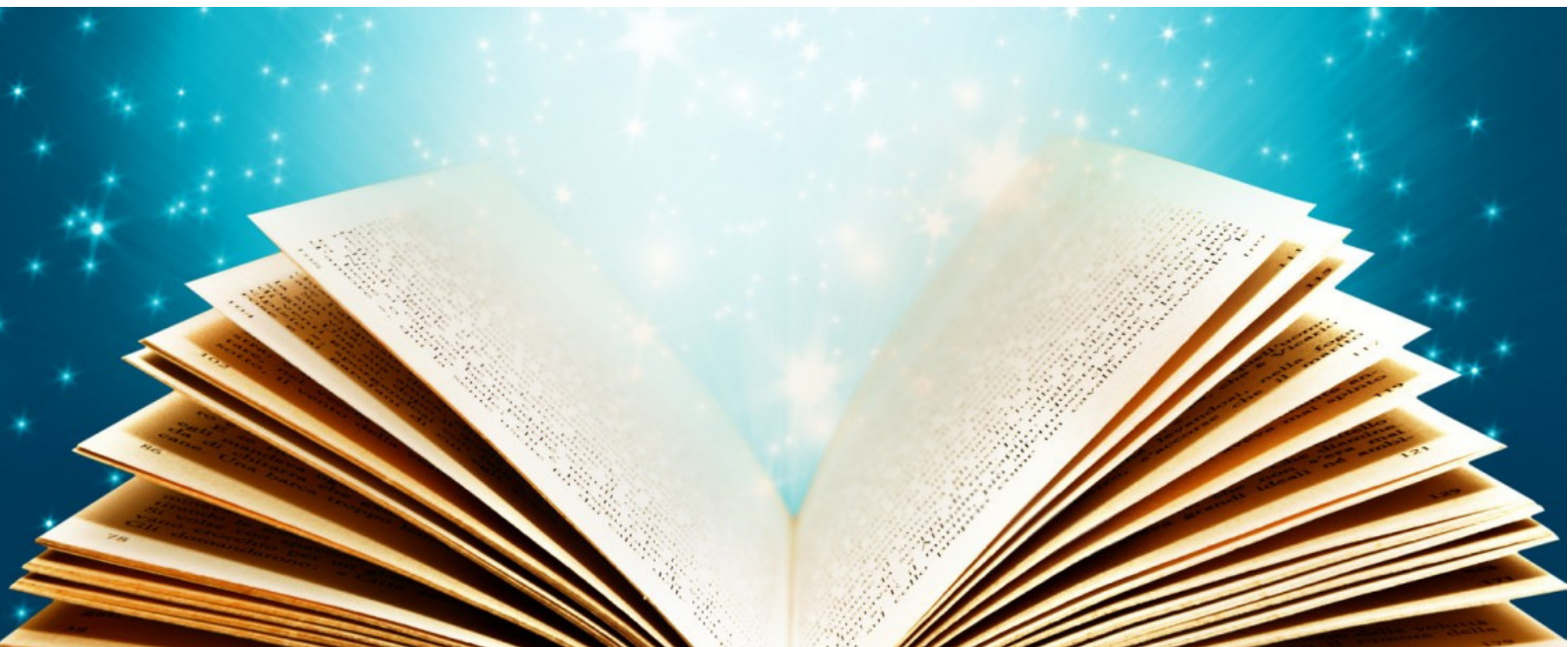


FRIENDS OF THE BERKLEY LIBRARY

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF FBL



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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

October 10, 11, and 12

Mark your calendar for the Friends' only preview sale:
Thurs., Oct. 10: 3-4pm

Hours open to the public:

Thursday, Oct. 10: 4pm-8pm

Friday, Oct. 11: 10am-6pm

Saturday, Oct. 12: 10am-3pm (*Fill-a-Bag Day for \$5*)

Looking for an easy, flexible, and **ESSENTIAL** way to support
the Friends? Help the book sale team **SORT** and set up!
Email FriendsOfBerkleyLibrary@gmail.com for more info.

SOAKING UP THE LAST OF SUMMER

Berkley's Summer Reading Program is just wrapping up. We'll give you a full rundown of how it went in the next Friends' newsletter. I would like to give a big thanks to the Friends of the Berkley Public Library and Vibe Credit Union for generously sponsoring this year's Summer Reading Program! We're grateful for the continued support from the Friends and Vibe.

I'm happy to announce that we now offer both printing and copying in COLOR! Printing or copying in color costs 75 cents per page. We're happy to make this available as more people have been asking for it when using the library.

Did you know you can recycle your used printer cartridges at the library? We have a box in the lobby where you can deposit the cartridges. We'll then mail them in to be recycled once the box is full.

Need a charge when you're at the library? Kaul Funeral Home has donated a courtesy charging station. It has a variety of cords to cover your range of devices. Kaul Funeral Home also sponsors eight magazine titles for the Berkley collection.

We're really pleased to see how many people have joined or renewed their Friends' membership through the water bill mailing. Thanks to the City of Berkley's Department of Public Works for their help coordinating the mailing.

We look forward to seeing you at the library soon!

MEET SOME FRIENDS!

RETURNING MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - LYNN MAHER

How long have you been a member? 3 years

What is your favorite part of the Library? It is a home away from home for all ages!

Why have you continued to be involved in the Friends of the Library? The more I learn about all the library has to offer the more excited I get! I want to support the library's programming and resources. Hoopla is my new favorite!

Why should other Friends become involved? It is a very accepting and grateful group. Even if a member wants to help with small tasks like baking for a bake sale or sorting books it gives back to the entire community. It's a great way to learn about books, the Berkley community, and getting to know some amazing Friends!

What are some of your favorite hobbies besides reading? Cooking, gardening, yoga, going for walks, and my newest hobby of learning Spanish.

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - Stephanie Poirier

What made you interested in becoming a Friends member? I wanted to support the library and get more involved in the community. The resources and services that libraries provide are a wonderful asset and it's important to provide support so they can continue.

What is your favorite part of Berkley and how long have you lived here? My wife, Ashley (owner of the local business Rad Hatter Marketing), and I moved to Berkley in 2017. We enjoy the small town feel that Berkley has while still being close to many large cities. We love our neighbors and have found Berkley to be a very friendly place to live.

What is your favorite part of the Library? How easy they make everything for patrons - location, quick and easy to put books on hold, a large selection of books and media, etc. Everyone who works there is very nice and helpful!

What is your favorite genre to read? Mystery/Suspense

What are some of your favorite hobbies besides reading? Yoga, running, and going on walks with my dog, Lucy (a Chiweenie - Chihuahua/Dachshund mix).



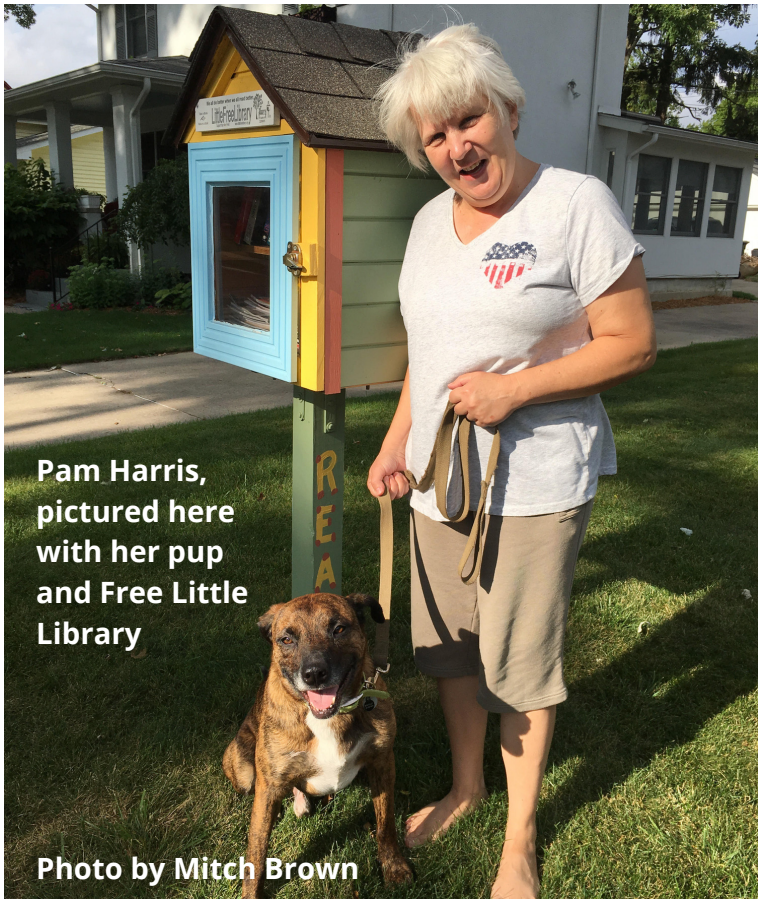
Lynn Maher



Stephanie Poirier, pictured on the right, with wife Ashley and dog Lucy

FREE LITTLE LIBRARIES OF BERKLEY

Contributed by Mitch Brown, Friend of the Library



Pam Harris,
pictured here
with her pup
and Free Little
Library

Photo by Mitch Brown



Photos by
Stephanie Poirier,
Friend of the
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Little Free Libraries may host your next favorite book. You'll spot them occasionally, in front of book-loving neighbors' homes. Inside these reading-treasure sentinels are books for all ages, perhaps cookbooks, magazines, books on disc, biographies, autobiographies, fiction, historical fiction, non-fiction, graphic novels, comic books, poetry and/or classics, all in various genres and eras. If you love a book so much that you want your neighbors to love it too, these libraries are the place where you can send that book off into the literary universe to entice and enchant other readers. These are also perfect for readers who take a random chance every once in a while.

Around 14 Little Free Libraries reside around town—some decorated in lively colors, beckoning readers to open the latch and peek inside. You might find one on your next walk with Fido. Share the experience with your children. If you see the home's residents, say a little thanks or wave hello. The Friends of the Library's "branch" is on Cambridge, between Cass and Stanford in the yard of the Berkley Tot Lot (pictured above, right).

Berkley resident Pam Ferris has hosted her Little Free Library on Gardner, conveniently north of Anderson Middle School, for five years (pictured above, left). Pam's a schoolteacher who retired with an abundance of children's books and thought the Little Free Library would be a great way to share them. Pam enjoys how her library morphed from just children's books to an all-ages branch.

Little Free Library is a national nonprofit and celebrated its tenth anniversary in 2019. Founder Todd H. Bol of Hudson, Wisconsin, started the first book exchange in 2009 as a tribute to his mother, a former schoolteacher. Since then, Little Free Libraries are more than 90,000 strong and found in all 50 states, and in more than 90 countries, with an estimated 120-million shared books. Mr. Bol's vision: "I really believe in a Little Free Library on every block and a book in every hand. I believe people can fix their neighborhoods, fix their communities, develop systems of sharing, learn from each other, and see that they have a better place on this planet to live."

For more information, visit littlefreelibrary.org.

MANY THANKS TO OUR SUMMER READING SPONSORS!

A full list will appear in our fall newsletter along with some statistics.

Don't Miss These Upcoming Events

An Introduction to Mindfulness and Meditation

Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, and Dec. 4
RSVP at the Library or on Facebook

Friends of the Library meetings (7pm at the Library):

Sept. 23
Oct. 28
Nov. 25

Selections for Upcoming Book Clubs

*Discussions are at the library
beginning at 12:30pm*

October 8:

Every Fifteen Minutes (Scottoline)

November 12:

Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine (Honeyman)

December 10:

Educated: A Memoir (Westover)

"Summer's lease hath all too short a date"

William Shakespeare



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