

December 2019

# FRIENDS OF THE BERKLEY LIBRARY

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**Many thanks  
to our summer  
reading sponsors\***

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A complete list of the people and businesses that supported our 2019 Summer Reading Program.

### **MATT'S MOMENT**

An update on the Library overall and its happenings. Get the inside scoop!

### **A YEAR IN REVIEW BY YOU**

We asked Friends of the Library some questions and here's what they said.

## **NEW COMMITTEE HEADS**

New Friends took over responsibilities in the following committees:

Chamber of Commerce rep: Matt McEwen

Book Sale co-chairs: Stephanie Poirier, Linda Hutchings, & Linda Fitzpatrick

Free Little Library rep: Lindsay Payne

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

## **BOOK SALE UPDATE**

Our fall book sale raised \$2,546.85! Thanks for participating! Did you know we donate paperbacks not sold to the Veterans' hospital? Each spring and fall they are so grateful!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

May 7-9, 2020

Thurs. 3-8pm ~ Fri. 10am-6pm ~ Sat. 10am-3pm

The Friends would like to thank the Berkley Lions for the generous donation as their chapter closed. We were one of two Berkley organizations to which the Lions donated. Thank you for your service since 2013.

# MATT'S MOMENT

Written by Matt Church, Library Director

It's hard to believe that saying hello to a new year and a new decade is just around the corner. We look forward to all that is ahead in 2020!

All of us at the library would like to thank the Friends of the Library and Vibe Credit Union for their support of the Summer Reading program. This year we had 393 kids register and they read a combined 9,698 days this summer! Thirty-one registered teens completed 27 bingo sheets and 64 registered adults completed 48 game cards. We're already starting to plan for Summer Reading 2020!

I encourage you to stop by the library to take a look at our recently renovated Storytime Room. The space has new carpet, paint, and furniture. The layout is more flexible and inviting. Feedback on the updated space has been overwhelmingly positive.

The Giving Tree has returned to the library this year. Help the library get more new items on the shelves! Browse ornaments on the decorated tree in the lobby and then donate the amount listed for the purchase of an item. This year's campaign will focus on updating and expanding our travel and language collections. Thanks for your support!

## 2020 Friends of the Berkley Public Library Meetings

We meet each fourth Monday of the month at the library, excluding July and December, with a few modifications noted below.

Please jot the following on your calendar and join us:

- January 27
- February 24
- March 23
- April 27
- May 18 (due of Memorial Day)
- June 29 (due to the Ice Cream Social event)
- August 24
- September 28
- October 26
- November 23

**Are you hearing the call of the open road, but you've used up all of your vacation days? Travel vicariously with these authors.**

*List compiled by Lindsay Payne*

### ***On the Road* by Jack Kerouac**

The quintessential American road trip book! Check out this classic that inspired so many.

### ***The Lost Continent* by Bill Bryson**

Travel through small-town America and roughly 38 states with the always funny Bill Bryson as he searches for the "real" America after living for 10 years in England.

### ***A Moveable Feast* by Ernest Hemingway**

This memoir, published in 1964, is Hemingway looking back on his youth in the 1920s when he was poor and unknown, living in Paris, trying to make it as a writer.

### ***A Year in Japan* by Kate T. Williamson**

A young American woman visiting Japan wrote this graphic memoir as a record of her observations.

Gorgeous artwork and lots of fascinating details about daily life in Japan, the kind outsiders rarely get to see.

### ***Round Ireland with a Fridge* by Tony Hawks**

When British Comedian Tony Hawks was bet by a friend he couldn't hitchhike around Ireland with a fridge in less than a month, he probably should have said no. Instead he took the challenge and the result is this hilarious book about his adventure.

# SUMMER READING SPONSORS

Summer reading is far less fun without prizes to help support our readers! Many thanks to those who supported the library's program in the following ways:

## PRIMARY SPONSORS

Friends of Berkley Public Library  
Vibe Credit Union

## PRIZE SPONSORS

Biggby Coffee  
Black Ritual Tattoo  
Chemistry Salon  
Clark's Ice Cream  
Cultured Cook: Lisa Howard  
Doggie In The Window  
Drought  
The McCarty Team  
Northern Auto Repairs  
Nova Chiropractic  
Pampered Chef: Diane Brus  
Sum Girls Boutique  
Taco Bell  
Toadvine Books  
Twice Around Antiques  
Vinsetta Garage  
Yellow Door Art Market

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL SPONSORS

Berkley/Huntington Woods Youth Assistance  
Rad Hatter Marketing  
State Farm: Mary Curran



## THE GIVING TREE

This year, the tree in the foyer of the library will feature books on travel and world languages, in an effort to update this part of our collection.

Please consider grabbing a tag and donating the funds which will support those interested in seeing new places, learning new languages, and expanding our world view.

Thank you in advance for your support of this important update and expansion.

## 2019 BY THE BOOK: THE YEAR IN REVIEW

"THE LIBRARY IS A GREAT BUT  
UNDERAPPRECIATED  
COMMUNITY ASSET."

-BERKLEY FRIEND

We asked Friends of the Library via email to respond and here are some of their answers:

### What book did you love that was a new publication in 2019?

*The Starless Sea* by Erin Morgenstern; *Ask Again, Yes* by Mary Beth Keane; *Good Husbandry* by Kristin Kimball; *The Parade* by Dave Eggers; *Where We Come From* by Oscar Casares

### What book did you love that you finally got to in 2019 that was published in another year?

*Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens; *The Untethered Soul* by Michael Alan Singer; *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles; *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman

### What would you like us to know about your experience with the Library in 2019?

"The Mindfulness Meditation in February actually changed my life."

"I thought the thematic nature of events around Number One Chinese Restaurant was great and would love to see another."

"We use the library at least 2-3 times weekly and love the staff and ability to order books through both TLN and MEL."



# Don't forget to renew your membership every year.

March is renewal month!

Need a reminder? Send us an email at [friendsofberkeleylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofberkeleylibrary@gmail.com) and we will send you a reminder when it gets close.

## Book Club: Second Tuesdays at 12:30pm

Jan. 14: *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas

Feb. 11: *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng

Mar. 10: *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah



*Save the date for your sweetheart or your sweet tooth!*

**BAKE SALE**

**FEBRUARY 8, 2020**

*More details to come in January!*

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