

# FRIENDS OF THE BERKLEY LIBRARY

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## We'd Love More Friends BY DENISE LATOR

March is the time for the annual Friends of the Berkley Library Membership drive and we hope you will consider renewing your membership or joining the Friends of the Berkley Library.

The Friends of the Berkley Library Organization helps support the library with fun and educational children's programs, sponsors reading programs for adults, teens and children,

plans fundraising events to benefit the Berkley Library, and improves the resources of Berkley Library with the purchase of books, CDs and DVDs.

Included with the newsletter is the Friends of the Berkley Public Library's membership form. Please consider joining us as a member or supporting the Library with a donation to maintain the Berkley Public Library as a viable refuge of knowledge, exploration and wonder.

Membership forms are due March 31.

# Matt's Moment

BY MATT CHURCH,  
LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Hello, Friends! Hope that your 2018 is off to a grand start! We've welcomed Heather Earnley, Stacey MacLeod, and Sue Rott to the library team after saying farewell to two long-time employees.

## GIVING TREE

I am pleased to share that the library raised \$2,915 through the 2017 Giving Tree campaign. That money will be put to use to purchase new materials for the library collection. We're delighted to make more items available to the community through the generosity of our library patrons.

## READING COLLECTIVE

Four local libraries have combined forces with The Reading Collective a five-week-long series of special events in March and April, exploring the provocative award-winning graphic novel *My Friend Dahmer*. Librarians from Berkley, Ferndale, Huntington Woods and Oak Park plan to host unique programs discussing (or inspired by) the subject matter of author Derf Backderf's illustrated memoir. Readers will get a chance to visit their neighboring libraries for insightful programs and socialize with their fellow patrons.

## CUT THE CORD

Have you been considering canceling your cable package but are not sure how to access your favorite content without it? A local expert will provide an overview of some of the most popular and user-friendly alternatives. Attendees will have a chance to see and try devices made by Apple, Roku, and Amazon. Program will take place on Tuesday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m. No registration necessary.

We look forward to seeing you at the library!

# BPL Celebrates Its 90th Year!

BY DENISE LATOR, FRIEND

2018 marks a major milestone Birthday for the Berkley Public Library. This year, the BPL celebrates its 90th Birthday!!

In 1928 the Library was established by the Berkley Women's Club and has grown to hold a collection of over 85,000 items, including 60,000 hardcover books, 10,000 paperback books, 5,500 DVDs, 2,500 audiobooks, and 2,700 CDs. The current building was built in 1964 and was renovated and expanded in 1998.

Stay tuned for more information on celebrating this milestone!



## Used Book Sale at the Library

Thursday, May 17th

5pm – 8pm

Friday, May 18th

10am – 6pm

Saturday, May 19th

10am – 3pm

**We are now accepting gently  
worn used books!  
They can be dropped off at  
the library.**

# Farewell to Familiar Faces



*Best wishes to Linda Tucker and Carol Stadther*

Two desk clerks, familiar faces to library patrons, retired in recent months. After a combined total of sixty-seven years of service, the Friends of the Library would like to thank them and wish them many delicious afternoons spent reading in their golden years.

Linda Tucker served the Berkley Public Library for thirty-nine years. Despite a slow transition into retirement from full-time to part-time before officially retiring in mid-December, she comments that "Old habits die hard". She has upcoming travel plans to sunnier, warmer places and keeps thinking to herself, "I have to tell work I won't be there." Still, she makes a point to visit lifelong friends when she picks up reserved books or drops off donated magazines. In her newly found spare time, Linda plans to learn new programming on her computer for Cricut and continue her scrapbooking. After twenty-nine years, Carol Stadther is looking forward to a later wake-up time, travel to New Orleans and more time with her grandchildren. She loved her role at the library because of the familiarity to library patrons who she often considered friends after years and years of interaction and first access to new titles. Carol saw many changes to the library in the time she worked there and sees the greatest impact as a rise in technology.

Both Linda and Carol made a point to thank Friends of the Library for their continued support of patrons, programming, and employees. Linda thanked the Friends for the thoughtful flowers at their retirement party and Carol mentioned specifically the gift cards received at holidays.

And a reminder from our beloved library clerk, Carol: "Don't stop trying to find something you love to read."

Their personal recommendations?

Carol: *Jane Eyre* (Charlotte Bronte), anything by Stephen King or Agatha Christie, and all of the Harry Potter books

Linda: *The Pelican Brief* (John Grisham), *Beach Music* (Pat Conroy), and any of Janey Evanovich's books

**BY SARAH CLANCY, FRIEND**

# Upcoming Events

**Friends of the Library  
membership due  
March 31, 2018**

## **April Book Clubs**

**Afternoon Book Club  
Tuesday, April 10 at 12:30 p.m.  
Catcher in the Rye  
by J.D. Salinger**

**Berkley Reading Society  
Thursday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m.  
Sing, Unburied, Sing  
by Jesmyn Ward**

*May titles are coming soon!*

The Reading Collective presents An Evening with Author Derf Backderf  
Thursday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m. at The Ringwald Theatre in Ferndale  
Derf is a comics creator who happened to be classmates with Jeffrey Dahmer in junior high and high school.

The internationally bestselling My Friend Dahmer, is a memoir/graphic novel that presents a compelling perspective on the infamous serial killer. Derf's memoir was recently made into a critically acclaimed film of the same name.

Registration required at <http://berkeleylib.evanced.info/signup>.

**Summer Reading is coming!  
Kickoff is Monday, June 18 from 6 pm to 8 pm  
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