

Friends of the



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From the President

As we bring in 2025, we have much to be grateful for since our last newsletter. The Clifford Book Giveaway was a huge success with 210 free Clifford books given out on the day of the Dog Parade. This is a 10% increase from the year before. We had books in English, Spanish & Infant toddler board books which the community truly appreciated. It was also a blast to be giving the books away with Library Board member, Rick Gans. This tradition will continue in 2025 with the continued support of our Friend, Kathryn May and the other volunteers.

Kelly Kehl was elected FOLTL VP in June and became our chair of social media. From June through September, FOLTL gained 18 Facebook followers, 30 Instagram followers and 2,100 people were reached through 12 posts on social media.

Patrons love the gift to the library paid for by your contributions. The new color printer allows wireless scanning, faxing, and double-sided printing for your convenience. We also provided two more T-Mobile Hotspots.

The Friends provide funding for Marie Elena Gaspari's sewing classes. There were two this past fall and she is planning another class in March and April. Stay Tuned. A big thank you to Marcia DeBoer who has agreed to chair the Robert Burns Supper. Info to be found in this newsletter.

Yours in books,
Silvia Gans, FOLTL President

Leelanau Township Library
Notary Services



We have a Public Notary at the library!
Call 231-386-9131

Dog Parade, Poetry Month, Book Sale 2024



Message from Rick Gans:

Your library board at work!

We've been busy, finalizing our strategic planning initiative. Our consultant has now delivered draft documents, some of which we've approved, and all of which are on the library website. Final revisions are being done by our consultant, correcting some small issues. Our next step, as a board and staff, is to distill all the information into a workplan, something we will begin at our January board meeting.

Of special note is the facilities analysis. Our consultant, based upon the community survey, focus groups, our strategic retreat, and comparisons to comparable libraries, came up with two suggested facility needs, one based upon just our year round population, and another that would also adequately serve our much larger summer population. The plan goes into great detail as to how many square feet would be needed in our library to serve the various functions identified from their process. Our current library is around 2600 square feet; the plan suggests a need of around 7600 square feet to serve our year round population and almost 12,500 square feet to serve our summer population! It's a very detailed analysis (142 pages!) – we would love to get feedback from anyone!

Hope to see you at our next board meeting! As always, feel free in the meantime to reach out with questions and comments.

Rick Gans
Trustee, and Treasurer



Want to Join
the FRIENDS
Team?!

We are looking
for a Secretary
& Programming
Chair

Secretary Position: Attend all FOLTL meetings, record meeting attendance, keep a complete package of each meeting, take notes & write up meeting minutes, support FOLTL events, work closely with officers & members.

Programming Chair or Co-chair: Looking for one or two creative individuals who love our library, enjoy planning events, organizing volunteers, and much more.

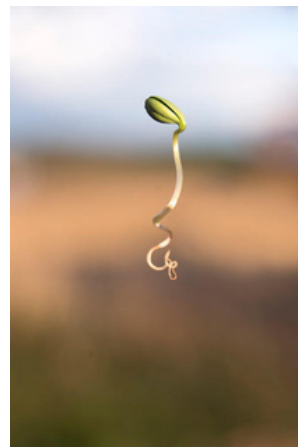
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ARTIST IN THE CORNER : Cynthia Greig

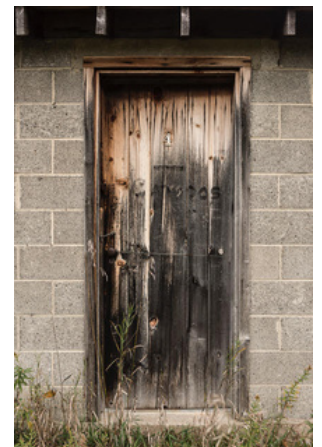
Cynthia Greig is the next artist whose work will be displayed at "Art in the Corner." Cynthia is a visual artist working primarily in photography, video and installation. Her new work explores the textures and forms that play a significant role in the region's fruit production. Although the images may not be what one first thinks of as apple or cherry orchard scenes, the presented imagery provides an interesting view of an agricultural activity that has helped shape the region's history. The work will be on display for the first couple months in the new year.



Relic #3 (from Omena Road Orchard Burn), 2024



Ascendant (from Jacobson Road Apple Seed), 2024



Passage #4 (Campos), 2025

FRIENDS WINTER EVENTS

Library & Friends Winter Events

Great Decisions Discussion Group
Tuesdays 1/14 - 3/4 from 1:30-3pm Briefing books are available at the library.

1/21 Robert Burns Night 6:00-8:30pm at the Library

2/1 Take Your Child to the Library Day! 11-1 Kids activities

2/25 Trivia Night at the Library 6:30-8:00pm and 3/18 1:30-3:00pm at the Library

Spring Break at the Library. Keep an eye out for kids activities 3/24 - 3/29

Tech Tuesdays 2/4 - Popular Apps and 3/4 Digital Services from 2:00-3:00pm. Libby & Hoopla 4/8 TBD

Book Group 1:30-3pm in the library and zoom
1/22 Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver
2/26 North Woods by Daniel Mason
3/19 My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry by Fredrik Backman
4/23 Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Board Meetings 7pm at the library and over zoom.
Zoom link, minutes & board pack can all be found on the library's website. 1/27, 2/24, 3/17

Robert Burns Night Soup Supper & Poetry



*Tuesday, January 21, 2025
6:00 - 8:30 pm Leelanau Township
Library*

*Menu: Cock-a-leekie soup (please bring
your own mug & spoon), Bread,
and Topsy laird dessert.*

*Bring your favorite poem to share or just
come and enjoy. This is a free event,
donations are welcomed.*

NEW! TRIVIA COMPETITIONS!

New this year at the library. We will be having two trivia competitions to warm your winter days and nights. On **2/25** from 6:30-8:00pm, the questions will be related to books you may or may not have read. There will be first, second and third place prizes.

On **3/18** from 1:30-3:00pm we will have a trivia contest related to Michigan and Northport history. Once again there will be prizes. You can work solo or bring a team to either free event.

National Library Week April 6-12.

The theme this year is “Drawn to the Library”. The Friends are working with Erin Connolly / our youth services, to have a comic strip drawing and writing activity at the library for the Kids Crafternoon on Wednesday, April 9 from 3:00-5:00pm.

April 8th is National Library Workers Day so stop by to acknowledge our great staff. There will be cookies available throughout the day.



APRIL POETRY MONTH!

Thursday April 3rd / 7:00pm

Linda Nemeč Foster &
Anne-Marie Oomen
co-authors of

The Lake Huron Mermaid

There will be a presentation,
reading and discussion, along with
a book sale and signing

April 17th / 7:00pm

Poetry Open Mic Night
All are welcome to attend, read,
share, listen

Location: Leelanau Township Library