A Message From the President

The Friends of the DeAngeli Library are an outreach to our community and play an important role at our library: sorting donated books, stocking the Book Nook at New To You, organizing and staffing book sales, wrapping Books To Go, making gift baskets and more. These activities, along with membership fees, provide funding for many library programs.

I hope you will attend our Annual Meeting, to learn more about how we propose to allocate the money earned in 2018 and about our plans for 2019. If you have questions about how the Friends operate or suggestions about fund-raising, learning new crafts or membership opportunities come to our Annual Meeting, whether you are a member or not!

-Susan Beal, Current Friends President

Positions that will be up for election this year are Vice President (for 2019 & 2020), Secretary (for 2019 & 2020) and one Board Member (for 2019, 2020 & 2021). All of these roles are important to the organization. They do not require a large time commitment, just someone who is interested in the Friends and wants to support the library. If you are interested in serving in any of these roles, please contact Cherisse at 810-441-2262 or cheri.laidler@gmail.com.

Please join us at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Marguerite deAngeli Branch Library on Sunday, March 24th from 2-4 p.m. in the deAngeli Branch Library meeting room. This is a great time to get updates about the year, elect officers and connect with other friends.

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Sponsored by the Friends

With the help of the Friends of the Marguerite deAngeli Library, programming was a huge success in 2018. Children and their families enjoyed many programs sponsored by the Friends including live animal visits, music, puppets, crafts and bubbles! The teens had fun with Indian dancing, crafts and cupcake decorating. The adults enjoyed the new “Armchair Traveler” series, music lessons, crafts and our trivia night prizes.

We are looking forward to the 2019 summer reading program, which is a “Space” theme. There is already a great lineup of programming being scheduled, including a partnership with the Seven Ponds Astronomy Club. We appreciate all the hard work put forth by the Friends to make our library so much fun!

-Reference Department Head Laura Fromwiller

2018 in Review

We hosted 2 afternoons where 14 teachers from Zemmer and Rolland Warner schools came to the storage building (Watz Garage) to select books for their classroom libraries. We allowed them 25 books for free and many of them bought lots more.

The Friends donated $4,800 to the “Vote Yes for a New Lapeer Library” campaign. Although the campaign was not successful, we are ready to do it again!

We started to use SQUARE for credit card purchases at our sales--almost $500 in income convinces us that we need to continue it.

Combining the sales at the Book Nook, the ongoing shelf outside the deAngeli meeting room, online sales, and our four big week-long event, we brought in over $19,500.

10 Friends wrapped 170 sets of “Books to Go” – 132 sold.

Want more information about Lapeer District Library?

Check out our website library.lapeer.org for info about upcoming events, program and more! Stay in touch on our Facebook page to get the latest updates!
**Get Rid of Your Stuff for a Good Cause!**

Hooray! The Friends now have a Donate With A Purpose account at the New To You Consignment Shop in downtown Lapeer! So if you are looking for an excuse to clean your closets—here it is. Anyone can take items (clothing, sports gear, kitchen stuff, baby items, etc) to the store anytime they are open (M-F, 9-6, Sat 10-3) and tell the worker that they are for the Friends of the Library account. Items should be clean and saleable, and once donated they become the property of NTY (they never come back to you).

NTY is a division of Lapeer Team Work (lapeerteamwork.com), a local non-profit that works with adults with disabilities, offering training and job placement. NTY also hosts the Friends Book Nook, a used book store. Over the past 2 years, sale of books have brought in over $6500 for the Friends. So please support this new project and tell your friends—New To You and the Friends of the Library are making life better for the Lapeer community.

**Celebrate Marguerite de Angeli’s 130th Birthday**

Thursday, March 14 2-5pm deAngeli Branch Library

Stop by anytime during the event to see artifacts from deAngeli’s life in Lapeer and celebrate with a slice of cake!

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**Thank You!**

To the **Lakestone Bank** for the free ad in *The County Press*.

To the **Lapeer District Library Staff** for helping during the events and fundraisers and for spending our hard earned money wisely on great programs.

To **Lapeer Team Work** and the New To You Consignment Shop for giving us space for our Book Nook.

To **Jacquie Wilson** for taking over the book delivery to assisted living/senior housing facilities.

To our **sellers, sorters, haulers, loaders, unloaders, monitors** and all the folks who help out with the book sales.

To **R & R Animal Bedding** for picking up and recycling the books we are unable to sell at our book sales.

Thanks to **Lanajo, Joyce, Bridgette, Paula, Diana, Shirley, Jan, Cherisse, Miriam, Linda** and **Susan** for pricing and restocking the shelves at the Book Nook.

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**Save the Date!**

Annual Meeting March 24 1:30-4  
Spring Book Sale April 8-13  
Summer Book Sale August 12-17  
Wrapping “Gift Books to Go” October 29 11:30-4  
“Books, Baskets & More” Sale November 2  
Fall/Winter Book Sale November 11-16  
Friends Christmas Tea & Cookie Exchange December 11 2-4