

# Views

The Newsletter of the  
**Friends of the Van Pelt Library**  
Michigan Tech University  
1400 Townsend Drive, Houghton, MI 49931  
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## ***Friends Annual Membership Meeting:***

Mark your calendars: The *Friends Annual Member-ship Meeting* will take place Thursday 27 October 2011 from 4:30-6:00 in the East Reading Room in the Van Pelt and Opie Library. All members and the public are welcome to attend.



Our guest speaker in October is Thomas M. Baker, Park Ranger/Management Assistant Keweenaw National Historical Park, who will speak on “*Shared Resources: Michigan Tech Archives Come To the Union Building.*” The October meeting also marks the last Board/Annual meeting of retiring faculty member and founder of the Friends, Terry Reynolds. We will be feting Terry and giving him the send-off he deserves!

Baker’s presentation will begin after a short business meeting and elections for the Friends of the Van Pelt Library. Refreshments will be served.



Nominated for Board membership are:

Don Durfee  
Amy Hughes  
(open)

Nominations for officer positions are:

Amy Hughes, Chairman  
Debra Charlesworth, Vice Chairman  
Mary Marchaterre, Secretary  
Kelly Luck, Treasurer

Additional nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Visitors are invited to become Friends through a modest donation.

## ***What does the Michigan Tech Van Pelt and Opie Library Offer to Off- Campus Friends?***

*Submitted by Ellen Marks, University Librarian and  
Director of the Van Pelt and Opie Library at  
Michigan Tech*

Friends of the Van Pelt and Opie Library are always welcome to use the library’s facility and our computer workstations to access the resources made available to Michigan Tech’s students, faculty and staff. Circulating books, including those from the Friends of the J.R. Van Pelt Library-sponsored leisure reading collection, can be borrowed by our Friends by signing up for a no-charge Courtesy Borrower’s Card at the library’s Service Center. Because the majority of our library’s collection is devoted to the needs of science, engineering and technology students, you may have a taste for a broader range of books for yourself or members of your family including children and teens:

Did you know that you also have access to the collections of public, academic and special libraries throughout Michigan? MeLCat (Michigan Electronic Library catalog) and a wealth of additional services are available at no charge to Michigan residents. This means that you can search the MeL catalog and identify books, music, movies and other library material. To order the books, CDs, DVDs and more, you can use either your Van Pelt and Opie Library Courtesy Borrower's Card or your Michigan driver's license or State I.D., and have the items you have borrowed delivered from anywhere in Michigan to the Van Pelt and Opie Library for pick-up. When you visit the MeLCat website, note the list of other participating libraries to which you can have your library material delivered for pick-up. Delivery times vary but expect your orders to arrive at the library no later than two weeks, often sooner.

The Web address for MeLCat is:

<https://elibrary.mel.org/search>

While you are visiting the Michigan Electronic Library Web site at <http://www.mel.org> note that you have access to a wide array of "full text" magazines, newspapers, scholarly information and visual images through the MeL Databases 24/7 from any Internet connected computer. The method of online access is through your Michigan driver's license or State I.D. The type of resources available may delight you as they include special databases to aid the job seeker and curricular materials for both students and parents that are aligned with the Michigan Content Expectations. For those of you interested in the history of Michigan, including the Upper Peninsula, visit MeL Michigana for historical images including Houghton County and more.

You do not need to have Internet access in order to use these wonderful resources. They are accessible from the public computers in the Van Pelt and Opie Library as well. Check with your local public about its access policies and participation in the MeL borrowing system.

Should you have any questions or need assistance with your use of any of the MeL resources and catalog, contact the library: For Borrower's Cards and MeL pick-up: 906-487-2508 and for information about the MeL databases, contact our reference librarians 906-487-2507 or [reflib@mtu.edu](mailto:reflib@mtu.edu).

## *New Art for the Van Pelt and Opie Library*

*Submitted by Patricia Van Pelt*

The Library's art collection is made up of works of art created by local artists and inspired by the Upper Peninsula. With the renovations to the main lobby, the opportunity arose to rearrange some of the works. We have also added four new works to the collection and printed new more legible labels.

The Friends of the Van Pelt Library purchased a colorful painting from the Community Art Center in April. With the renovations, installation of the new work was postponed. Now, *Franklin Street, Houghton*, a 'plein air' work in oils on canvas by Georgi Tsenov, is hanging in the main lobby above the book return. Tsenov is a Bulgarian artist who is here with his wife, who is pursuing a doctorate at Michigan Tech. This work refreshingly captures the particular quality of our Copper Country and makes a fine addition to the Library's art collection.

The Library has also received two gifts to the art collection: *Rabbit Skenia* by Greg Green, and *sans titre III* from the Mind Waves series by Bethany Stevens. Both of these colorful abstract works were painted in 2009 and now hang in the Opie Reading Room. Bethany's work is in acrylics, and she states the "Mind waves are metaphors for thoughts that distract us from being in the present moment." Greg's work is in oil on canvas, and he says "the subject matter is a cross between Bugs Bunny and schizophrenia." Greg Green teaches in the International School of Art and Design at Finlandia University.

Also in the main lobby is a digital photograph which was the winner of the 2011 Winter Carnival Photo Contest. Taken by Erik Meinke, this photo captures a child's amazement during the 2011 Winter Carnival. This photo was printed by the Van Pelt and Opie Library.

## ***Save Your Receipt: Econo Foods Computers for Kids Program Benefits Library***

*Submitted by Mary Marchaterre*

Time, as always, to collect your receipts from Econo to benefit the Van Pelt and Opie 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. These funds are used to pay for computer systems in the library.

Many thanks to those who participated last year, and a big "keep it up" to all who are collecting receipts for this year.

Want to help? Please collect your receipts from Econo Foods and send them to us or drop them in the collection box at the circulation desk of the Library. Econo will accept receipts dated end of August 2011, through the beginning of June 2012. Please send your receipts by intercampus mail to either Mary Marchaterre (Tech Fund, Hancock) or Faith Morrison (Chemical Engineering - 203 Chem Sci). 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 in the Chemical Engineering office (203 Chem Sci), in the coffee room on the 2nd floor of the Admin building, and in the basement of the EERC. Every little bit helps.

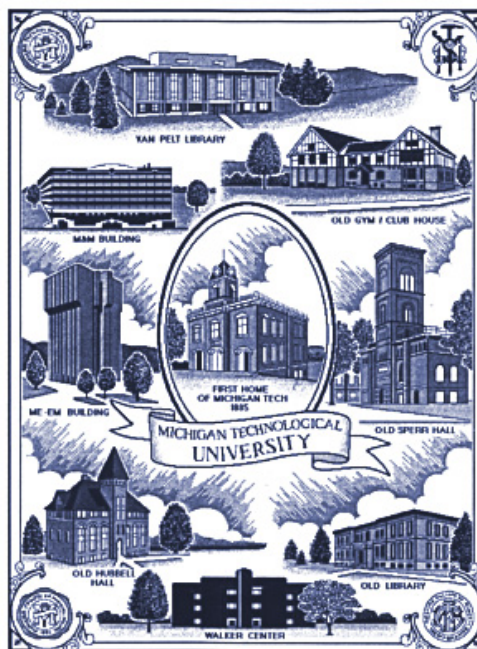
## ***Friends Membership, Blankets, Notecards now Available Online!***

The wares of the Friends of the Van Pelt Library are now available online at

[https://www.techshop.mtu.edu/ustores/web/store\\_main.jsp?STOREID=9](https://www.techshop.mtu.edu/ustores/web/store_main.jsp?STOREID=9)

Also online is the opportunity to renew your membership in the Friends:

[https://www.banweb.mtu.edu/mtu/mtf/gift/fvpl\\_gift\\_form.xsql](https://www.banweb.mtu.edu/mtu/mtf/gift/fvpl_gift_form.xsql)



These new weblinks makes it even easier to have the beautiful Michigan Tech blanket (<http://www.chem.mtu.edu/~fmorriso/fvpl/blanket.htm>) or notecards ([http://www.chem.mtu.edu/~fmorriso/fvpl/note\\_cards.html](http://www.chem.mtu.edu/~fmorriso/fvpl/note_cards.html)).

The 4 ft by 5 ft cotton blanket in blue and white features historic

buildings from the Michigan Tech campus (design shown below) and sells for \$65 plus tax and shipping. They make great gifts for Michigan Tech alumni and friends. All proceeds benefit the Van Pelt and Opie Library.

[www.lib.mtu.edu/friends/friends.htm](http://www.lib.mtu.edu/friends/friends.htm)

*It's time to renew your membership in the Friends of the Van Pelt Library.*

Membership Categories

Friend \$20-49  
Family Member \$50-99  
Benefactor \$100-249  
Book Sponsor \$250-999  
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*Senior Citizens and Students may join for \$15*

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To renew your membership in the Friends, please go to [https://www.banweb.mtu.edu/mtu/mtf/gift/fvpl\\_giftform.xsql](https://www.banweb.mtu.edu/mtu/mtf/gift/fvpl_giftform.xsql)  
or send your contribution (filled in form above or check) to:

Friends of the Van Pelt Library  
c/o the Michigan Tech Fund  
Michigan Technological University  
1400 Townsend Drive  
Houghton, MI 49931-1295

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

Michigan residents benefit in addition from the Michigan Tax Credit. The State of Michigan allows a portion of contributions made directly to Michigan universities to be credited against state income tax. The allowable credit is 50% of the gift, but may not exceed \$200 for a joint return and \$100 for a single return.

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