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Friends Annual Book Sale: 6-7 April 2018

The Friends of the Michigan Tech Library will hold their 2018 book sale Saturday 7 April 2018 with the friends-only pre-sale on Friday, 6 April 2018 (memberships available at the door). Please come!

The Friends Annual book sale on Michigan Tech's campus takes place in 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 (over 65). The Saturday main sale (including sale of withdrawn library books) will be from 10am-4pm, with the \$5 bag sale (everything that fits a paper grocery bag for \$5) being held from 3pm-4pm.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.

Updates at the Library

Steven Walton, Social Sciences and FMTL

The Michigan Tech Library is seeing some changes in 2018. First, at the end of 2017, the Library Director, Ellen Marks, retired after 7 years at Michigan Tech. She was always a great ally of the Friends, and we bid her a fond farewell into retirement. Provost Jacqueline Huntoon said of her leaving, "Ellen has been a phenomenal asset for the University, and I have personally valued the opportunity to work with her. She has taken on some difficult challenges and has transformed—literally transformed—the role of the library on our campus." Jill Hodges, recently retired from the Office of Institutional Equity and Inclusion here at Michigan Tech, was convinced to un-retire to lead the library for 6 to 8 months as we search for a new library director. The Friends were asked to provide a representative to the library director hiring committee, a position filled by Steven Walton (also wearing his hat on that committee as a representative from the Social Sciences department). The position is posted (see this link if you are interested in the parameters of the hire: www.jobs.mtu.edu/postings/6473), and it is hoped that we will have campus

interviews for selected candidates in May and a new director in place by late summer.

In other news, the Friends allocated \$4,500 to the library for the purchase of study carrels. They have finally arrived and are in place on the third floor among the book stacks and are fully occupied nearly every afternoon and evening. Although open-plan study space and large collaborative tables as well



*Interim Library Director,
Jill Hodges*

as glass-walled group study rooms are the norm in our library these days, there is still a demand for carrels where one can plunk down one's computer, notes, and —*gasp*— even real books to study or work without distraction.

Beyond the specific activities of the Friends, there are a number of changes to the fixtures in the library. The room divider with a high counter and stools that had been in the café area was moved to the third floor, and the library installed a number of computers. This makes the café seating area more open, as you are now able to see from the circulation desk all the way to the east windows and out into the garden and Rheki Hall beyond. The high demand for computers and study space in the library's East Reading Room has seen the rolling partitions creeping ever-eastward, shrinking the meeting-room portion of that space, which has a screen and podium and some new comfortable chairs.

Winter Carnival Book Sale Update

The FMTL 11th annual Winter Carnival book sale was a great success! We realized nearly \$600 on sales of note cards, blankets, and donated books, and received nearly \$250 in generous donations from visitors and patrons. The sales were brisk despite cold temperatures and the competition with many other compelling Winter Carnival events. Cheerful crowds including lots of kids 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 2019 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.

Support for Author Talks and



A book lover takes a break from Winter Carnival to peruse the books on sale. The Friends blanket, shown at the right-side of the photo, is available for sale on our website (see below for the URL).

Constitution Day

Katie Edson, Collections Librarian and FMTL

With the support of the FMTL, the library will be hosting campus author events as well as a speaker for Constitution Day.

The first author event will be a celebration of the scholarship of ten recently published faculty from Michigan Tech's Humanities department. The authors include: Drs. Carlos Amador, Michael Bowler, Stephanie Carpenter, Elizabeth A. Flynn (emerita), L. Syd M Johnson, Diane L. Shoos, Jennifer Daryl Slack, Beatrice Quarshie Smith, Dana Van Kooy, and Marcelino Viera-Ramos. Their books convey a humanities engagement with cultural imagination and social critique across a wide range of topics including neuroethics, philosophical thought, Latin American politics and ethics, multilingual writing, technological culture and Cultural Studies, poetry and cultural memory, domestic violence in Hollywood film, and women's professional career paths. The event is to be held on March 22nd from 4-6 pm in the East Reading Room of the library.

A second author event will take place on April 12th from 4-6 pm, also in the East Reading Room. Dr. Melissa Baird, an assistant professor of anthropology, will be speaking about her new book, *Critical Theory and the Anthropology of Heritage Landscapes* (University Press of Florida).

The FMTL have also generously agreed to assist with funds for a Constitution Day speaker. Constitution Day is held on September 17th, with federally funded schools providing programming for this annual event. Plans are in the works to coordinate with the *WWI in the Copper Country* activities that are to be held throughout the area from June through November of 2018 (ww1cc.mtu.edu).

Notables at the Library

Lindsay Hiltunen, University Archivist with the Michigan Tech Archives, was appointed board member for the Michigan Oral History Association and as chair of MOHA's Education Committee. She will serve a two-year term. Hiltunen also recently joined the Legislator's Research Team, which is under the leadership of the Issues and Advocacy Section of the Society of American Archivists. The team monitors and reports on legislative activity related to archives and archivists.

Library Friends Donor Hall of Fame (2017 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 make our sale possible in 2018. For the many, **many** donors of years past, thank you too for your generosity and for your support of the library.

Ron Gratz
Carol MacLennan
Paul Nelson
Martha Sloan
Virgl Snyder
Sue Weaver
Gary Worrall

Thanks for all you give and do!

Book Shelf Sales Continue Strong

Since at least 2011 the Friends of the Michigan Tech Library have operated an honors-system sale shelf, which moved to a custom-made hutch in 2014. The sales from the book shelf have been tracked by our treasurer, and sales increase every year, although in 2017 sales barely outpaced the high level reached in 2016. We are lagging in book-shelf sales for 2018, so be sure to check out the many quality books we have available when you are in the library. Many thanks to Friends board members Karen Hubbard, Holly Nemiroff, and Shruti Amre who keep the shelf in order and stocked. And of course, thanks to our treasurer Kelly Luck, who keeps track of our earnings.



The Friends of the Library offer snacks and a warm-up for Michigan Tech Winter Carnival go-ers. The snacks are a thank-you for library visitors and an enticement to come see the books that are for sale.

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/>

Each pack of Friends notecards 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/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.

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 April 6-7 2018 in the Michigan Union Ballroom (see lead article).

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 Van Pelt and Opie Library.

If you only have a few books to donate, you may drop them off in the Friends book drop located in the library vestibule. If you have a box or bag of books, bring them to the library service desk located on the first floor. If you require assistance, call the service center at 7-2508 to have someone meet you at the loading-dock door to help. If you need help getting your donations to the library and would like someone to pick them up, contact Dana Richter at 7-2149 or dlrichte@mtu.edu.

Because they do not sell, we do not accept the following items:

- ❖ Old, tattered, yellowed, marked-up or damaged books
- ❖ Marked-up lab manuals
- ❖ Instructor's class guides
- ❖ Magazines, journals and similar things
- ❖ Conference proceedings
- ❖ Outdated almanacs, travel guides, computer manuals
- ❖ Catalogs, telephone books
- ❖ Encyclopedias and similar sets (unless of high quality)

Econo Foods Computers for Kids Program Benefits Library

Submitted by 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 \$500 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 books shelf 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.

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Family Member \$50-99
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Book Sponsor \$250-999
Best Friend \$1000+

Senior Citizens and Students may join for \$15

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City, State, Zip: _____

Donation Amount: _____

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