



## FRIENDS OF LAND O' LAKES LIBRARY, INC.

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**YOU can make a  
difference!**

Attend our programs

Support our Annual Used  
Book Sale and Silent Auction

Attend Friends meetings

Share your talents and ideas

**BECOME A MEMBER!**

It has been a busy year for the Friends of Land O' Lakes Library and planning is already underway for our 2017 events! Preparations have begun for the 2017 Silent Auction and Book Sale. This one day event held annually on the fourth Saturday of July requires hundreds of behind the scenes man-hours of work.

Donations are received and reviewed by library director Julie Zelten. Items that would be of interest to library patrons or that would replace worn or damaged books are added to the library collection. The books, DVDs and CDs are then sorted by volunteers from the Friends.

The organization that patrons see at the book sale begins with volunteers working at least one day each month separating books into adult and children, fiction and nonfiction. Nonfiction books are further organized by subject while fiction books are separated into categories such as mystery, romance, science fiction, westerns, and general fiction.

The week prior to the sale finds daily activity that includes setting up tables in the Community Room and Children's Room and moving all the books into those areas. The fiction categories are then arranged alphabetically by author. On Book Sale Eve the library closes early to allow for time to set up the Silent Auction in the Fireside Room so that all the items are attractively displayed when the doors open at 9AM on Saturday. (This year there was a line of 40 people waiting to get in!)

New volunteers are always welcome anytime in this process. To find out when "Work Days" are being held, call the library at 715-547-6006 or check the library calendar at [landolakeslibrary.org](http://landolakeslibrary.org). Come and lend a hand!

Friends members are also involved in planning and providing refreshments for programs throughout the year. The Community Room is a comfortable place to host presentations of interest to area residents and visitors.

This past year two authors shared insights into their writing. Clark Kidder, author of "Emily's Story: The Brave Journey of an Orphan Train Rider," presented a slide show of the history of the orphan train and its impact on the lives of thousands of children, including his grandmother.

Forty one people attended the presentation by local author Enid Cleaves and paranormal investigator Craig Nehring to discuss the book "Wisconsin's Most Haunted." Many attendees shared their experiences of paranormal encounters.

Harlan Leusink, Northland Pines School District Technology Director, presented two programs to improve people's tech skills. In "Amazing Apps" he explained the usefulness of some of the many applications available for smart phones and tablets. In his August program iPhone and iPad users learned shortcuts and techniques helpful with their devices.

Julie Boettge from the Aging and Disability Resource Center in Eagle River brought a Big Blue Suitcase filled with adaptive devices to assist with mobility, vision, and hearing problems to the library.

**Third Thursday of the month - 10:30 am      Friends of the Library Meetings**  
**Thursday, Nov. 17, 2016 - 10:30 am      Election of Officers**

With the popularity of Zendoodle, Dottie Reeder held two classes teaching beginners and experienced doodlers alike new patterns and techniques. Dottie also joined her husband Sonny in "Buzz about Bees," a presentation about the raising of bees and honey production complete with tasty honey treats.

The Friends are currently exploring programs for the coming year. Anticipating that holiday gifts may include new devices, Harlan Leusink will return in January to talk about tech "toys." With identity theft now the fastest growing crime with 15 million victims a year, the Friends hope to host a program on Cybersecurity as well. Suggestions for future programs are welcomed!

We often hear these days that people are not reading books as much as they used to before we had electronic reading devices. In spite of that we continue to have very successful book sales and are very grateful for that. The 2016 Silent Auction and Used Book Sale brought in almost \$6400 - that's a record! In addition we have premium, like-new books for sale throughout the year in the library as well as DVDs and audiobooks. Some people even shop our shelves in the library for birthday and holiday gifts!

Even though we do our best to sell all of our donated books, we do find that we have many left after a book sale. We would like to reach out to community groups that are in need of used books for their programs. Do you know of such a group? Please leave the information at the library circulation desk so we can get more books into the hands of readers.

You may not know that all of the funds that our library receives from the state and the Land O' Lakes township are dedicated to the costs of staff, building maintenance and library fees. But because our group has been able to regularly contribute funds, our director can count on being able to purchase new materials for our shelves. In 2015 the Friends granted \$10,000 for our library's collection development, and in 2016 so far we've surpassed that with contributions totaling \$10,500. That amounts to lots of new books, films and audiobooks for our patrons!

The Friends also continue to provide funds for magazine subscriptions and for *Book Pages*, which you can find at the circulation desk whenever you want to read about the news in the publishing world.

Do you know about this easy way to contribute to the Friends? If you shop on Amazon.com, simply go to our organization's unique link:

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-4316979>.

Once there you'll be asked if you want to support the Friends of Land O' Lakes Library. Click 'Yes!' From then on, whenever you log on at smile.amazon.org you will automatically contribute 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the Friends. So easy!

Of course none of the support we are able to give our library would be possible without the support of every one of our members. Thank you for contributing through your membership fees, donations of cash and used books, working at the Book Sale, contributing items for the Silent Auction, helping our library staff, sorting books, and using our library so that it remains a vital presence in our community!

Please take a moment to send in the enclosed membership form today, and let us know your ideas to make 2017 another great year at our library!

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**LIBRARY HOURS:**

**WINTER**

**LABOR DAY - MEMORIAL DAY**

**Mon.-Tues.-Thurs.-Fri.**

**10am - 4 pm**

**Wednesday 10 am - 6pm**

**Saturday 10am - 1pm**

**SUMMER**

**MEMORIAL DAY - LABOR DAY**

**Monday-Friday**

**9am - 5pm**

**Saturday 10am - 1pm**

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**to see photos from this  
year's Friends activities.**

A message from our  
Library Director:

Greetings from the Land O' Lakes Library. We have been extraordinarily busy this past year. Without the generous help of the Friends of the Land O' Lakes Library we would not be able to offer all of the services and materials that we do. We are looking forward to another wonderful year. The support of time, treasure and talents that we receive continues to make us a valuable asset in our Northwoods community. Thank You...Thank You...  
Thank You! -Julie Zelten