

Isn't this the best library? We are so fortunate!

Welcome to the Friends of the DML's Appreciation Brunch. This is also our Annual meeting which will be very short, I promise.

Introduce the Board- Laura Kaye; Cynthia Durham; Kackie St.

Clair; Mary Bowen; Martha Lewin; Barb King, Lara Dubin

3 other adjunct Board members- help on special projects- Linda Chapin, Elizabeth Bonney and Natalie Noble

The mission of the Friends is simply to support the Library and the staff. We do that through sponsoring programs, fundraising and advocacy.

We had a busy year in 2019.

We participated in "Soup & Games" at Hope & Olive, restaurant in Greenfield. The restaurant hosts non-profit organizations once a month to fundraise at the restaurant. We had a very successful event, helped by a fabulous raffle.

Every year we host a Dog Show- we didn't do it this past year as we had a lot going on- but we've done it in October for 7 years? and will resume the Dog show next October

we also sponsor the Holiday Bazaar when children come and are able to independently purchase holiday gifts and then we wrap them. We typically have well over 100 children participate.

Mini-golf was a new program for us and after a snow postponement we had the event last March. The library became a golf course! There were a number of holes in one achieved.

The event was enjoyed by all ages.

We purchased 18 new chairs this year for the library. 6 for the Trustees room, 6 for the History room and 6 for this room.

Beautiful and comfortable.

We started two new initiatives this past year- brighten up the Children's Room with colorful and inspiring art work. We've hung two pieces to date with more being planned.

We have started a series of adult art classes- including Journalling drawing and utilizing recycled items. A collage class is being planned.

Another upcoming event we will participate in is —Authors and Artists, which is a town wide weekend of art and the Friends will sponsor an event at the library..

For the past 5 years we have been recipients of a grant from an Anonymous donor through the Tortuga Foundation. This generous gift has helped enormously fund the projects the library is needing. WE are so grateful for that generosity!

Deb and her staff make our library a special place, warm, inviting, fun. They are always inviting in, connecting and assisting patrons.

Thank you Deb, Matt and Jane

And thanks to you all and to the Northfield community and the support we receive as well from people in surrounding towns. We are so grateful and we feel so supported!

On a summer night in July, with a beautiful clear sky, we sponsored Library Night at the Creamie. the local band Firepond was playing and some local astronomers let us look through their telescopes and the library telescope at the Rings of Saturn. And we sat at our table, talking about the library with our friends and neighbors. And that night we collected over \$300 in 2 hours for the library.

That's the kind of town we live in and those are our friends and neighbors.

thanks to all of you!

Don't you always feel better after visiting the library?