

SPRING 2019

FRIENDS OF THE BERKLEY LIBRARY

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*"That is one good thing about this world...
there are always sure to be more springs."
— L.M. Montgomery*



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Matt's Moment

BY MATT CHURCH,
LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Spring is slowly arriving but summer and Summer Reading will be here before we know it! The library team is getting ready to launch a fun summer themed around outer space and space exploration! Please join us for the annual Summer Reading kickoff event on Monday, June 17 from 6 pm to 8 pm.

Hopefully you've heard that the library is no longer charging to borrow our feature films. We made this change to make the collection more accessible to the community. We will continue to charge for our new release DVDs and Blu-Rays, but everything else is available at no charge! We've also eliminated our fee for guest computer access. Everyone is able to use the library's public computers.

We've recently welcomed a new copier into the building. The new machine does black and white copies as well as color copies. The photocopier accepts bills and coins for payment. In the new budget year, which begins in July, we plan to purchase and install a color printer for public use. We've had many requests for color printing so we're working to make that a reality.

I'd like to give the Friends of the Library a special thanks for supporting the library's participation in the Reading Collective. The Reading Collective was started last year by the public libraries of Berkley, Ferndale, Huntington Woods, and Oak Park. We started the venture as a way to do a community reads program across neighboring communities. The first year we brought graphic novelist Derf Backderf to Ferndale and this year we brought novelist Lillian Li to Berkley. Each year we've had considerable excitement with the programs leading up to the main event with the author. The Reading Collective gives us a wider reach and a bigger scale than what we'd be able to do on our own. Stay tuned for details on the third year!

JOIN US AT THE NEIGHBOR'S SHOPPE

Our friends at the Neighbor's Shoppe (2833 Twelve Mile Rd) want you to meet some new friends and sample some beers by Epic Brewery and wine as well.

This event, while not entirely Friends only, will be an opportunity to gather our new members as of March 2019 and our longstanding members together for an event hosted by our very own "corner destination for a growing selection of market items, store-made meals, craftier beers and finer wines".

Formerly known as Tweeny's, The Neighbor's Shoppe occupies a location that has been a Berkley fixture for decades. It was reborn in 2015, when it was purchased by Troy and Donna Dirkse, as a local market providing a selection of fresh produce, craftier beers and finer wines.

Read more about them here: <http://www.neighborsshoppe.com/menu> and cplan to join your fellow Friends of the Berkley Library!

USED BOOK SALE

located at the Library

Thursday, May 9th
4pm – 8pm

Friday, May 10th
10am – 6pm

Saturday, May 11th
10am – 3pm** bag day

EXCLUSIVE FRIENDS'
PRE-SALE THURSDAY

MAY 23 FROM 6:30-8:30PM

3-4PM

Welcome new librarians!



The Berkley Library hired two new librarians this winter and we'd like to take a few minutes to introduce them to you. Their faces are above so you can greet them with a smile & their names the next time you see them at the library.

Cathy Moras (above left) is the children's librarian and will be responsible for not only storytime but also new programming such as the upcoming *Stranger Things* Escape Room for teens this summer. Most recently she worked at Notre Dame Preparatory Academy and HS. Because she missed working with kids and the creativity that came with programming she applied for her dream job to work at the Berkley Library! She plans to create programming with particularly young families in mind. There are so many in Berkley, she's noticed as a change since she moved here in 2003, and would like to support their efforts to read from birth to their children. Outside of the library, she practices yoga, volunteers as a language partner at Freedom House ("it's an opportunity for me to demonstrate openness to refugees; their resiliency inspires me," she says,) and is currently planning a month long trip to Italy this summer! When Cathy returns she will be involved in the summer reading program.

Kathryn Bergeron (above right) worked with our director Matt at the Baldwin Library and after a short stint on the state's west side in Oshtemo, she finds herself back at the Berkley Library. You might recognize her because she served our community for a short time and says, "all the familiar faces and meeting new, fresh faces is like coming home. I feel lots of joy." We are happy she is back with us! Kathryn loves working with people and especially enjoys being a reference librarian, assisting at the desk. Kathryn is currently earning her Master's in Theology at Sacred Heart Seminary. In her free time, she knits and rewatches *Parks and Rec* and *The Great British Bake Off*.

WELCOME, CATHY AND KATHRYN!

MAY 9 - 11 **UPCOMING EVENTS**

FRIENDS BOOK SALE!

MAY 13 6:30P

AN EVENING WITH STEVE MACK JONES

MAY 23 6:30-8:30

FRIENDS' EVENT AT THE NEIGHBOR'S SHOPPE

MAY 30 6:30P

RECYCLING 101

JUNE 5 6:30P

MINDFUL MEDITATION

MORE INFO:

[HTTP://BERKLEYLIB.EVANCED.INFO/SIGNUP/LIST?](http://BERKLEYLIB.EVANCED.INFO/SIGNUP/LIST?DF=LIST&ND=60&AG=1)

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READING SOCIETY PICKS:

MAY: STRAIGHT MAN (RICHARD RUSSO)

JUNE: SWAMPLANDIA (CARL HIAASEN)

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

MAY: ALL WE EVER WANTED (EMILY GIFFIN)

JUNE: THE WIFE BETWEEN US (GREER HENDRICKS)

JULY: RULES OF CIVILITY (AMOR TOWLES)

CHECK FACEBOOK OR THE LIBRARY

FOR DATES & TIMES

Summer Reading Kick-Off

Ice Cream Social 6-8p on Monday, June 17

A FULL LIST OF SPONSORS FOR OUR SUMMER READING PROGRAM

WILL APPEAR IN THE SUMMER NEWSLETTER.



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