

VIEWS

The Newsletter of the
Friends of the Michigan Tech Library
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The 2024 Annual Meeting is October 24—Join us!

The Friends of the Michigan Tech Library (FMTL) will hold their 29th annual meeting at 4:30 pm on October 24, 2024 in the East Reading Room of the Van Pelt and Opie Library.

This brief meeting will include a recap of the Friends' fiscal year 2024 sales, grants, and fundraising, approval of renewing and new board members, and approval of officers to serve for the coming year.

After the business portion, Prof. Laura Walikainen Rouleau, Associate Teaching Professor in the Department of Social Sciences at Michigan Tech, will be presenting on her new book, *Private Spaces in Public Places* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2024). Rouleau's research explores the history of privacy in the United States from 1880–1930 through a series of “private” spaces newly emerging in public facilities. Her research uses spatial case studies to uncover how these sites were both physically and socially constructed. The similarities across geographical locations, from the industrializing Copper Country to urbanizing New York, demonstrate the ubiquity of social norms that informed these spaces. These spaces emerged embedded in several concurrent social transformations that altered both the public and private landscapes of the turn-of-the-20th-century United States.

Refreshments will be served. Please join us!

Date: October 24, 2024

Time: 4:30 – 6:00 pm

Location: Van Pelt and Opie Library East Reading Room

What: Friends of the Michigan Tech Library Annual Meeting

Friends' 2024 and Upcoming Book Sales Reports

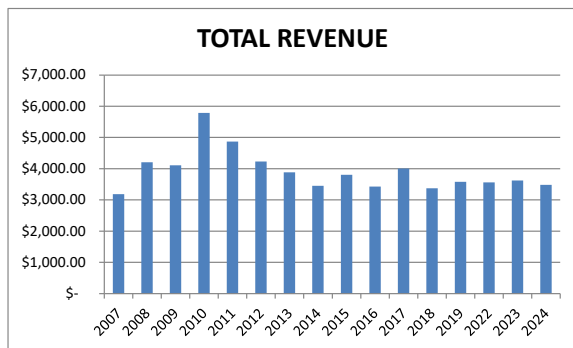
The *Friends Library Bookshelf* located near the library service desk continues to be popular with students and other library visitors. We had record sales last year of just under \$900—a 50% increase from pre-pandemic levels. This increase is no doubt due to the popularity of the library with the campus community, as well as the terrific books that we have received as donations. Many thanks to our bookshelf manager, Susan Martin, for keeping the shelves stocked with items that people want to read. When you are on campus, please drop in and



grab something new to you for \$2 or less! Donations also welcome in the payment slot.

In March 2024 the Friends had another successful *Spring Book Sale*, attracting an astonishing number of students taking advantage of the new policy that students join for free. We were admittedly low on science and engineering books, but these are always welcome at our sale so please consider donating your gently used texts to the Friends (instructions later in the newsletter). A summary chart of Booksale revenue over the years is included in this newsletter.

The Friends *Fall Book Sale* for 2024 took place on Friday October 4 in the main lobby of the Van Pelt and Opie Library. Having the fall sale during a weekday reaches our many student customers, and this year was no exception. We had a great student turnout, but also family, friends, and alumni as this was also Homecoming weekend! As in the past, we were very happy to have the cooperation of the Van Pelt Circulation Desk and the ready use of charge card technology there, which



Book Sales are the main source of revenue for the Friends of the Michigan Tech Library



The Fall Book Sale takes place in the library lobby. Our Friends Michigan Tech Blanket was available as well as our historic Keweenaw note cards.

boosts our sales and is so convenient for our customers. Cash donations were also robust at the sale. We estimate that in cash sales alone we took in \$560, sold a healthy quantity of our inventory, and gained some cash donations too. Final figures for our fall sale will be available at the end of October. Meanwhile, thanks to all of our volunteers and all the help we received from the library staff.

Don't miss our Winter Carnival Book Sale with **FREE** hot chocolate and cookies event coming up on Saturday, February 8, 2025 in the main lobby of the library. The biggest Friends' project, our *2025 Spring Book Sale*, will follow on Tuesday and Wednesday (note new days this year!) March 25–26 in the MUB Ballroom. Don't forget the bargain bag sale is the last hour of the sale, Wednesday from 3-4pm.

Update from the Archives

by Lindsay Hiltunen, University Archivist

The Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections team is in full swing! The busy summer research season has smoothly transitioned into our fall activities, especially archives instruction and social media outreach for American Archives Month, which is celebrated each October.

In addition to our bustling reading room, a great deal is also happening behind the scenes. The department is on the cusp of launching a new traveling exhibit, *Huskies Hockey: 100 Years and Beyond*. The exhibit project was a multifaceted effort, funded in part by a grant received from the Michigan Humanities Council. The research effort was led by a team of four student assistants and the narrative details were reviewed by hockey historian William Sproule. Monte Consulting provided the graphic design for the exhibit panels. The debut date is still being determined but stay tuned for the launch soon!

I am also pleased to announce that the Archives is back on Facebook! Last year we had a hiccup with our account and the platform was not saving updates to our page. Emily Schwiebert has led the charge to get us back on the platform and we are happy to share news, stories, and images of our activities and collections. Be sure to like us and follow us at /MichiganTechArchives on Facebook.

In other news, the Archives is joining forces with the Historical Society of Michigan to co-host the 2025 Upper Peninsula History Conference. Planning is underway so be sure to reach out to me at copper@mtu.edu if you have an idea for a possible presentation. The conference will be held at the Memorial Union Building on campus from June 27–29, 2025.

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: www.mtu.edu/library/archives/. If you have any questions regarding archives services and collections, please reach out to (906) 487-2505 or e-mail us at copper@mtu.edu. The Michigan Tech Archives can also be found on Twitter: @mtuarchives and Instagram: michigantecharchives.

Library Intern Update

by Allison Neely, Archivist

Thanks to generous funding support from the Friends of the Michigan Tech Library, the Archives welcomed an intern to our team for the busy summer season. Katie Higley, a current Library and Information Science graduate student at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, joined the team in May providing essential reference services support, assisted with collections processing, and gained valuable experience in

donations work and community outreach. The Friends of the Michigan Tech Library internship program continues to provide crucial hands-on, real-world experience for emerging archives professionals, particularly the day-to-day operations of an academic archive. Katie is in the final stages of her MLIS degree this academic year, and we look forward to seeing what is next for her on her professional journey.

Thanks to Those Who Donate

The Friends would like to extend out hearty thanks to the people who donate books to the Friends; our sales could not happen without you. Since our last newsletter, we have received donations from numerous individuals in our donation receptacle in the vestibule of the library—thanks to those who anonymously drop things off—as well as a number of individuals who contact us for book pickup. Those in that category this cycle include (alphabetically): Jimmy Diehl, Peg & Jim Hertel, Travis Howard, Ibrahim Miskioglu, Greg Odegard, Lori Uponen and family, Martha Sloan, Jon Soper and Mary Jo Stimac.

We would also like to extend a huge thank you to Diane Koskela at Empty Nest Estate Sales, with whom we work to retrieve books from estates that are overloaded with them. She has invited us to come glean the remainder of books that did not sell in one such a sale in Calumet recently. One sale this summer in Hancock had so many books that there was no room to stage the sale itself, so we picked up a few dozen boxes before the sale. We have carefully browsed those and retrieved many books for your browsing pleasure, saving books from the landfill or pulp mill, one box at a time!

If you have books to donate, please contact Steve Walton sawalton@mtu.edu.

More Books Needed for Spring Sale—Help Available

The Friends of the Michigan Tech Library are always seeking donations for our used book sales, and this year we need a bunch! Make room for new books by donating your old, 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's front vestibule or bring larger quantities to the loading dock (follow instructions posted there to phone the service desk for help moving your donations into the library). Need help with more? Reach out to the Friends. Contact Steve Walton at sawalton@mtu.edu to arrange a pickup.

Renew online:

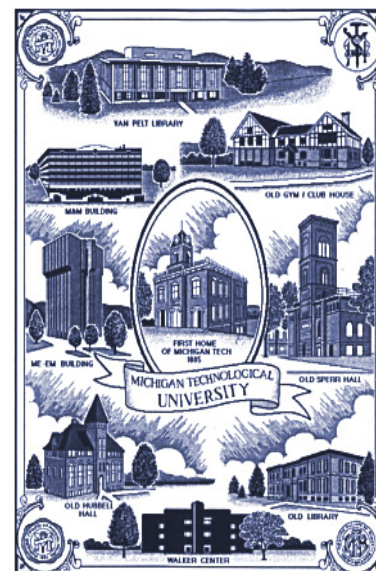
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Friends' Board 2024-25

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Allison Neely (2025)
Dana Richter (2024)
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Andrew Storer, University Provost, *ex officio*
GSG Rep: Joe Beeson (for AY 2024-25)
USG Rep: TBD (for AY 2024-25)

Friends' Blankets Make Great Gifts

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 at lib.sites.mtu.edu/friends/. Each pack of Friends notecards contains 12 distinct historical cards. The 4 ft. by 5 ft. cotton blanket in navy and white features historic buildings from the Michigan Tech campus and sells for \$65 plus tax and shipping/handling. This price has not increased EVER, making it a particular bargain. It is also 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.



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

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

Membership Categories

Friend \$20-49
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Michigan Tech Students are free!

To pay by Visa/Mastercard fill in below:

Name: _____
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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.***

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