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The Newsletter of the  
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## ***Friends Annual Book Sale: 2–3 April 2020 (and a shout-out to all students for the pre-sale!)***

The Friends of the Michigan Tech Library will hold their 2020 book sale on Friday, 3 April 2020 with the friends-only and students-only pre-sale on Thursday, 2 April 2020 (memberships available at the door). Please join us!

New this year is free access to the pre-sale for all Michigan Tech and Finlandia students with student ID.

The Friends Annual book sale on Michigan Tech's campus takes place in the second-floor ballroom of the Memorial Union Building (MUB). The pre-sale on Thursday will be from 5pm–7pm. Memberships are \$20 for a single membership, \$50 for a family, with discounted memberships of \$15 for seniors (over 65). The Friday main sale (including sale of withdrawn library books) will be from 11am–5pm, with the \$5 bag sale (everything that fits a paper grocery bag for \$5) being held from 4pm–5pm. Free parking is available in University lots after 4pm for both sales. Before 4pm parking is in metered spaces or a pay parking lot adjacent to the MUB.

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

## ***Winter Carnival Book Sale***

The FMTL thirteenth annual Winter Carnival book sale was a great success! We raised almost \$700 on sales of donated books and note cards and received nearly \$400 in generous donations from visitors and patrons, many of who were at the library for the first Story Time event (see story next page). We sold numerous books and DVDs, despite the cold temperatures and the competition with many other compelling Winter Carnival events. Many families warmed up in the lobby of the Van Pelt and Opie Library with complimentary hot chocolate, fruit, and cookies. We offered our patrons great bargains in books, DVDs, and other items. Please plan on joining us for our book sale at the 2021 Winter Carnival. And thank you to all of the volunteers who provided nourishment, donated books and materials, set up our sale, and managed the sales tables.



## ***Winter Carnival Story Hour Welcomes our Youngest Patrons***

*by Erin Matas*

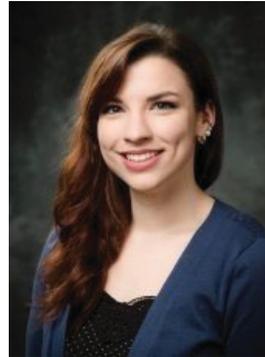
The Van Pelt and Opie Library recently added a Children's Book Collection near the Library Café, thanks to a donation from the Friends of the Michigan Tech Library. Winter Carnival and the Friends book sale offered the perfect atmosphere for library staff to read books from the new collection to children. Thirty to forty children and their families enjoyed listening to their favorite stories. Blizzard T. Husky even stopped by to say hello! Story Hour was such a success that we plan to make it an annual event.



## ***Welcome to New Library Assistant Kimberly McMullan***

*by Lindsay Hiltunen*

The Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections hopes the Friends of the Michigan Tech Library will join us in welcoming the newest member of the team, Kimberly McMullan. Kimberly is our



newest Library Assistant, a position which supports the Archives with excellent customer service, patron support, collaboration, and creative problem solving. Kim has been a part of the Michigan Tech community for about three years as part of the Chemistry Department. She has been a great addition to the team and is helping us to maintain many of our daily services and behind-the-scenes tasks.

Although not native to the area, Kim has enjoyed being a part of the Michigan Tech and Houghton communities. In her spare time she is part of the local roller derby team, Keweenaw Roller Derby. She loves being outside and is a lifelong lover of animals, probably thanks to the fact that she grew up on a farm!

Kim is still learning the ropes, but is already an essential part of our archives family. Please stop in and say hello anytime. Welcome aboard, Kimberly!

## ***Michigan Tech Receives \$240,000 for an Archives Digitization Project***

*by Lindsay Hiltunen*

The Michigan Tech Archives, in collaboration with the Keweenaw Time Traveler, has been awarded a Digitizing Hidden Special Collections grant from the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR).

This project, called Michigan Miners at Home and Work: Digitizing, Mapping, and Sharing Employee Records, will support 1 Digitization Specialist, 6 Undergraduate students, and 1 Master's student over 2 years. The project team will work with a subset of records from one of the Archive's most prized collections, MS-002: The Calumet and Hecla Mining Companies Collection. The goal of the project is to make a rare collection of 40,000 employee records available online for both academic and public use. This particular subseries of archival records provides valuable insights into the lives of mine company workers and their families unavailable in other public records, including details like the types of work

performed, wages, previous employers, as well as notes about injuries and fatalities. The project is made possible through a collaborative effort between the Michigan Tech Archives, the Michigan Tech Social Sciences Department, and the Historical Environments Spatial Analytics Lab at Michigan Tech.

The Michigan Tech Archives will be working with the Van Pelt and Opie Library's Manager of Technology and Innovation to create the new Copper Mining Employee Card database, which will be hosted on the library's Preservica platform. The new database will serve as a sister database to the university archives digital image repository, Copper Country Historical Images. Additionally, this project will provide for further access options to the employee cards by integrating the records into the Keweenaw Time Traveler. Since these employee records contain addresses and family information, the student team working with the Time Traveler will be able to connect each record at the household level with census and city directory information already loaded into the online maps. It is anticipated that these new resources will be available to the public in early 2022.

Principal investigators for this \$240,014 grant are Sarah Fayen Scarlett (Michigan Tech Social Sciences), Don Lafreniere (Michigan Tech Social Sciences), and Lindsay Hiltunen (University Archivist). David Holden (Van Pelt and Opie Library) is also an important project contributor. The CLIR grant program and its 2019 awards are made possible by funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. CLIR is an independent, nonprofit organization that forges strategies to enhance research, teaching, and learning environments in collaboration with libraries, cultural institutions, and communities of higher learning. To learn more, visit [www.clir.org](http://www.clir.org).

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## ***Mary Doria Russell Visits the Library***

*by Holly Nemiroff*

A travel grant from the Friends of The Michigan Tech Library made possible a visit to Houghton from award-winning author Mary Doria Russell. Her latest historical novel, *Women of the Copper Country* (Simon & Schuster, 2019), tells the story of labor leader Anna "Big Annie" Klobuchar Clemenc and the 1913-14 copper strike. The Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections assisted the author in her research. She presented a formal lecture and book signing in the East Reading Room of the Van Pelt and Opie Library on 8 October 2019 and a more informal book talk and signing at the Portage Lake District Library the following evening. The Friends give special thanks to The Women of the Copper Country Planning Committee.

## ***Two Candidates Interviewed in February for Library Director Position***

*by Faith Morrison*

The retirement of former director Ellen Marks at the end of 2017 initiated a chain of events that has left the Van Pelt and Opie Library without permanent leadership since that time.

Marks' retirement was followed by retired equity officer Jill Hodges serving as interim director through the end of fiscal year 2017-18 (*Tech Today* 12 January 2018). In the summer of 2018, the interim library director position was passed to Joshua Olson, Michigan Tech's Chief Information Officer. Olson serves on the current search committee, co-chaired by Dean of the College of Sciences and Arts, David Hemmer.

In fall 2019, Michigan Tech posted the position of Director, Van Pelt and Opie Library, initiating an internal search for a library director reporting directly to the Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs.

The University seeks a candidate with an advanced library degree from an ALA-accredited institution or equivalent education with relevant leadership experience. According to the posting, the Director of the Van Pelt and Opie Library:

- collaborates with colleagues throughout the library and across the University to set priorities, assess strengths, identify challenges and opportunities, and develop educational and service strategies consonant with the University's strategic plan.
- is responsible for identifying and enhancing partnerships with the many learning communities throughout the University to advance the University's teaching and research mission.
- oversees communication strategies and broadcasts their vision to the library's constituencies and effectively manages the financial resources of the library.
- plays a leading role in developing fruitful donor relationships, identifying and cultivating external funding
- develops and coordinates policy direction for the library's diverse collections in all formats, including but not limited to the main collection, e-resources, and archives and special collections.
- In concert with team leaders in relevant areas, works collaboratively to advance strategies that enhance support for teaching, research, publishing, and learning.

Two finalists were interviewed in February (February 18 and 24) with the participation of the Friends. A decision is expected before the end of the semester.

## ***Archives Travel Grant Program Continues***

*by Steve Walton and Lindsay Hiltunen*

If we have something in our archives that you want to research, apply for a Friends-supported Archives Travel Grant! Each year the Friends of the Library earmarks a sum of money to support the travel of scholars to Houghton and the Michigan Tech University Archives and Copper Country Collections. This year we have set aside \$2,500 and hope to make three to four grants. Recipients may use the grant for travel and lodging costs and for reproduction fees from the collections. Typical visits range from 2 to 4 days, though multiple visits are always welcome for researchers. The archives are open year-round, Monday–Friday 10–5 and on the second Saturday of each month (Sept.–May). While visiting the collections, researchers will be asked to give a public presentation in the library on their work.

Research topics are welcome on any topic pertinent to the collection, including the social and economic history of the area, regional industrial history, student life or campus culture, the history of the university itself, folkways of the region, or the history of the various ethnicities who have lived and worked in the Keweenaw. Recent recipients have looked at creative writing based on women of the UP, the financial health of the copper industry at various times, re-photography of images from our photographic archives, maritime research to support underwater archeology, and local topics viewed through environmental, gender, labor, and ethnic lenses. The archives are particularly strong in the history of mining and the social and cultural groups in the region. For a full collections register, see

<https://www.mtu.edu/library/archives/collections/>. Potential applicants are encouraged to contact the archives in advance of their application to discuss their research project. This will enable them to improve their applications by more explicitly identifying the collections at Michigan Tech that will help them develop their larger project and make the best use of their potential time here. While the grants are specifically for work in the Michigan Tech archives, synergies with other archives in the area such as the Finnish-American Heritage Center and the Keweenaw National Historical Park are welcomed.

Grants are awarded for up to \$1000 to defray the costs of travel to visit and conduct research in Houghton, Michigan. In addition, graduate students applying to the program may request up to an additional \$200 to help defray any duplication costs incurred during a qualified research trip. Applications are due on 27 March 2020 and award recipients will be notified by late April. Awardees must complete their travel by December 4, 2020. For further information and a link to the online application process, please see <https://blogs.mtu.edu/archives/2020/02/14/michigan-tech-archives-travel-grant-program-2020-call-for-applicants/>.

## ***Friends Donor Hall of Fame (2020 March Edition)***

The books for the Friends book sale come from generous donors, and we are grateful for their contributions. We seek to thank them by name, beginning with the list below of donors whose books were donated since the last newsletter. For the many, **many** donors of years past, thank you too for your generosity and for your support of the library.

Linda Fredrickson  
Peg & Jim Hertel  
Travis Howard  
Mary Hunt  
Phyllis Johnson  
Andrea Longhini  
Susan and Pat Martin  
Martha Sloan

Thanks for all you give and do!

## ***Looking for a Good Book? Come Check out the Bargains!***

In addition to our Winter Carnival and annual book sales, the Friends of the Michigan Tech Library maintain an honor-system sale shelf, near the service desk in the library. The shelf is stocked with many high-quality books, most of which are priced at \$1 (paperback) or \$2 (hardback). All proceeds benefit the Michigan Tech Library. Check out the shelf when you are in the library – books are added regularly, and you will be sure to find something you would like! Many thanks to Friends board members Karen Hubbard (recently retired from the board), Holly Nemiroff, and Shruti Amre who keep the shelf in order and stocked.

## ***Book Donations Welcome Year Round***

The Friends of the Michigan Tech Library are always seeking donations for our used book sales; this year's sale is Thursday and Friday 2–3 April 2020 in the Michigan Tech Union Ballroom.

There is a need for gently used books, paperbacks, CDs and DVDs. Make room for new books by donating your old books to the Friends. All proceeds go to help the Library.

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

*Mary Marchaterre*

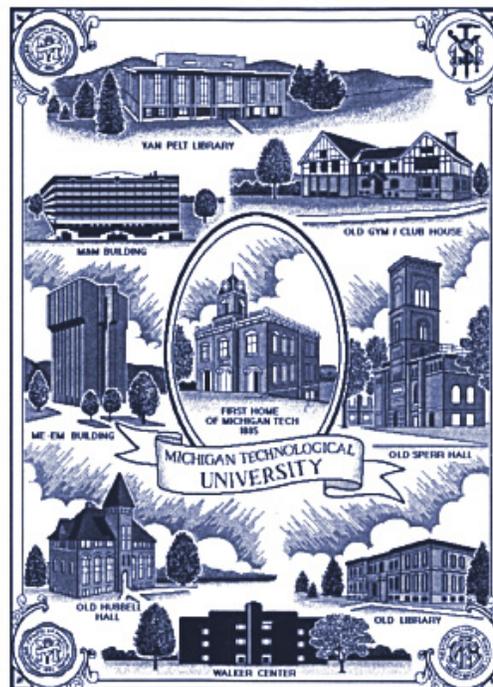
Time to collect your receipts from Tadych's Econo Foods to benefit the Michigan Tech Library. Through its receipt rebate program, Econo Foods donates to the Friends one percent of the sum of all receipts collected. This year, the Friends have received about \$300 through this program.

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 bookshelf display near the service desk). Want to help more? Put out a collection box in your office, church, or school, and encourage your colleagues 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.

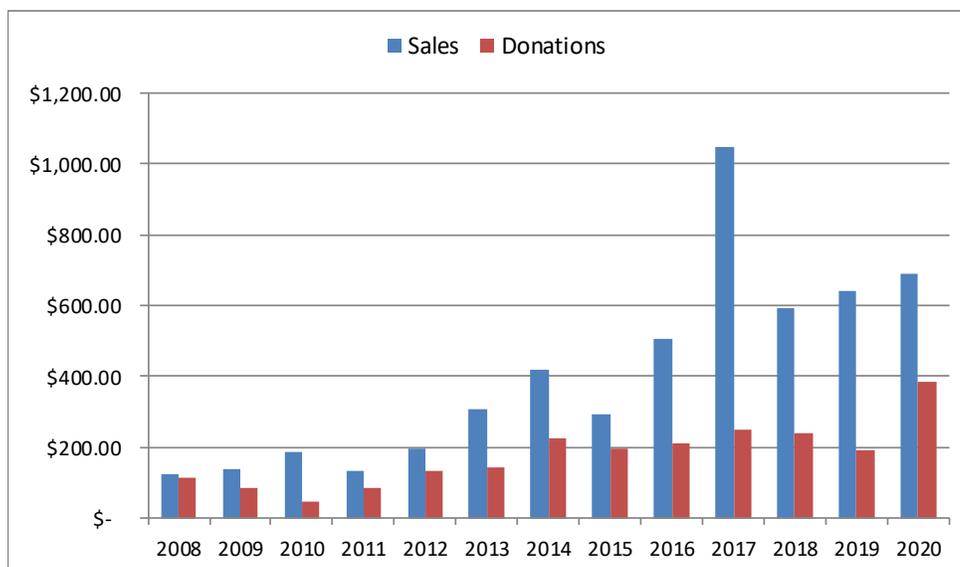
## ***Renew with the Friends of the Michigan Tech Library***

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 under the merchandize tab at <http://lib.sites.mtu.edu/friends/>.

Each \$12 pack of Friends notecards contains 12 distinct historical cards. The 4 foot by 5 foot cotton blanket in navy and white (below) features historic buildings from the Michigan Tech campus and sells for \$65 plus tax and shipping/handling. All items make great gifts for Michigan Tech graduating seniors (*hint, hint*), alumni, and friends. All proceeds of items for sale benefit the Michigan Tech Library.



*Michigan Tech blankets for sale on the Friends' website.*



*Treasurer Kelly Luck reports that the Winter Carnival Book Sale went very well, following the upward trend of the last few years. Donations were up sharply. Thank you, friends and visitors, for your generosity!*

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Membership Categories

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Family Member	\$50-99
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Best Friend	\$1000+

*Senior Citizens (65+) and Students may join for \$15*

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