at least 2011 the Friends of the Michigan Tech Library have operated an honors-system sale shelf, which moved to a swank custom-made hutch in 2014. The sales from the book shelf have been assiduously tracked by our treasurer, and sales increased every year. In 2017, sales appear to have plateaued at the high level reached in 2016; we are on track for \$850 in annual revenue from the book-shelf sales.

Many thanks to Friends board members Karen and Eloise who keep the shelf in order and staffed. And of course, thanks to our treasurer Kelly, who keeps track of our earnings.

## ***Thanks for all you've given to the Friends!***

The year 2017 marks the retirement of two long-time board members, Don Durfee and Eloise Haller. On the board for more years than we care to remind them, both have been lynchpins to Friends operations. Don long served as vice-chairman of the board and liaison to the Social Sciences



*For the under-12 set, the hot chocolate and cookie table was the attraction, although many youngsters were also enthusiastic book shoppers.*

department, a hot-bed of Library support. Eloise has been the secret sauce behind the book sale, and she has spent the last few years training us all on how it's done.

We're sorry to bid adieu to our good friends and colleagues Don and Eloise, but they leave behind the gift of their good work, which lives on after them. Thanks for it all!

## ***Econo Foods Computers for Kids Program Benefits Library***

*Submitted by Mary Marchaterre*

Time to collect your receipts from Econo to benefit the Michigan Tech Library. 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.

## ***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/](http://www.mtu.edu/library/friends/)

The Friends website shows photos of all the notecards, including the popular train in snow ([www.chem.mtu.edu/~fmorriso/fvpl/note\\_cards.html](http://www.chem.mtu.edu/~fmorriso/fvpl/note_cards.html)). 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 Michigan Tech Library.

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*It's time to renew your membership in the Friends of the Michigan Tech 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*

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City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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