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The Newsletter of the

Friends of the Michigan Tech Library

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Friends 2020 Annual Meeting Held on Zoom

The Friends of the Michigan Tech Library held their 2020 Annual Meeting on Tuesday, 27 October 2020 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. on Zoom. There was a short business meeting and then participants enjoyed a social time. With the progress in vaccine distribution, we hope to return to having a face-to-face annual meeting in October 2021.

Friends Book Sales in 2021

The Friends Annual Winter Carnival book sale was held in the lobby of the Van Pelt and Opie Library of Michigan Technological University on Saturday, 6 February 2021. This event was modified to be “pandemic friendly.” Volunteers set up several book carts with used books for sale on the honor system. Library staff moved the carts into the open area on the designated Saturday. The sale proceeds will be reflected in the book-cart accounting.

Our annual Spring book sale has been cancelled for 2021. All campus health and safety practices will be followed for the book sales and all Friends events.

Please check the Friends web site for news on these events: <http://lib.sites.mtu.edu/friends/news/>.

Debut of the Friends Bookmark (One Enclosed)

In this pandemic year, the Friends have looked for ways to stay in touch and to thank our donors and friends. An idea was embraced to create a bookmark that serves the dual purpose of communicating with our patrons and thanking our friends. And keeping our place when reading a physical book.

With the design and production leadership of board member Steve Walton, the bookmarks now exist. These will be placed in books on the self-serve bookshelf, and there is one for you enclosed in this newsletter. Enjoy!

Update from the Archives

by Lindsay Hiltunen, University Archivist

The Michigan Tech Archives has been moving along since the pandemic. Although we are only open by appointments on Tuesday and Thursday, from 1-5 pm, our research activity remains high with in-person and remote requests. Patrons may request an appointment via the form on our website or by emailing copper@mtu.edu.

In addition to research services, the department has been actively working to continue the work of the CLIR grant. Our digitization specialist Chris Chosa has been leading the student team to ensure our scanning and transcription of the Calumet & Hecla employee cards. Other active grants include a collaborative NHPRC grant with the NMU Archives for the UPLINK project. UPLINK was recently featured on WNMU-TV and is [available to stream online](#).

For information about the archives summer hours, please stay tuned or reach out to university Archivist Lindsay Hiltunen at lehalkol@mtu.edu.

Donor Hall of Fame (March 2021 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, with the list below indicating those 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.

Michele Bourdieu
Jeff Dohrenwend
Connie Julien
Jackie Gebhart
Travis Howard
Mary Marchaterre/David Nitz
Martha Sloan
Don Workman '86

Friends' Donation Going Strong: Book Scanner Updated

The Indus Book Scanner 9000 purchased by the Friends about 10 years ago continues to do valuable service on the Garden Level of the Library. With recent updates by Library technology specialist John Schneiderhan and in consultation with Indus representatives and Michigan Tech's own IT department, the scanner has updated walk-up software and a new touch screen which will allow it to continue to serve for another decade. Thanks to John for solving for fascinating technological senescence where it would sometimes scan to a mirror image... but only in one direction!

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

In addition to our Winter Carnival and non-pandemic-year 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 member Holly Nemiroff, who keeps 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.

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.

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 on the [Friends website](#).

Econo Foods "Computers for Kids" Program Benefits Library

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.

It's time to renew your membership in the Friends of the Michigan Tech Library.

Membership Categories

<i>Friend</i>	<i>\$15-24</i>
<i>Family Member</i>	<i>\$25-49</i>
<i>Benefactor</i>	<i>\$50-249</i>
<i>Book Sponsor</i>	<i>\$250-999</i>
<i>Best Friend</i>	<i>\$1000+</i>

Senior Citizens and Students may join for \$10

*To renew your membership in the Friends, please send your contribution to: Friends of the Michigan Tech 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-FMTL. All contributions to the FMTL are Federal tax deductible. **THANKS** for your support of the Michigan Tech Van Pelt and Opie Library.*