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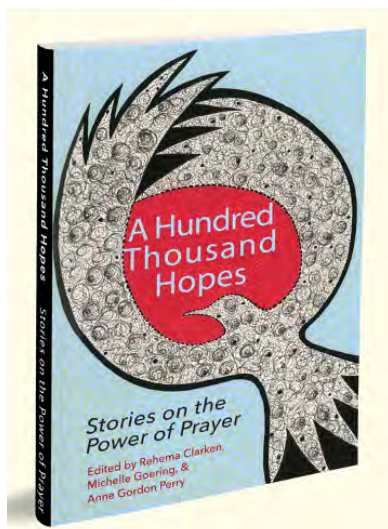
The Newsletter of the
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2026 Friends' Annual Meeting October 29 at 4:30 PM

The Friends of the Michigan Tech Library will hold their 31st annual meeting at 4:30 pm on October 29, 2026, in the East Reading Room of the Van Pelt and Opie Library. The meeting will include a recap of the Friends' fiscal year 2026 sales, grants, and fundraising, the approval of renewing and new board members, and the approval of officers to serve for the coming year.

Our guest speaker this year will be Rehema Marie Clarken (HU-Rhetoric) who will be discussing the collaboration which resulted in *A Hundred Thousand Hopes: Stories on the Power of Prayer*. This book is a collection of personal stories, essays, and poems from 27 authors from around the world. Each shares a different perspective when reflecting on how to navigate the struggles of life.



Please join us for discussion of how writing a book can turn strangers into a community and how writing acquaintances find a common point of connection to deepen their friendships through publishing.

Date: Oct. 29, 2026, 4:30 – 6:00 pm. Refreshments served.

Location: Van Pelt and Opie Library East Reading Room

What: Friends of the Michigan Tech Library Annual Meeting

Or join live online at

<https://michigantech.zoom.us/j/85491313685>.

Tremendous Success at FMTL Book Sales!

The annual Friends Book Sale in the spring of 2026 was a success. Numerous buyers noted that it was one of the best ones in recent memory.



We earned close to \$4,200, the best result since 2011. We also had a great turnout for the pre-sale, with 115 members: a new record! It is clear that the rumors of the death of the printed book are premature.

Thank you to all of our old and new members, our many book-donating supporters, and our customers who generously gave additional donations.

Additional thanks to the nearly 50 Michigan Tech student volunteers, to the Van Pelt and Opie Library staff members who assisted us with credit/debit card sales, and to Facilities Management for moving our books to and from the Memorial Union Building for the sale. The MUB staff deserve a great thank you as well, for book tables, and for suggesting we play some background music over the sound system to make the room a bit livelier..



Our annual Fall sale was held on Saturday, October 3, 2026, with a gorgeous fall day in the forecast. It was Parents and Family Weekend, with chairlift rides, tours, music and sports events, and our BOOK SALE!! We had sales of well over \$700 (credit card totals are not yet finalized). Thank you to all of our many volunteers, supporters, and customers.

We will hold our annual Winter Carnival book sale on Saturday, February 6, 2027. Mark your calendars! Join us for free hot chocolate, cookies, and a cozy book sale when visiting the snow sculptures.

Please subscribe to the FMTL News email list (fmtl-news-l@mtu.edu) to receive notifications of upcoming sales and events. You can send a request to be added to this list to alhughes@mtu.edu.

Friends' Annual Book Sale Michigan Tech Memorial Union Ballroom 23-24 March 2027

Thanks to this year's Book Donors!

Thank you donors! We received donations from:

- Janet Dalquist
- The Estate of Clark and Sally Givens
- Denise Heikinen
- Carol MacLennan
- Copper Island Moving

Your gifts help to enhance the equipment and quality of services at the Van Pelt and Opie Library at Michigan Tech.

Update from the Archives

by Lindsay Hiltunen, University Archivist

It is hard to believe fall is already here, but with how busy our summer season was for research and reference support, I guess it did really go by in the blink of an eye! We have been receiving an unusually high number of remote research requests for the past several months and it shows no signs of slowing down even into autumn. With that in mind, it seemed like an appropriate time to renew our list of independent researchers.

After an open local call and review, we are happy to announce that Lucy Granroth, of Copper Thread Genealogy, and Kenneth J. Vrana, a semi-retired professional who enjoys historical research in his spare time, have been named to our Independent Researcher list. While archives staff make every effort to assist with quick remote research requests, when a patron is unable to visit us in person and we are unable to do deeper research for them, we refer them to our third party researchers. This list is maintained as a courtesy to the public and those listed are not employed by the Archives. You can learn more about our independent researchers by visiting the programs and services tab on our website: <https://www.mtu.edu/library/archives/programs-and-services/>.

In other exciting news, the Archives welcomed a delegation of leadership and members from Finlandia Foundation National in early September. The group is working on strategic planning for their archival programs and services and were interested in a tour of our space and a discussion about trends in the archives field. The Michigan Tech Archives looks forward to building our relationship with this national partner and administrative body for our local archives partner at the Finnish American Historical Archives in Hancock.

Last but certainly not least, the Archives staff would like to thank the FMTL for their continued support of our Travel Grant program. We were able to welcome two researchers to our reading room this summer, Doug Hoverson and Hannah Lahti. I am working with our recipients now to plan their fall travel grant talks, so keep your eyes on our social media for the announcement of two Zoom presentations later this semester.

As always, please remember if you want to research in the archives, appointments are available from 1-5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Appointments may be requested by calling (906) 487-2505 or by filling out the request form on the archives website: <https://www.mtu.edu/library/archives/> If you have any questions regarding archives services and collections, please reach out by phone or e-mail us at copper@mtu.edu. The Michigan Tech Archives can also be found on Facebook and Instagram: [michigantecharchives](#).

Tadych Marketplace Receipts Program Benefits Library

by Mary Marchaterre

Time to collect your receipts from Tadych Marketplace to benefit the Michigan Tech Library! Through its *Computers for Kids* program, Marketplace Foods donates to the Friends one percent of the sum of all receipts collected.

Want to help? Please collect your receipts from Tadych Marketplace and send them to us at the library or drop them in the slot in the Friends *Books For Sale* display near the Service Desk. Want to help more? Put out a collection box in your office and encourage your coworkers to bring in their receipts for our library. Every little bit helps.

Help Available to Transport Book Sale Donations

The Friends of the Michigan Tech Library are always seeking donations for our used book sales. Make room for new books by donating your gently used books and DVDs to the Friends. All proceeds go to help the library. Bring your donations to the silver drop box in the library front vestibule or bring larger quantities to the loading dock and follow instructions posted there to call the Service Desk; staff will be out to take your boxes into the building. Need more help transporting the books to the library? Reach out to the Friends. Contact Steve Walton at sawalton@mtu.edu to arrange a pickup, with evening or weekend pickups available.

Blankets Make Great Gifts

by Mary Marchaterre

You can buy the beautiful Friends Michigan Tech blanket and Friends notecards with a few clicks beginning at lib.sites.mtu.edu/friends/ under Merchandise.

Each \$12 pack of Friends notecards contains 12 distinct cards with historical photos of the area. The 4 ft. by 5 ft. cotton blanket in navy and white features historic buildings from the Michigan Tech campus and sells for \$65. Tax and shipping/handling apply to both, but they can be picked up at the library as well. The prices have *NEVER* increased since we began offering these items, making them a particular bargain. The blanket is made in the USA.

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.



Become a FMTL Board Member!

We are seeking new board members to keep our mission of supporting the heart of the campus — the Van Pelt and Opie Library at Michigan Tech — through fundraising book sales and other projects.

We meet once a month for an hour on Wednesday afternoons in the library (Zoom attendance is possible). Board members occasionally help out sorting books and staffing our three sales throughout the year. We interact with Michigan Tech students and the library staff to make their great ideas come to life for our library.

If you're interested in joining us or you have questions, please email our chair, Amy Hughes, at alhughes@mtu.edu or one of the other board members. We're looking forward to meeting you!

Renew online:
lib.sites.mtu.edu/friends/join/

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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 (60+) may join for \$15
Michigan Tech Students are free!

To pay by Visa/Mastercard fill in below:

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To renew your membership in the Friends, please send your contribution (filled in form above or check) to:

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Please make all checks payable to the Michigan Tech Fund-FMTL. All contributions to the FMTL are Federal tax deductible. ***THANKS for your support of the Michigan Tech Van Pelt and Opie Library.***