Meet Emily Dumas, ROPL’s New Director!

Emily Dumas earned her Master's degree in Library & Information Science from Wayne State University with a concentration in Services for Children and Teens. She began her library career in 2009 working in the circulation department of Royal Oak Public Library, where she soon progressed to Youth Paraprofessional, and then Youth Librarian. During this time she also worked for Ferndale Library presenting programs and services for teens. In 2012 she began a full-time Youth Librarian position at Commerce Township Community Library where she worked for five years. In late 2016 she returned to Royal Oak Public Library as Head of Youth & Teen Services and has greatly enjoyed the experience of leading a department and accomplishing many goals and successes for the library. Emily is very excited for her new role of library director and looks forward to the many bright things on the horizon for Royal Oak Public Library.

SUMMER READING 2019: A UNIVERSE OF STORIES

Summer Reading Program at Royal Oak Public Library will kick off on Saturday, June 15 at 10am 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, will provide popcorn, crafts, and a chance to meet Oakey Dokey! Special guest Romi, Royal Oak's own mascot, will also be by for a visit. Performances by Suzuki Royal Oak Institute of Music will take place on the library steps throughout the morning. There will be fun crafts for children outdoors. Participants can sign up for the reading program, receive a progress log, and begin reading to earn fabulous prizes.

The Friends will hold a paperback book sale inside the library on Opening Day from 10am-3pm. Books are all priced at 50¢ or below. Volunteers are needed for this sale, please contact Larry Baker at larbaker4@gmail.com or 248-515-4560 if you are interested.

Opening Day visitors will be the first to have a chance to register for various summer events including Tuesday evening family events, programs for babies and toddlers, and much more!

Summer Reading Program is not just for the kids! There is a reading program for teens and adults, as well, and many fun and informative events for these age groups.

In honor of the 50th anniversary of the Apollo moon landing, this year's theme will include many programs that highlight space-related topics.

The Summer Reading Program will wrap up with the Readers' Fair on Friday, July 26th from 10:30am-12:30pm, featuring carnival games, face painting, and bounce houses outside of the library. All programs and activities are free and funded by the Friends of Royal Oak Public Library. All youth and teen participants of Summer Reading Program can receive a free book between July 22-August 3, sponsored by Kiwanis Club and the Friends of the Royal Oak Public Library.

Volunteer opportunities, especially at Opening Day, Readers' Fair, and during the free book distribution from July 22 - August 3, are available.

THE PARKING DECK NEXT DOOR TO THE LIBRARY IS OPENING IN JUNE!
ONE-DAY PAPERBACK BOOK SALE

The Friends are kicking off Summer Reading with a paperback book sale Saturday, June 15, from 10 am to 3 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.

Friends Annual Book Sale

The four-day Friends Annual Book Sale, held March 7–10, was a success! Between sales in the Friends Auditorium, the Mary Molden Karshner Youth Activity Room, the Friends shop, and renewed and new Friends memberships, the Friends raised over $3,500! These funds go directly to support library programs. Many thanks go out to the many book sale volunteers, customers, and community members who donated their time and made book and media donations 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, CDs, 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.

“Create an Original” Bookmark Design Contest

We want to see your talent! Look for the blank templates of Bookmarks in the library to participate in our “Create an Original Bookmark” contest. Submissions are due by June 30th, winner will have their bookmark printed and available at the circulation desk. Contestants are encouraged but not required to follow a library theme. All ages are eligible to participate, winner will be selected by a special committee of Friends Members.

Painting Along with Bob Ross – One Happy Cloud and Tree at a Time

Looking for some relaxation? Join us on Monday, June 24 at 7:00 pm as we paint a scene from Bob’s hallmark PBS show, “Joy of Painting.” Bob might be gone, but his easily recognizable style, soothing encouragement and mellow vibes still delight. All materials provided. Registration is required and limited to 20.

ANNUAL MEETING

Please join us Monday evening, September 16, 2019 in the Friends Auditorium for the Friends Annual Meeting!

THANKS TO OUR NEWEST PATRON AND LIFETIME MEMBERS

Deb and Nata Ballard
Vicki Dickinson
Joan Koelsch
Gloria Parsons
Barry and Edie Saunders

Friends Shop News

It's Tea/Tee Time in the Friends Shop and also a 'Universe of Stories' for all to enjoy. While at the Shop, pick up a specially priced bundle of paperbacks for your summer reading pleasure. The patio is always open during library hours and has bargain books, media and greeting cards. Shop volunteers are needed to fill a shift or as a sub--please contact Vanessa: vanessa.salliotte@gmail.com.

What to do with your extra plastic/paper/totes shopping bags, we can use them! Please drop off the next time you visit the Friends Shop.

If your membership has expired (address label 5/1/2019 or earlier), PLEASE RENEW NOW!
Rock ‘n’ Rides – June 20-23 in downtown Royal Oak

Kick off the summer at the new family friendly event featuring carnival rides, music, and food! If you purchase your tickets through the Friends of the Royal Oak Public Library, you will get an “added value ticket” and the Friends will get the proceeds from your purchase! Pay $5 per person and receive a $10 value ($5 for weekend admission to event + $5 off the purchase of a ride band)

The Friends receive $3-5 from every ticket sold to benefit the Friends of the Royal Oak Public Library

Purchase online at rocknridesro.com (make sure to select Friends of the Royal Oak Public Library!) or avoid the credit card fees and buy in person. To buy in person, go to the information desk or the Friend Shop at the Royal Oak Public Library. Tickets must be purchase by June 19 for the Friends to receive credit.

JUNE OUTDOOR CONCERTS AT ROPL

Join us on two Wednesdays in June at 7:00 pm for these free performances. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket! In the case of inclement weather the performances will be moved inside.

June 5 - Matthew Ball, aka The Boogie Woogie Kid, performs a family-friendly program of New Orleans Boogie-Blues-Swing and song favorites from the 20s, 30s and 40s.

June 19 - The Royal Oak Blues Band with their leader, Joe Ballor, performs blues-based songs touching on gospel, country, rhythm & blues, and rock ‘n’ roll musical influences.

The Friends Celebrate National Library Week 2019

National Library Week (April 7-13, 2019) 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: National Coney Island, Crispelli’s, Chicken Shack Of Clawson, Noodles and Company, Jax KarWash and Comet Burger. 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!

Space...The Final Frontier

Explore these summer reading themed programs!

Tuesday, June 18 at 7 pm - Upcoming Astronomical Highlights, John French will share some of the more interesting planetary gatherings, meteor showers, and other current celestial happenings in our night sky!

The Apollo Moon Landing in Three Parts Ages 9 and up. Attend one or all parts!

- Wednesday, July 10, 7 pm - Apollo & Beyond! Part I - The First Baby Steps. Before the “giant leap for all mankind” came many small steps; the first rockets, first astronauts, first triumphs, and first tragedies. After the presentation, we will join local astronomers outside (weather permitting), who will share their telescopes to show off the Moon and planets!

- Wednesday, July 17, 7 pm - Apollo & Beyond! Part II - For All Mankind. It’s the 50th anniversary of landing on the Moon! Like a phoenix rising from the ashes, Apollo overcame disaster to fulfill humanity's ages-old dream to leave Earth and to walk on another world!

- Wednesday, July 24, 7 pm - Apollo & Beyond! Part III - What’s Next? After a long period of quiet, gradual growth, we are now ready to move beyond Earth once again. Explore NASA’s plans for a Lunar Gateway, the SpaceX dream of living on Mars, and more!

Tuesday, August 13 at 7 pm - UFOs Over Michigan Did you know that Michigan has some of the biggest UFO cases on record? Find out more about these well documented UFO sightings from the Great Lakes State.

This newsletter is distributed up to three times a year, free of charge.
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More ways to support the Friends of the ROPL...

- Share this newsletter. Ask a friend to join a growing organization – 133 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.

Book Sale: June 15

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

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. 2019 Dates: Jun 17, Aug 19, Sep 16 (Annual Meeting), Oct 21, Nov 18