The Friends of the Clarkston Independence District Library extends our warmest greetings to nine new members. We’re excited to get to know you all, and eager to work with you in support of the many programs and activities offered by the library. From all of us at the library, we’re really looking forward to meeting you!

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS INCLUDE:

Zack Allen
Rhonda Barron
Sharon Centilli
Keith Flood
Abdul Kulaib
Barbara R. Laboissonniere, Ph. D.
Nathan Loudon
Donnie Lytle
Betsy Spiker

A WINTERY AND VERY WARM WELCOME.
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

APRIL

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SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7 PM

YOU SHOP. THEY READ.

The Friends of the Library is registered as part of the Kroger Community Rewards Program. This means that if you have a Kroger card, your regular shopping trips can also benefit the library! It’s so easy! Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com to register your card. Our organization’s ID number is 91730 or simply search for the Friends of the Clarkston Independence District Library.

REMEMBER YOU NEED TO RENEW THE FRIENDS AS THE REWARDS RECIPIENT ON YOUR CARD EACH YEAR IN APRIL.

HERE’S A WONDERFUL ADVANTAGE: SHOPPING ON AMAZON CAN SUPPORT OUR LIBRARY! Don’t forget your shopping can support our Library when you make a purchase through Amazon! AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice…such as the Friends of the Clarkston Independence District Library! Simply go to smile.amazon.com. On your first visit to the AmazonSmile link, select the Friends of the Clarkston Independence District Library as the charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. AmazonSmile will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will benefit the Library!

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ONCE AGAIN, THE CLARKSTON COMMUNITY HAS SHOWN ITS SUPPORT FOR THE LIBRARY WITH EXCEPTIONAL PARTICIPATION IN OUR 3 ANNUAL BOOK SALES. THIS YEAR’S SALES WERE THE LARGEST SINCE 2013! THE SPRING SALE, HELD THE LAST WEEK OF APRIL, NETTED $9,431 FOR THE FRIENDS TO SPEND ON PROGRAMS SELECTED BY LIBRARY STAFF. THE FALL SALE, HELD THE LAST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER, NETTED $9,501, AND THE HOLIDAY SALE, HELD ON DEC. 1, EARNED $1,926. THIS BROUGHT THE TOTAL BOOK SALE AMOUNT FOR 2018 TO $20,858! A HUGE THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS AND SHOPPERS! BE SURE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED AT THE LIBRARY WITH THESE FUNDS. ITEMS PURCHASED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY HAVE IDENTIFYING TAGS ON THEM; PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY THE FRIENDS ARE NOTED IN THE ADVERTISING.

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In remembrance of the following individuals, Memorial and Honor Book donations were provided:

Michael Avery
Mary Lou Benson
Anthony Dubek Jr
Robert Evans
Marilyn Guzzo
Jane Morse
Don Place
Charles Robertson IV
Robert Scott
Jennifer Stark
Tom Stone
Joshua Whitt
Lucia Wilford

The new Business Center ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for March 19th from 4-6 pm. The following organizations provided financial support to construct and furnish the business area:

All Saints/The Preserve Cemeteries
Connective Resource Healing
Ideas for You
Kastler Financial Planner
Lowlie’s Landscape
McLaren Oakland
MSU Credit Union

Last year was our biggest turnout yet, with 97 pieces of artwork submitted and over 600 patrons attending the show! This show would not be possible without the generous sponsorship of the Friends of the Clarkston Independence District Library. In addition to monetary sponsorship, the Friends also volunteer their time to support the show by helping to count the ballots, staff the refreshment table, greet the patrons, and any other from the myriad tasks that can pop up during such a popular and well-attended event. We also receive donations from a number of Clarkston-area businesses who help us to spread the word throughout the community. If you’re interested in helping make this show a success, please consider volunteering at the event or sharing this information with students in grade 6 through 12. Submission forms are available at the library and on the library website. Even if you can’t volunteer, please consider joining us at the 2019 IMAGINE THAT! TEEN ART SHOW ON MARCH 26TH FROM 6-8PM.

IMAGINE THAT
TEEN ART SHOW

At the Fall General Membership Meeting, the 2018 Friend of the Year award was presented to three individuals.

Don and Nancy Nisbett were recognized for their many years of service to the Friends and serving on the Board of the Friends of the Clarkston Independence District Library. As a team, they could be counted on to actively, though quietly, help with many of our activities. Nancy served as President of the Board at one time, and Don served as Newsletter Chairperson for several years. He was known for being quick to second any motions made at Board meetings!

Jan Rimar, also, was recognized for her 15 years of service as Treasurer of the Friends of the Clarkston Independence District Library. Her knowledge of Board history and expertise with book sale organization has made her an invaluable asset to the Friends.

Congratulations to all three award recipients and many, many heartfelt thanks for your years of service to this organization!
The date on your mailing label indicates when your membership expires. Please consider becoming a Friend. If you are a Friend, it's time to renew if you haven't already done so. Fees are due the first of the year. Sometimes there are little extras that the Friends provide. Your small membership fee helps provide those numerous little "extras." We can bring our children to weekly programs and special events, listen to music or watch movies in the adult programs or even research our family's history. Don't have a computer at home? The library has a room full of them and a staff to guide you with it. Information in an encyclopedia for school reports? The library. Today we can go to the library from home as we download books or realize it, a library has always been a part of your life. Where did we go as children to find the magic of books or to look up information? The library! For years, it has been a place where you or your children can find everything they need.