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Friends Annual Book Sale: 4-5 April 2019

The Friends of the Michigan Tech Library will hold their 2019 book sale Friday 5 April 2019 with the friends-only pre-sale on Thursday, 4 April 2019 (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 Thursday 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 The Friday main sale (including sale of withdrawn library books) will be from 11am-5pm, with the \$5 bag sale (everything that fits a paper grocery bag for \$5) being held from 4pm-5pm.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.

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

Borrow a GoPro at the Library? Don't mind if I do!

Katie Edson, Collections Librarian

The library offers more than books and electronic resources to its patrons. Individuals with a valid library card are able to check out over 20 different types of productivity tools, with new items added regularly. From convenience items such as charging cables, calculators, and wireless mouse to the more specialized cameras, laptops, and tablets - the library has tools to fit a variety of needs. Some of the library's productivity offerings come with accessories, enabling patrons to more fully utilize the tools, like the GoPro that comes with head and chest gear. One of the newer additions to the library's offerings is the Ziggi HD, an easy-to-use document camera which is both Windows and Mac compatible.

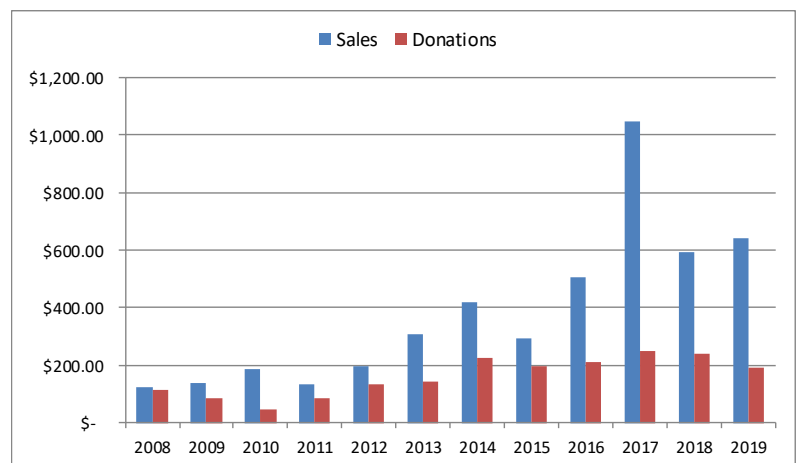
In order to see the library's productivity tools get as much use as possible, five students, using six sigma analysis, have been working to provide library staff with additional recommendations on increasing future usage. Along with

their recommendations, the library is conducting a survey using "Happy or Not", a terminal that measures customer feedback, providing the library with real-time data. The library, along with the five students working on the productivity analysis, will be interested to discover what new tools library patrons are interested in having available for checkout.

For more information about the library's productivity tools, navigate to the J.R. Van Pelt and John and Ruanne Opie Library's homepage. Found on the Computer and Technology page under the Services tab, is a listing of all of the offered productivity tools.

Winter Carnival Book Sale Update

The FMTL 12th annual Winter Carnival book sale was a great success! We realized over \$600 on sales of note cards, blankets, and donated books, and received nearly \$200 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,



The Friends Winter Carnival Book Sale continues to grow (if 2017 is considered a bit of an anomaly!) Sales topped \$600 and many donations were received.



During the Friends Winter Carnival Sale, Friends of the Library board members Faith Morrison and Holly Nemirot staffed the hot-chocolate station over the busy lunch hour. On offer was warmth, a book sale, and refreshments!

DVDs, and other items. Please plan on joining us for our book sale at the 2020 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.

Friends Donor Hall of Fame (2019 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 in the first part of 2019. For the many, **many** donors of years past, thank you too for your generosity and for your support of the library.

Todd Arney
Martha Sloan

Thanks for all you give and do!

Twenty Years of Archives Travel Grants

Annually since 1998, the Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections offers travel grants of up to \$750 to non-local researchers and scholars who wish to conduct research in the Archives. The Travel Grant Program is designed to increase awareness of the Archives' collections and encourage the use of lesser-known collections.

Past recipients of these grants have examined a diverse range of topics including the roles fraternal orders had in Lake Superior mining communities, the development of mine company housing and the Upper Peninsula's shift from an industrial driven economy to one focused on tourism. Visiting scholars have traveled from locations as nearby as the lower peninsula of Michigan and as far away as Sweden and England.

The Travel Grant Program is funded by The Friends of the Michigan Tech Library. Applications are accepted year-round and reviewed in spring, this year after 31 March 2019. To apply go to <http://www.mtu.edu/library/archives/programs-and-services/travel-grants/form/index.html>.

Econo Foods Computers for Kids Program Benefits Library

Submitted by Mary Marchaterre

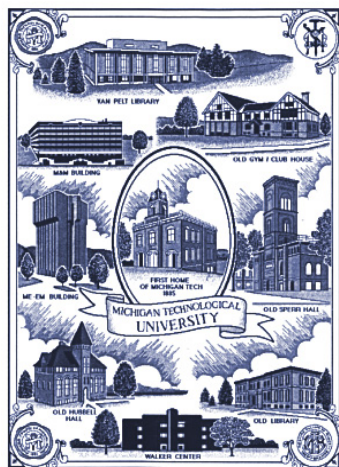
Time to collect your receipts from Tadych's Econo Foods to benefit the Michigan Tech Library. Through its receipt rebate program, Econo Foods donates to the Friends one percent of the sum of all receipts collected. This year, the Friends have received about \$300 through this program.

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 here:

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



To purchase a blanket, go to the Merchandise tab on the Friends' website: [//lib.sites.mtu.edu/friends/](http://lib.sites.mtu.edu/friends/). Only \$65 plus shipping and handling.

Each 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.

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 4-5 April 2019 in the Michigan Tech 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 Library.

If you only have a few books to donate, you may drop them off in the silver Friends book drop located in the library's front 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 906-487-2149 or email him at drichte@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)



The Friends' new retractable banner guards the Michigan Tech blanket at the entrance of the 2019 Winter Carnival Book sale.

Nordberg Named Dean at Indiana University of PA

Michigan Tech alumnus Erik Nordberg '17 and former archivist at the Michigan Tech Archives and Copper Country Historical Collection has been named dean of the Indiana University of Pennsylvania Libraries. He is currently Interim Assistant Dean at Wayne State University. Nordberg received his PhD from Michigan Tech in Industrial Heritage and Archeology in 2017 for his dissertation "*Personality Over Policy: A Comparative History of the Founding and Early Development of Four Significant American Manuscript Repositories of Business, Industry, and Technology.*" We wish you well Erik!

Book Shelf Sales Slow: Come Check out the Bargains!

In addition to our Winter Carnival and annual book sales, the Friends of the Michigan Tech Library maintain an honors-system sale shelf, near the information desk in the library. The shelf is stocked with many high-quality books, most of which are priced at \$1 or \$2. All proceeds benefit the Michigan Tech Library. We are slightly lagging in book-shelf sales for 2019, so be sure to 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, 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.

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It is 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 (65+) and Students may join for \$15

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Donation Amount: _____

To renew your membership in the Friends, please go to lib.sites.mtu.edu/friends/ or send your contribution with this form to:

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