

Friends Supported Events

April

- 3 Friends monthly meeting, 7 p.m.
- 25 Friends Used Book & Cookie Sale and Silent Auction, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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- 26 Block Party, 10 a.m., all ages, walk-ins welcome!

May

- 1 Friends monthly meeting, 7 p.m.
- 24 Block Party, 10 a.m., all ages, walk-ins welcome!

June

- 5 Friends monthly meeting, 7 p.m.
- 14 Summer Reading Program Kick-off!
- 28 Block Party, 10 a.m., all ages, walk-ins welcome!

July

- 3 Friends monthly meeting, 7 p.m.
- 26 Block Party, 10 a.m., all ages, walk-ins welcome!

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.

Friends-Donated Wii System Enjoyed By Teens



Teens broke-in their brand new, Friends-donated Wii system with a tournament which took place on a cold and snowy Saturday, January 25. There were two sessions: the Brawl and Just Dance. Fifteen teens enjoyed both while battling foes with the click of a button or dancing in unison to the Ghostbusters theme. There was much laughter and cheering from everyone during the animated and enjoyable afternoon—and prizes too.

In the Winners Circle. Justin Yob won the Brawl and Jordan Huckleberry won the Just Dance tournaments. Librarian Melissa McAlvey said, "The teens want to do more of this in the future." Thanks, Friends!

FOOTNOTES

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We are also on **Facebook** with Friends and library news and announcements!

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Fascinating and Legendary Lake Michigan Shipwrecks Program



Sponsored by Friends of the Flat River Community Library, Legendary Lake Michigan Shipwrecks speaker Valerie O. Van Heest did indeed prove that history is interesting—especially when it has to do with the loss of a ship or airplane in one of the Great Lakes.

Van Heest is an award winning author, museum exhibit designer (Lafferty van Heest and Associates), and has been inducted into the Women Divers Hall of Fame. She was a guest expert on the History Channel's "Cities Underground" episode. She debuted her documentaries *Icebound Found* and *She Died a Hard Death* at the Waterfront Film Festival in South Haven. Respected in her field, she is cofounder of Michigan Shipwreck Research Associates (MSRA)—a nonprofit which began in 2001 and "is dedicated to the research, exploration, documentation and interpretation of the shipwrecks of Lake Michigan."

More than 60 library patrons attended the event on a cold and snowy February evening at which Van Heest shared her love of Michigan's waters, and through her research has found that more than 6,000 people have gone missing due to shipwrecks. In the 1800s, the Great Lakes were akin to emigrant waterways with one shipwreck for every 15-square-mile area.

A commercial fisherman in Green Bay, November 1967, snagged his nets on a shipwreck that was in deep water. The wrecked schooner went down in 1864 and two of its crew members survived to tell the story of the wreck which led to its identification. After 105 years on the bottom of Green Bay, veteran diver Frank Hoffman and his crew raised The Alvin Clark and helped it reach its final destination.

Some early divers vandalized shipwrecks they found, robbing the sites of artifacts that would aid future researchers in their quest to identify the ships. In 1987, President Ronald Reagan signed the Abandon Shipwreck Act "to protect historic shipwrecks from treasure hunters."

Today, MSRA films wrecks, termed underwater archeology, because ships create a laboratory for historians, divers, and archeologists. Technology such as side scan sonar is used to find wrecks. Also, MSRA in concert with acclaimed author Clive Cussler, a shipwreck enthusiast, and his team have discovered 14 new wrecks in west Michigan waters. And in 2004, they began the search for Northwest Airlines flight 2501 which crashed in Lake Michigan in 1950. There were no survivors but Van Heest, through research and perseverance has identified the families of most of the victims, relating to them the continued search for the plane.

Van Heest's nonprofit, MSRA, is funded through donations and one annual event. Van Heest has a shipwrecks exhibit at the Michigan Maritime Museum in South Haven, Michigan, which runs May 3, 2014 – 2016, "Mysteries Beneath the Waves."

Summer Reading Returns — June 14!

Mark your calendars and get ready for a summer about science. Kick-off begins Saturday, June 14, with initial registration (you can register any time throughout the summer) and the many free activities for the whole family. Join us for lots of fun and a live petting zoo!

Here's a sneak peek at the summer agenda...

- "Fizz Boom Read" youth program includes: Geodes-learn about the different kinds and how they form, Speed Painter Martina Hahn presents "Digging up Bones," and Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary.
- "Spark a Reaction" teen program includes: Breakdancing Troupe, Master Arts Mystery Theater—solve a real, live, pretend murder! And there is so much more to come!

Check the library Program Calendar for more information and all programs! It's going to be a great summer!

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Friends of the Flat River Community Library
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Friends Vice President Linda Mollo, left, and Friends President Julie Momber, right, recruited new members for The Friends at the Flat River Community Library's 15-year anniversary open house. The purpose of the library open house was to celebrate longevity in its current location and to reacquaint the community with all facets of the library services available to them.

Friends Sponsored Digital Magazines Arrive At Your Internet-Enabled Device!

Billed as “The World’s Largest Newsstand” Zinio boasts a worldwide audience of millions and more than 5,500 online magazines available from its main website. Through the generosity of Friends of the Flat River Community Library a small but solid subset is offered to Flat River Library patrons at no cost—but you must download the appropriate app to your phone, iPad, Kindle Fire, computer or other device—or all of these devices, if you have them. Then, at the touch of your chosen device, 41 magazines will be available to you—including back issues of some and interactivity within others. It’s a whole new world for magazines and we are fortunate to be part of it.

Zinio digital magazines were rolled out to FRCL patrons on February 3, 2014, and within a short time, Director Laura Powers says that, “More than 180 ‘check outs’ occurred online.” The thing is, multiple library patrons can “check out” the same magazine simultaneously. Just as millions of people are on Facebook, the Internet, and shopping and gaming online, our new digital magazines can be “checked out” and read by all of our patrons at the same time!

To get started you must have a library card in good standing. If you do, go to the library’s website (flatriverlibrary.org), select Digital from the selection bar and then click on Digital Magazines to arrive in magazine heaven! You must follow the directions exactly. However, if you have problems, the library staff is at the ready to assist you but Director Powers’ requests, “Please bring with you the device on which you will read the digital magazines. It will help us to either help you or connect you ourselves.”

From business to automobiles to home décor, men’s and women’s fashion, to high-tech, for “foodies” and so many and much more you won’t ever leave home for a trip or doctor’s or dentist’s office visit without your favorite online magazine. Check it out today! You’ll be happy that you did.

Friends Book Review

***Just One Evil Act (A Lynley Novel)* by Elizabeth George
New York, New York: Dutton - Penguin Group, 2013.
Read and reviewed by Friends member Ken Lobenstein.**

This is a dizzying crime thriller that will, alas, have you wondering at times why you picked it up. As always, the crime is solved but only through the crazy, misdirected loyalty of Detective Sergeant Barbara Havens for her friend and neighbor. It runs from the simplest of jealousies, at work and home, to the complexity of microbiology. In between, our good friend Inspector Lynley saves Havens repeatedly from their boss who seems bound to nail Havens for a series of missteps. There are more people zipping back and forth between Italy and England than we can keep tracked, and characters connected to characters in bizarre ways that will have you smacking your forehead or scratching it. From London police HQ to Roman villas to convents, to cars flying off cliffs, the plot has more turns than an Olympic figure skater. If Havens doesn’t drive you mad with bizarre behavior, you might need some lessons in basic life management. But in the end, you will be thrilled with the outcome, staggered by several of the subplot endings, and feeling all warm inside from others.

Surprise ending? It is a mystery novel after all. Not to skimp, George gives us more than one. Are there shady characters? Enough to fill the pages of a police blotter

and a political memoir. We get an international cast of characters, too, intertwined with George’s foundation of Lynley, Havens, and Superintendent Ardery.

It bogs down at times as George builds an increasingly complex story, adding details that cannot possibly matter in the long run, such as exposing us to Fanucci the stumbler who seems destined to end the book halfway through. Your patience will be tried at times; why go on through 719 pages. Woven in here and there is the tale of Inspector Lynley’s painful attempt to move past his late wife. Will he ever take a step toward this new woman?

Through it all, I found myself wanting to smack Havens on the back of the hand and tell her to clean up her act! What on earth is she doing, and how can she imagine she’ll survive the trouble she digs into. Even Lynley has given up hope of saving her. And then, a jump here, a spin there, move after muddled move, skating on ice Havens is making thinner by the page. This can’t end well. Why continue? Just to see her finally fall? But then you make it to the end, and then the second end, and then the third, and you think: why on earth did I want to stop reading?



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Forty-one magazines are available to library patrons online and look exactly like the paper publication. Some have back issues for your perusal, too!

What Friends Are Reading Now ...

Are you between books or looking for a new author’s writings to explore? In addition to the book reviewed in this newsletter, we offer you a few titles of recommended reading by Friends.

Non-Fiction

- *November’s Fury: The deadly Great Lakes hurricane of 1913* by Michael Schumacher
- *The Heart of Everything That Is: The untold story of Red Cloud, an American legend* by Bob Drury and Tom Clavin
- *Strapless: John Singer Sargent and the fall of Madame X* by Deborah Davis
- *Fenway 1912: The birth of a ballpark, a championship season, and Fenway’s remarkable first year* by Glenn Stout

Memoir

- *Tuesdays with Morrie: An old man, a young man, and life’s greatest lessons* by Mitch Albom

Fiction

- *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt
- *South of Superior* by Ellen Airgood
- *The Rosie Project: A novel* by Graeme Simsion
- *Bullseye: An original Will Robie / Camel Club short story* by David Baldacci
- *Calling Me Home: A novel* by Julie Kibler
- *Memories of an Imaginary Friend: A novel* by Matthew Dicks
- *Year of Wonders: A novel of the plague* by Geraldine Brooks
- *Somerset* by Leila Meacham

What Are You Reading?

Members of Friends of the Flat River Community Library can contribute to this list at the monthly meeting, which is held the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Library. If you would like to contribute your titles and are a member of Friends but cannot make it to meetings, please send titles of books you are reading to me at FFRCLEditor@gmail.com and I will include your titles in the next edition of *Footnotes*. Thank you!

Legos Are Friends-Donated

February “Block Party” circus train!



April Friends Used Book & Cookie Sale & Silent Auction

It’s time to check our list once again... 3,000 books, check... 100% donated, check... 50% hardcover, check... five silent auction books, check... cookies for sale, check... volunteers, check! Mark your calendar and plan to add a few new titles to your book collection or reading stack or for a friend or shut-in. **Doors open on April 25 and April 26 at 9 a.m., closing at 5 p.m., each day.** Books range in price from \$0.25 to \$5.00. There are no buyer restrictions and our books are not picked over. We look forward to seeing you! **All proceeds support our library.**

Many Thanks!

All eight Christmas baskets and the four stand-alone wrapped gifts sold quickly. We hope that buyers and recipients found them pleasing. Thank you for supporting the library through your purchase!

Tids ‘n’ Bits

- **Donations** of gently used books, CDs, DVDs, games and puzzles are accepted at the library circulation desk. Donations to charities are tax deductible; ask for a receipt when you donate.
- Are you a cookie baker? If so, please consider a **baking donation** of unfrosted cookies for the April 25 & 26 cookie sale. Contact Gisela Peek at 225-8291, who will explain the drop-off process. Many thanks for your yummy donations!

SPRING RENEWAL!

Have you renewed your Friends 2014 membership? 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 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 children, teens, and adults. Thank you!

Individual Member \$5.00 Family \$10.00 Contributing Member \$_____

Name: _____

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What are your interests? _____

The membership year is January 1 through December 31, 2014. 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. (2014)



To All Who ...

dressed and undressed the Christmas trees in 2013 and made our library warm and cozy ... thank you for a job well done and such inviting décor! I was happy to hear birds chirping as I looked at the many book-cover ornaments. What an inspired idea!

We Have New Members!

Welcome to new members **Tamice Gates and Judy Guyrnek**. **Judy** joined us for the March Friends meeting and we were happy that she did. She suggested programs she’d like us to sponsor. Good ideas, too! **Membership Renewal... Don’t forget that membership renewal is due now. New members are always welcome and appreciated!**