**SUMMER READING FOR ALL AGES BEGINS JUNE 10**

Saturday, June 10, at 10 am, the 2017 Summer Reading Program will kick off with festivities on the library lawn. The Bowers School Farm will bring pet-able farm animals from 11am - 3pm. OUR Credit Union, which sponsors Summer Reading Opening Day, provides popcorn and crafts, along with a chance to meet Oakey Dokey! Register for the various summer events including safety town, book clubs, magic show, puppets shows, and more on June 10. Registration will be ongoing throughout the summer reading program. All library programs are free!

Summer Reading is for all ages! Check out the adult and teen summer reading programs, too. This year's theme is Build a Better World. Everyone is invited to attend a variety of free events during the eight week program.

The summer reading program ends with the Summer Readers' Fair on Friday, July 28th from 10:30am-12:30pm, featuring games and inflatables. The programs and activities are funded by the Friends of Royal Oak Public Library. The incentive books that each youth participant receives are funded by the Kiwanis Club of Royal Oak and the Friends of the Royal Oak Public Library.

Volunteer opportunities, especially at Opening Day, Summer Readers' Fair, and during the free book distribution from July 24 - August 5, are available.

**Friends Fundraiser at Bruegger’s Bagels**

Pick up a flier at the Library, then before or after Summer Reading Opening Day stop in at Bruegger’s for a bagel and support the Friends! Anytime Saturday June 10th or Sunday June 11th turn in the flier when you make a purchase at the Bruegger’s in downtown Royal Oak (201 South Main Street) and a percentage of your purchase price will go to the Friends!

**ONE-DAY PAPERBACK BOOK SALE**

The Friends are kicking off Summer Reading with a paperback book sale Saturday, June 10 from 10 am - 5 pm in the Friends Auditorium and the Friends Shop. Choose from a wide selection of paperback mystery, romance, science fiction and more. All regular price paperbacks will be on sale for 50¢ each. Books for children and teens will also be available. Come early to be sure you find your favorite authors!

Interested in volunteering for set-up on Friday afternoon or cashiering on Saturday? Contact Larry Baker at larbaker4@gmail.com or 248-515-4560 for more information.

**INTRODUCING HOOPLA**

Join us as we kick off Hoopla Digital at our Summer Reading Program Opening Day on June 10. Hoopla is a collection of digital materials exclusively for library users which allows Royal Oak Public Library cardholders to borrow movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics and TV shows to enjoy on your computer, tablet, or phone – and even your TV! With no waiting, titles can be streamed immediately, or downloaded to phones or tablets for offline enjoyment later. We have hundreds of thousands of titles to choose from, with more being added daily. Hoopla is like having your public library at your fingertips. Anytime. Anywhere.
The Friends Celebrate National Library Week 2017

National Library Week (April 9 - 15, 2017) is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and library workers and to promote library use and support. Once again the community showed their appreciation for our library workers and provided food all week! The Friends’ provided a fruit tray, vegetable tray, and cookies. Thank you to all the local businesses that contributed: Bruegger’s Bagels, Noodles and Company, and Chicken Shack of Clawson. Your contributions were greatly appreciated and well received by the library staff! Many thanks to Friends’ board member Lyndsay Sloan who worked to make library week special for ROPL!

Friends Annual Book Sale

The Friends Annual Sale, held the first weekend in March, was very successful! Between book sales, Friends shop sales, and renewed Friends memberships, almost $4,650 was raised. These funds go directly to support the library. Many thanks go out to the many book sale volunteers, customers, and community members who donate their books to the library. All are essential components to the success of the annual book sale. As in previous years, we want to express our appreciation to Hollywood Market for providing the bags for our Saturday sale. If you missed the book sale, don’t forget that the Friends Shop inside the library is open four days a week (Mon, Wed, Thurs, and Sat) with a frequently updated selection of gently used books, DVDs, and more for sale at very gentle prices. If you are interested in helping with the book sale committee for next year, please contact the Friends at friends@ropl.org or leave a message at the library circulation desk. Preparation starts in late November.

JUNE OUTDOOR CONCERTS AT ROPL

Take a break, sit back, and enjoy live music on the lawn of the Royal Oak Public Library! Please bring your own lawn chair or blanket. Join us on Wednesdays in June at 7:00 pm for these free performances. Concerts will be held indoors in inclement weather. Visit the Friends of ROPL table to purchase refreshments (including ice cream!), gently used books, or City of Royal Oak t-shirts, book bags, and hats. All proceeds support the library.

June 7 - RJ Spangler and Friends will heat up the night with sizzling jazz music selections. T-bone Paxton returns with his fabulous vocals and trombone. June 14 - Metro Jazz Voices bring four-part harmony and music from the Great American Songbook. June 21 - Royal Oak Concert Band will entertain us with light classics, patriotic selections and more. The concert will feature a set by The Woodward Avenue Jazz Orchestra performing an array of jazz favorites. June 28 - Matthew Ball aka The Boogie Woogie Kid will be back to entertain us with his ragtime, boogie-woogie and blues piano performance. Singer Tracy Kash joins Matthew with vocals.

ICE CREAM FUNDRAISER

During the Library’s Wednesday night June Outdoor Concerts the Friends will have ice cream for sale. Stop by to purchase a cool treat while you enjoy the music!

ANNUAL MEETING

Please join us Monday evening, September 18, 2017 in the Friends Auditorium for the Friends Annual Meeting!

Become Involved with the Friends Board!

The Board meets the third Monday of the month (except December and July) at 7:00 PM in the Friends Auditorium. If you are not interested in joining the board as a member, there are opportunities for short term projects through the board, including the Annual Book Sale. If you are interested contact our president, Margaret Blount at mcblount@sbcglobal.net or 248-224-5228.
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Friends Shop News
The Friends Shop will be open regular hours throughout the summer. Don’t forget to strut your Royal Oak pride with a Royal Oak logo gear for sale at the Friends Shop: t-shirts for $10, baseball style hats for $15, lapel pins for $5, and tote bags for $4 each or 3 for $10!

Library Events
Weather permitting, look for an outdoor table with books and Royal Oak City logo merchandise at both the opening and closing of Summer Reading, Saturday, June 10th and Friday, July 28th respectively. On Wednesdays June 7, 14, 21 and 28, we will have a table outdoors (weather permitting) where we will sell books and city logo merchandise during library sponsored concerts. At the concerts stop by and purchase some ice cream too!

Volunteers Needed
We are ALWAYS looking for volunteers to work a 2½- hour shift in the shop, help process incoming donated books, or sort and shelve in the storeroom.

Interested in volunteering for the shop or for the summer events? Please contact Vanessa Salliotte vanessa.salliotte@gmail.com or 814.571.3731.

Heaven Was Detroit: A Night of Words and Music
Award-winning poet M.L. Liebler and three fellow artists will offer a night of words and music Tuesday, June 13 at 6:30 pm on the library plaza. They will perform songs from Detroit's early days of jazz and rock to the current electronica scene, with plenty of ground-breaking moments in between. The music will be accompanied by reflections on how their careers and lives were influenced by Detroit's rich musical tradition. This free concert is based on the anthology, Heaven was Detroit: From Jazz to Hip-Hop and Beyond, edited by Liebler. It was named a 2017 Michigan Notable Book. Liebler, an activist and professor at Wayne State University since 1980, will be joined in the concert by The Rev. Robert B. Jones, Markita Moore, and Charlie Palazzola. Heaven Was Detroit includes essays on topics such as Motown's connection to the civil rights movement and the Black Power Movement through its side label, Black Forum Records; Lester Bangs's exemplary piece on Alice Cooper; the story behind the emergence of rap legend Eminem; and Craig Maki's enlightening history of “hillbilly rock.” Concert will move to the Friends Auditorium if inclement weather.

Butterfly Garden: Call for Volunteers
The ROPL Butterfly Garden needs volunteers to help maintain the garden throughout the spring and summer. Crystal Castle, butterfly garden coordinator, welcomes volunteers, ages 4 and up (ages 4-11 must have caregiver present), who want to help take care of the garden. Along with the gardening, you may spot butterflies and learn more about the plants and why they are included in the butterfly garden. The volunteer schedule is planned below:

Garden Maintenance
Wednesdays, 4:00 - 6:00 pm: June 21; and July 26.
Saturdays, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm: July 15; and August 19.
Spring Planting: Saturday, June 3, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mary Ann DeKane at 248-246-3714 or maryann@ropl.org.
Please check the date on the address label of this newsletter. If it says 5/1/2017 or earlier, your membership has expired!

**Friends of the Royal Oak Public Library**

Membership Form

Name _____________________________________ Phone ___________________

Address ____________________________ City ______________ Zip _________

Email Address ______________________________________________________

___ Life $200  ___ Single $10 annual
___ Patron $100 annual  ___ Family $20 annual
___ Business/Organization $50 annual

___ Yes, I’ve included a one-time donation of $____________

___ Yes, I want to be an active member. Please contact me.

Drop this form and your payment off at the ROPL Circulation Desk, or mail it to:
Friends of the Royal Oak Public Library, 222 East 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI 48067

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**Nominate an EXCEPTIONAL Friends for the Joyce Ann Maeirle Award!**

To be considered for 2017, nominations must be received by June 1, 2017. Nomination form available at [http://ropl.org/document-downloads/category/13-friends-of-ropl](http://ropl.org/document-downloads/category/13-friends-of-ropl) Return completed form to the ROPL Circulation Desk, email to friends@ropl.org, or mail to address above.