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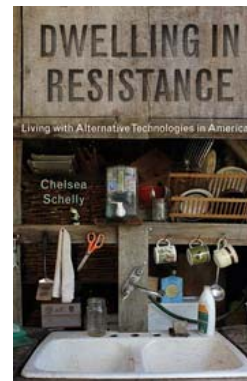
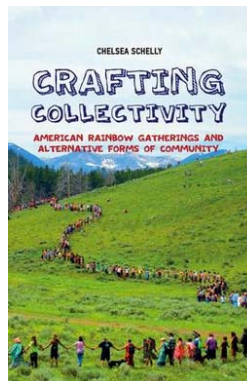
Friends Annual Meeting

The Friends of the Michigan Tech Library will hold their 2017 Annual Meeting on 19 October 2017 from 4:30-6:00pm. The meeting will be held in the Library, upstairs in room 244 (near the bridge to Rekhi Hall). All members and the public are welcome to attend and refreshments will be served.

Along with a short business meeting, the Friends will welcome author and academic Dr. Chelsea Schelly. Her presentation for the meeting is entitled "Dwelling in Resistance: Learning, Living, and Writing It."



Dr. Schelly is Associate Professor of Sociology, and she joined the Department of Social Sciences at Michigan Technological University in 2013. She is the author of two recent monographs: *Dwelling in Resistance: Living with Alternative Technologies in America* (2017, Rutgers University Press), and *Crafting Collectivity: American Rainbow Gatherings and Alternative Forms of Community* (2016, Routledge). Schelly earned her PhD in Sociology at University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her research interests include the ways in which alternative technological systems challenge the social, economic, political and environmental consequences of those systems. One of her current interests is studying residential energy practices and alternative technologies for supporting the organization of residential life, particularly energy conservation behaviors and alternative



energy adoption. Please join us for her presentation and the discussion afterwards.

In addition to Schelly's presentation, the Friends will hold Board elections. Nominated for Board membership are:

Amy Hughes
Holly Nemiroff
Lauren Yingling (USG)

Nominated for officer positions are:

Amy Hughes, Chairman
Susan Martin, Vice Chairman
Kelly Luck, Treasurer
Mary Marchaterre, Secretary

Nominations for board membership and for officer positions will also be accepted from the floor; there are positions open on the Board for interested volunteers. Please contact a Board member (fmtl-1@mtu.edu) to find out more about joining the Friends Board.

More Success with Summer Interns, funded by the Friends

Lindsay Hiltunen, University Archivist

The Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections were very happy to host Steve Moray throughout July and August as the Friends of the Michigan Tech Library Summer Intern for 2017. Steve provided top notch customer service during the busy summer

season and assisted with several detailed processing and assessment projects.

As a Michigan Tech alumnus (Social Sciences, 2012) he was familiar with the Archives, which allowed him to bring local knowledge to public services and behind-the-scenes collections work. During the internship, Steve provided friendly and efficient customer service for walk-in researchers and remote patrons. One of his first times assisting a patron he was asked to help with performing remote research on regional baseball history. He utilized the historical newspapers to gather a representative sample of articles on the Northern Copper Country Professional Baseball League from 1907, which in turn informed a remote patron's decision to see if a research trip was warranted based on the amount of information available. He was eager to assist all patrons, but also built some strong relationships with regular faculty researchers. We received several compliments and thank you cards regarding Steve's personal assistance.



2017 Intern Steve Moray, shown working with the map of Isle Royal from the Archives collection.

In addition to research support and reference services, Steve also assisted with important collections work, ranging from review and assessment, archival processing, and description in ArchivesSpace, a new collection management tool for archival

collections. He assisted with some aspect of accessioning, arrangement, and description for over 19 cubic feet of material, which is significant since he was only with us a few short months. He assisted with a recent acquisition from the Michigan Tech Registrar's Office, professionally arranged MTU-027 - The Michigan Technological University Commencement Collection (which dates back to the 1890s), and was a key player in an assessment of a university-related flat file collection.

Last but not least, Steve was a joyful presence, not only in the department but also during various outreach and instructional events that took place throughout the summer. Steve is a shining example of the benefit of the internship program. In fact, as a graduate student at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, his contributions to the field have been recognized and the Friends of the Michigan Tech Library internship has in turn been recognized as a quality program in the region. Steve will be contributing an article to the Midwest Archives Conference newsletter, discussing the value of his experience and the quality of our community at Michigan Tech, not just in the Archives, but beyond! All in all, it has once again been a very successful summer. For more information about the FMTL internship, please contact Lindsay Hiltunen, University Archivist, at (906) 487-2505 or by e-mailing copper@mtu.edu.

A New Website for the Friends

Steve Walton, Friends of the Michigan Tech Library

Technology changes day to day, and in order to stay current, the Friends are updating their web presence. Point your browser to lib.sites.mtu.edu/friends and take a look at our newly renovated website. It will soon be linked to the main Michigan Tech Library website under About|Friends of the Library. The clean modern look and wholesale reorganization of the website should provide all your answers to the activities of the Friends. Although FMTL exists mainly to support the Library (and to get you quality used books at great prices), we hope that we can also be a gateway for information about books in the Keweenaw in general.

The new website also integrates with our Twitter feed (@FriendsMTULib) and tracks our activity there. Tweet at us with interesting things about books, book sales, and great book finds in the UP! We all love bookshops and libraries, and libraries are all about books and archives and information of all sorts. So, if you have interesting info on these topics, let us know. We'll push it out if you find it for us. We also welcome FMTL members' input about further developing the website. On that matter, would readers like a guide to the booksellers of the Keweenaw (or Western UP)? The website could become a platform for such information for book lovers and book hunters in our area.

The site is in beta testing as we write, but should be fully functional by October 15, just about the time this hits your mailbox. If there are elements the website should have that it doesn't, or has things that you don't like, or things that aren't logical, please let us know (email sawalton@mtu.edu). We are also working on making the site fully accessible according to Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) developed through the W3C consortium.

2018 Book Sale Scheduled

The Annual Friends of the Michigan Tech Library Spring Book Sale has been scheduled for 6-7 April 2018 in the Memorial Union Ballroom at Michigan Tech. The sale will be open 5-7pm on Friday 6 April for members of the Friends; memberships are available at the door. The next day, Saturday 7 April, the main sale takes place from 10am until 4pm, with a bag sale held the last hour.

Book lovers, put us on your calendar! We'll see you at the sale.

2017 Friends Book Sale Earns More Than \$4,000 for Michigan Tech Library

by Amy Hughes, Chairman, FMTL

The Annual Friends of the Michigan Tech Library used book sale, held 31 March-1 April 2017, raised more than \$4,000 for the Library.



The spring 2017 Friends of the Michigan Tech Library Book Sale was a success, both in finding homes for many used books, and in raising funds for the Library.

The Library uses the funds for student-centered needs including equipment, popular reading collections and special furnishings. Book sale funds also provide travel grants to notable researchers and scholars who use the University Archives and Copper Country Historical collections and also help to support a competitive summer intern position.

As always, the Michigan Tech community supported the sale, attending and volunteering. We send our thanks to the many volunteers who help organize, set up and take down the sale, especially: the Michigan Tech Facilities grounds crew who moved the books from the Library to the Memorial Union the morning of the sale, the Library front desk personnel for their help receiving books throughout the year, and the following student groups: the Society of Intellectual Sisters, the Student Chapter of American Institute of Chemical Engineers, and the fraternity of Delta Upsilon.

The Friends accept gently used books and materials for the annual sale throughout the year. See the website for a list of items accepted and how to donate.

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:

<http://lib.sites.mtu.edu/friends/merchandise/>

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. 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

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Senior Citizens and Students may join for \$15

Name: _____

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