

## Friends Supported Events, 2015

### April

- 24 Friends Used Book & Cookie Sale and Silent Auction, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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- 28 Every River A Memory, 6:00 p.m.

### May

- 7 Friends Monthly Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

### June

- 4 Friends Monthly Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 6 Summer Reading Kick-off, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

#### Please note:

Most events are held in the library's Stafford Room. Dates and times are subject to change without notice. Related information may appear in the Daily News, on the library's website, and/or the Friends of the Flat River Community Library Facebook (FB) page.

## FOOTNOTES

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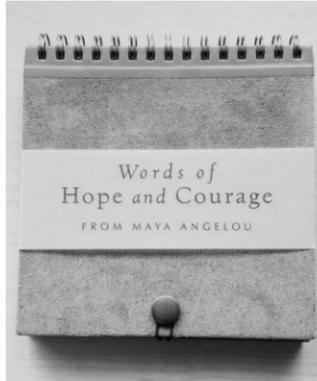


Every River a Memory, with Michigan's own "Doc" Fletcher!

Please join us **Tuesday evening, April 28 at 6 p.m.** for a paddling tour down and around Michigan's canoeing and kayaking rivers. Since his first canoe trip in 1978, Doc Fletcher has authored several Michigan-river inspired books. The Pere Marquette River hooked Fletcher on canoeing and he gets back into a canoe whenever possible.

We hope you'll join us for a look at one of Michigan's many scenic natural resources.

## Friends Silent Auction Items



At left: This elegant and compact, cloth covered, spiral bound book stands like a calendar but inspires like a child's imagination. Flip the page to a quote you want in your life today and find another for tomorrow. It's a treasure that can go everywhere with you or stay in one place. Author Maya Angelou.

Five items are on the Friends auction block during the Spring Used Book & Cookie Sale and Silent Auction, April 24 and 25, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Each silent auction item has been specially selected and one is a limited edition book.

Auction items are placed on a table at the entrance to the Stafford Room where the book sale takes place. Each item has an auction sign-up and amount sheet for you to fill in. **You need not be present to win. All proceeds benefit the Flat River Community Library.**

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# FOOTNOTES

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## Gone With the Wind—Behind the Scenes

What makes a movie a *classic*? Is it the timeless quality of the script or the quality of the acting? Does it need to be box-office-record-breaking, precedent setting or influential for all eternity? Or, can it simply be memorable. Films have to be 25-years old to qualify for the National Film Registry, and the movie, *Gone With the Wind*, (GWTW) is on the list. It opened in Atlanta, Georgia, on December 15, 1939 at Lowes Grand Theater and was the last film to be released that year.

Friends happily sponsored, invited, and welcomed Detroit native and award winning historical expert speaker, Kathleen Marcaccio, to present behind the scenes GWTW information about the film and book. Marcaccio has been collecting memorabilia and select copies of the book for 30-years and has met cast members and their relatives. She attends GWTW exhibitions and conventions with like-minded fans. Here is some of her shared knowledge.

Author Margaret Mitchell was an Amherst College graduate who heard Civil War stories from family and friends during Sunday visits with her grandparents. She worked at the *Atlanta Journal* newspaper, writing "society fluff" for the magazine. Her husband, John Marsh, provided her with books to read after a freak accident left her bedridden. It was then that she began writing, not considering a book but simply writing down real life tragedies into stories, which took about four years.

In 1935 Macmillan Publishing Co., sent Harold S. Latham to the South to contract with women authors and Margaret Mitchell was discovered through a friend. Macaccio tells us that Scarlett was first named Pansy and that Tara was a name created much later. And, that the story is not about the Civil War but rather about how the people at home dealt with the war and the returning soldiers. About 250,000 copies of the book are sold each year and some editions are quite rare.

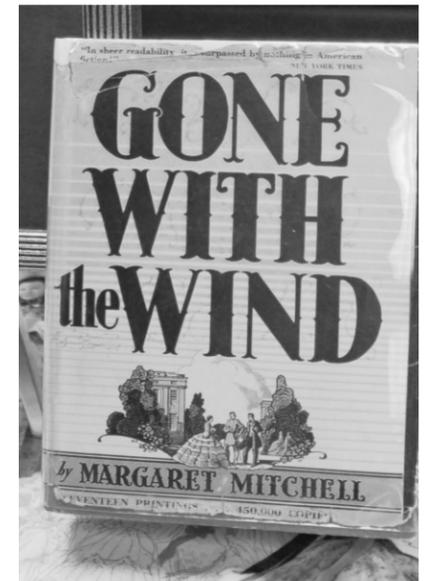
Closer to home, the movie opened in Greenville for two nights in January, 1940 and the ticket price was \$1.10. If you haven't read the book, it is available at the library and it's a great read.

To learn more about Margaret Mitchell and *Gone With the Wind*, you can visit Marcaccio's website at [www.scarlettonline.com](http://www.scarlettonline.com).

At left: The Friends volunteers Carole Boyce and Gisela Peek converse with *Gone With the Wind* historical expert and presenter Kathleen Maraccio.

At right: A rare 17<sup>th</sup> printing of the novel, which belongs to Maraccio. She owns a vast collection of memorabilia.

Below right: A minute sampling of the memorabilia Maraccio brought to share with her audience—how lucky we were to see it!



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## Friends Book Review

***Catherine the Great: Life and Legend*, by John T. Alexander  
Oxford University Press, 1989**

*Read and reviewed by Friends member Ken Lobenstein*

*Catherine the Great* is a provocative tale of the strength and vision of this highly impressive leader. But if that were not enough reason to read Alexander's history of her, the understanding it provides of what Russia is up to and why, is highly instructive to those who wish to understand the ongoing trouble in that region. The ideology battle of the Cold War has little or nothing to do with it; the political and military history of the Russian tsars and Empress Catherine is a critical history lesson in developing a full understanding.

Alexander's biography of perhaps the greatest female head of state in global history takes us farther back and yields a very solid understanding of the Russian historical perspective. Just as Americans learned to think of westward expansion as our Manifest Destiny, this volume tracks over several hundred years the Russian view that its destiny included rule of the Crimean Peninsula and the Ottoman Empire centered in modern day Turkey. Through a series of wars over several centuries, this ambition was realized and lost and pursued again.

Catherine, a princess from what we now know as Poland, rose to power over all of Russia by unseating her husband. Alexander walks us through the complexity of her selection as the bride to the future Russian Emperor, her education into all things Russian, and her rapid rise to acceptance in the power centers of her new country. We are treated to a fascinating chronology of her 34-year reign as the undisputed leader of the Russian empire for most of the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

The relevance to our current geopolitical setting is most directly visible in the many chapters that describe her efforts to hold and expand those parts of Russia that bordered on the Black Sea and the extensive commitment she made to Russian expansion in this part of the world. Most striking, however, when read in 2015, is the similarity in scope of ambition and justification for that ambition between the mid- and late-18<sup>th</sup> century and the expansion into the Ukraine undertaken by Vladimir Putin in 2014. His public and diplomatic messages could have been copied nearly verbatim from those of Catherine nearly 300 years earlier.

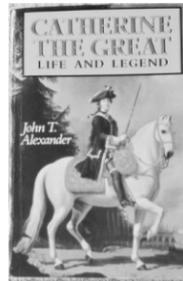
## Summer Reading Program Returns with Exciting NEW Programs and the Theme Is...Heroes!

Mark your calendar and plan to join us on June 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the library. Returning this year for your enjoyment during kick-off are mini golf, face painting, bounce house, and the sidewalk chalk art contest (if it rains again, we'll have a backup plan). There will be more to come and many new programs to attend during the summer and all will have a "heroes" theme. Heroes don't have to be human, either! In fact, here is a sample of the programs all ready confirmed.

- **American Astronauts: Our Heroes**, June 11, showings are at 2:30, 3:15, and 4:00 p.m. Learn about John Glenn (the first American to orbit the earth), Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin (the first men on the moon), as well as many other American space travel pioneers. Enjoy the informational presentation as you explore the universe in an inflatable Starlab planetarium! **\*\*Pre-registration is required.**
- **Super Capers Magical Comedy Show**, June 15 at 5:00 p.m., for youth. FLY, POW, and LEAP into reading with sidekick Joel Tacey! Help unlock the secrets of two mysterious crystals which give and take away super powers.
- **Nature's Super Heroes**, June 24 at 11 a.m., for all ages. Kalamazoo Nature Center's ace reporter brings you the latest scoop from those amazing animals in your backyard! Investigate their super powers through stories, participation, and lots of fun! I just heard that one backyard hero will make an appearance—but it's a secret!
- **Audacious Hoops**, July 6 at 2 p.m., for all ages. A live hula hoop performance! And, the opportunity to practice a few hula hoop moves yourself. An energetic and fun program!
- **Lost in Storyland**, July 16 at 3:30 p.m., for all ages. The Village Puppeteers riff on classic fairy tale characters, in a raucous comic romp. Packed with silly antics and featuring a cavalcade of colorful puppets! Fun for the whole family.

... and these are just a few of the programs to enjoy this summer! Watch for announcements on the library website and the **Friends** Facebook page!

*This is a Friends supported program!*



## What Friends Are Reading Now ...

We've read these books and can recommend them to you. We've rated them good to great. So, if you're looking for a new author or an interesting book, try one of these and let us know what you think! Or, if you have read a book that you'd like to review for the newsletter, please send your book review to us via email to **FFRCLEditor@gmail.com**. We'll print one in the next newsletter!

### Non-Fiction

- *Catherine the Great: Life and Legend*, by John T. Alexander
- *The Limoges Porcelain Box from Snuff to Sentiments*, by Joanne Furio
- *Nixonland: The Rise of a President and the Fracturing of America*, by Rick Perlstein

### Fiction

- *The Map Thief*, by Michael Blanding
- *Hunger Games: Mockingjay (book 3, part 1)*, by Suzanne Collins
- *A Cold Day in Paradise: An Alex McKnight Novel*, by Steve Hamilton
- *The Rosie Project: A Novel*, by Graeme Simsion
- *Atlas Shrugged*, by Ayn Rand
- *Believing the Lie*, by Elizabeth George
- *Somewhere Safe with Somebody Good: The New Mitford Novel*, by Jan Karon
- *A Great Deliverance*, by Elizabeth George

## Photos from Kick-off 2014!



Mini golf, petting zoo, bubbles all around, registration tables...we had a great time! And, 2015 will be even better. Just wait and experience it for yourself!



While you're shopping at the upcoming book sale for new and exciting authors and topics, or checking out a book that catches your eye, walk on over to our silent auction items table and cookie sale containers, too!

Our used books range in price from \$0.25 to \$5.00. There are no buyer restrictions and our books are not picked over. Sale days and times are on the back page of this newsletter and we advertise our book sales in the newspaper and on Booksalefinder.com. Also, to see color photos of individual auction items, go to our Facebook page, before and during the book sale. Check it out!

### CORRECTION!

The **Friends** Danish Festival Book Sale dates, previously announced, were not correct.  
**Please make note that the correct dates for the Friends Danish Festival Book Sale are August 20, 21, and 22.**

## 2015 MEMBERSHIP: NEW AND RENEWAL

If you enjoy participating in the many programs that the **Friends** sponsors, such as the Summer Reading Program, or if you read the new digital magazine collection (Zinio) or buy books and cookies at our sales, please consider renewing or joining the **Friends**! We support the Flat River Community Library financially, in-kind, and through volunteering. Join us and together we'll continue to provide a safe and educational environment for you and for our community. Thank you!

**Individual Member \$5.00 Family \$10.00 Contributing Member \$\_\_\_\_\_**

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What are your interests? \_\_\_\_\_

The membership year is January 1 through December 31, 2015. Please make your check payable to **Friends of the Flat River Community Library** and mail it to or drop it off\* at the FRCL, 200 W. Judd St., Greenville, MI 48838. Thank you, we appreciate your support!

\*Checks/cash may be dropped off at the Library Circulation Desk with this completed form. (2015)

## We Have New Members!

Welcome to our new members **Laura Powers, Carole L. Boyce, Gary and Hedy Sage**, and **Kathy Cristofali** who have joined us over the past few months. We are happy to have you as new members and look forward to seeing you at the monthly meetings to personally welcome you!

## Tids 'n' Bits

• **Donations of unfrosted cookies and personal-sized breads** for the April 24-25 cookie sale are requested. Call Gisela Peek at 225-8291, with questions, and many thanks for your yummy donations!

• **Zinio**—the new digital magazine subscription that's **FREE** of charge at the library—has added **45 MORE magazines** for you to enjoy! Among the newbies are: *Allure, Bicycling, Cook's Country, Fitness, Golf Digest, Lucky, Kiplinger's, Self*, and many more!

• **Friends is in need of donations of brown paper bags—grocery bag sized.** If you collect them and wish to donate, brown paper bags may be donated at the library circulation desk. Thank you!