**SUMMER READING FOR ALL AGES BEGINS JUNE 9**

Saturday, June 9, at 10 am, the 2018 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! Meet the city’s new mascot, Romi at this event, too. Register for the various summer events including book clubs, Tuesday evening family programs and much more on June 9. 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 Libraries Rock! and will include many musical programs. 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 Thursday, July 26th 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 23 - August 4, are available.

**ONE-DAY PAPERBACK BOOK SALE**

The *Friends* are kicking off Summer Reading with a paperback book sale Saturday, June 9 from 10 am to 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.

**Royal Oak City-Wide Block Party at Royal Oak Farmers Market**

Join the Friends and ROPL on Tuesday, June 6th, 2017 at the Farmers Market from 6 – 8pm. There will be fire trucks, police cars, police drug sniffing dog, DPS Dump trucks, kids zone, food trucks and more! Have time to volunteer at the Friends’s table? Contact Vanessa at vanessa.salliotte@gmail.com or 814.571.3731.

**Underground Railroad: The Detroit Connection**

Join local historian Evelyn Millstein on Thursday, June 14 at 7:00 pm as she presents fascinating and little known facts about Detroit’s important role in the Underground Railroad. Fugitive slaves departed from the Detroit waterfront to Canada every day crossing the Detroit River on steamboats and small craft. There were many violent and heart rending scenes on the Detroit side of the river, including a riot.

**Cutting the Cord**

Paying too much for cable? This program on June 11 at 7 pm or August 15 at 7 pm will give you options for dropping cable television. This will enlighten those interested in navigating the many streaming options at your disposal. You can pay less to watch the shows you want to watch and never watch an advertisement again!
The Friends Celebrate National Library Week 2018

National Library Week (April 8 - 14, 2018) is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and library workers and to promote library use and support. The Friends’ and the community showed their appreciation for our library workers and provided food all week! Thank you to all the local businesses that contributed: Buffalo Wild Wings, Crispelli’s, Noodles and Company, National Coney Island, Second Street Sub Shop, and Westborn Market. 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 (and delicious) for ROPL staff!

Friends Annual Book Sale

The four-day Friends Annual Sale, held the second weekend in March, was very successful! Between book sales, Friends shop sales, and renewed and new Friends memberships, over $4,400 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 and Sunday bag-day 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 any of the Friends’ book sales, please contact Larry Baker at larbaker4@gmail.com or 248-515-4560.

Thank you to The Pet Beastro for hosting a Friends fundraiser in March!

Picturing Music with the DIA

On Saturday, July 7 at 2:00 pm a speaker from the Detroit Institute of Arts will give a talk in the Friends Auditorium and show artworks from the DIA’s renowned permanent collection. Exploring the presence of music in visual art heightens awareness of the role music plays across cultures and time. It provides a lens through which to explore the personal, social, and creative aspects of identity found in paintings, sculptures, and photographs.

Michigan Activity Pass

Discover hundreds of Michigan's cultural destinations and natural attractions with your Michigan library card! You can "check out" FREE or discounted admission (or other exclusive offers) to hundreds of Michigan state forest campgrounds, parks, museums, trails, arts and cultural destinations, and more. Print out free or discounted one-day passes at home, or at the library. For more information, visit ropl.org, or call the Adult Reference Desk at 248-246-3727.

Father & Daughter Dance

Wednesday, July 11 at 6:30 pm bring a special guy in your life and hit the dance floor! Crafts and refreshments are all part of the fun. Don’t forget to wear your fanciest outfit! Limit 50.

THANKS TO OUR NEWEST PATRION AND LIFETIME MEMBERS

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Nominate an EXCEPTIONAL Friends’ Volunteer for the Joyce Ann Maeirle Award!

To be considered for 2018, nominations must be received by June 1, 2018. Nomination form available at 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 Friends of the ROPL.

If your membership has expired (address label 6/1/2018 or earlier), PLEASE RENEW NOW!
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 case of inclement weather. **Visit the Friends of ROPL table to purchase concessions**, all proceeds support the library.

**June 6** - This lively show featuring **Sheila Landis** performing her *Blues in the Night* concert will focus on the jazzy side of blues and the bluesy side of jazz.

**June 13** - **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 20** - **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 27** - **Metro Jazz Voices** bring four-part harmony and music from the Great American songbook.

FAMILY SQUARE DANCE
Enjoy the music of the **Golden Griffon Stringtet** on Tuesday, **July 31 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm** and swing your partner at the Royal Oak Farmers Market. Square dance caller **Jim McKinney** will join the stringtet and lead you through popular dances. Adults and children are welcome, along with dancers of all skill levels. The caller will familiarize you with the steps at the outset. Wear comfortable shoes and clothing.

Music of the Great Depression
Royal Oak’s **Stu Johnson** returns on **Monday, August 13 at 7:00 pm** with a new program, *Music of the Great Depression, 1929-1939*. So what happened to music after the stock market crash of 1929? This presentation will discuss the changes with examples of music during the worst economic downturn in the history of the industrialized world.

CONCESSIONS FUNDRAISER
During the Library’s Wednesday night June Outdoor Concerts the Friends will have concessions for sale. Stop by to purchase a snack while you enjoy the music!

Friends Shop News
The Friends Shop will be open regular hours throughout the summer. The Friends Shop is re-stocked three times a week...so there is **always something new**! Ex-library books continue on sale **2 for 25¢** and hardcover fiction **2015 and older** on sale for **25¢ each**. **Pickup your next beach read for a steal!**

Strut your **Royal Oak pride with a Royal Oak logo gear** for sale in the Friends Shop: t-shirts for **$10** and tote bags for **$4 each or 3 for $10**!

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
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DANATIONS ACCEPTED at the ROYAL OAK PUBLIC LIBRARY
- **BOOKS** - gently used adult and children's, paperback or hardcover, fiction or non-fiction (Exceptions: travel guides, textbooks, and technology/computer books over 3 years old)
- **MAGAZINES** - no older than 6 months
- **GAMES AND PUZZLES** - all pieces (and instructions for games)
- **VHS tapes** (Please rewind) NO HOMEMADE TAPES
- **CDs and DVDs** – no scratches please

PLEASE: No damaged or moldy books!
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More ways to support the Friends of the ROPL...

- Share this newsletter. Ask a friend to join a growing organization – 151 strong – dedicated to supporting the Royal Oak Public Library!
- Leave a legacy by naming the Friends of the ROPL in your estate.
- Donate your gently-used books, CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, games, and puzzles at ROPL.
- Make a purchase in the Friends Shop or Children’s area.
- Volunteer! Fill out a volunteer form and return to the circulation desk at the Library.

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 check 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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Contact the Friends Board and newsletter editor at friends@ropl.org or in person at our monthly board meeting 7pm in the ROPL Friends Auditorium. 2018 Dates: Jun 18, Aug 20, Sep 17 (Annual Meeting), Oct 15, Nov 19