



USED BOOK SALE

Saturday, October 17
Sunday, October 18

Members Only: 9-10; Public: 10-5:30
Public: 1-4:30

Members get a free book! Come early for the best choices

FALL USED BOOK SALE

Come stock up on reading material to get you through the long winter. Buy a pile for your reading chair next to the fireplace and a sack to go with your Snuggie on the couch. On Saturday, October 17th, and Sunday, October 18th, we'll have a wide variety of fiction, non-fiction, hardcover, paperback, movies and music for adults and children.

All proceeds from the book sale are used by the Friends of the Trenton Veterans Memorial Library to fund library programs and purchase library materials and equipment.

ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual general meeting and the election of the Friends of the Library Board of Directors will take place on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the library's local history room. Everyone is welcome and members are encouraged to vote in the election.

If you are interested in being nominated for a position on the board, please submit a letter to the Election Committee by October 18th through the address listed below under "Contact Us".

Directors plan and organize activities, raise funds, and vote on the dispersal of those funds for the library.

CONTACT US:

Library website:
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FREE FAMILY CRAFT TIME

Turkey craft - Nov. 19th, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Register in person beginning Nov. 12th at reference desk.

Gingerbread house - Dec. 15th and 17th, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Register in person beginning Dec. 7th at reference desk.
(Limit 30 families)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR LIBRARY!



Come celebrate ten years in our building (and ten years of fundraising by the Friends of the Library) at a birthday party on

Sunday, October 4th
2 – 4 p.m.

The Friends of the Library will provide free refreshments, entertainment and prizes. A juggling and magic show starts at 2 p.m.

Library services have been provided in Trenton since 1928, when Mrs. Muriel K. Bennett presided over a collection of over 1,700 books in the basement of the Trenton Municipal Building. The library moved to its current site in 1959 and continued to grow with the city. Seventy years after its inception, the collection exceeds 90,000 volumes in 21,000 square feet of space.

Our current library encompasses Internet services, electronic archives, DVDs and CDs, creative programming for children, educational presentations for adults, and access to Trenton's historical documents. We are fortunate to have a beautiful building designed to grow and change with the evolving world of information and technology. Take a moment with us to celebrate all that knowledge and building housing it!

CELEBRATE YOUR FREEDOM DURING BANNED BOOKS WEEK

September 26 – October 3

Check out a copy of *The Great Gatsby*, *The Color Purple*, *The Grapes of Wrath*, *Where the Sidewalk Ends* or *James and the Giant Peach* and enjoy the right to choose what you read.

WHAT HAVE WE DONE FOR YOU LATELY?

Ever wonder where your membership dues and our book sale proceeds go? In 2009, The Friends of the Trenton Veterans' Memorial Library continued funding several popular initiatives and assisted with other needs.

This was the third year the Friends fully sponsored the Adult Summer Reading Program. Patrons received a free water bottle when they registered, and each time they completed a book, they filled out an entry form for a weekly drawing. The prizes were gift certificates purchased by the Friends from our local businesses. It was a win-win for library patrons and our local merchants! The library recorded 112 participants, up from 94 in 2008.

Other donations from the Friends included

- Summer Reading Program prizes, lawn signs and entertainment
- Information screen behind circulation desk
- New CD and DVD storage racks
- Movie equipment and licensing renewal
- Bookpage subscription
- Additional rental book copies
- CD and DVD repair equipment
- Resume workshops

HELP IN TOUGH TIMES

The library is working hard to provide relevant and necessary information and services to those in our community impacted by the economic climate.

The Michigan Occupational Information System (MOIS) will be available soon on library computers. It lists job information on almost every kind of career out there including requirements, certifications, working conditions, range of salary, and hiring outlook. MOIS provides a list of jobs that fit the person's interests and skills based on the answers to a questionnaire.

The library also offers Microsoft Office on all computers, access to Michigan Works and job sites, a laser printer, and many career- and search-related books and journals.

The Friends of the Library sponsored resume writing workshops in May and July. Free computer classes are also available to the public on an ongoing basis.

Library patrons can also access Wayne County's award-winning website designed to assist citizens dealing with foreclosure or trying to avoid it. For more information, visit www.fightmortgageforeclosure.com.



SUMMER READING PROGRAM

This program was more popular than ever this year. Check out the phenomenal growth:

Registered readers, grades K-5

2006:	360
2007:	321
2008:	411
2009:	519

Total hours read

2006:	2,999
2007:	1,908
2008:	3,460
2009:	4,952

The Teen Summer Reading Program (grades 6-12) had 123 registered readers this year. Of those, 55 recorded reading time, totaling 1,210 hours of reading, or an average of 22 hours each.

Carey Simpson, Youth Services Librarian, kept the crowds entertained with Colors the Clown, Animal Magic, Joel Tacey's Circus Creatus Comedy Show, an acting troupe, and a teen lock-in event, among other things.

This year you may have seen the "Awesome Reader" lawn signs popping up all over town. Program participants who read at least 30 hours got to display their accomplishment for the whole neighborhood to see. Congratulations to all of our super readers!



PROTECT OUR LIBRARIES

As the recession continues and our state budget gets tighter, library funding is still on the chopping block. Michigan's libraries are serving record numbers of patrons now, and go far beyond letting you borrow copies of the latest best-sellers. From job search resources to internet access to free family entertainment, libraries are the ultimate public service in difficult times.

Please visit the Michigan Library Association's Advocacy and Legislation page for information on how to contact your legislators and let them know how important your library is to the community:

<http://www.capwiz.com/ala/mi/home/>

