

Friends of RADL

March 2023 Newsletter

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After a long winter's break, regular business meetings will resume in May. We're excited to welcome a new slate of Friends of RADL officers, led by president Joe Battocletti.

Winter Updates

- On January 17 and 24, the RADL held an Agatha Christie movie event. We screened "The Body in the Library." We had a good turnout and it was a fun event.
- We have received notice of the Friends of Michigan Libraries Annual Meeting registration. If there are a couple members interested in representing the Friends of RADL and attending by Zoom, Linda can register you and your registration will be paid. (We would appreciate you reporting to our group your take-aways from the meeting.) If you wish to attend, please contact Linda Brick by March 27.
- March is National Reading Month! During the month of March, visitors to RADL may enter to win a book bag. The Friends assembled book bags for six reading levels, birth to adult, for the Read-a-Thon last fall. Two bags were awarded then and the rest held in reserve until now. Entries are accumulating! The drawing will be held on March 31.
- RADL's Julie Santine, Youth Services manager, recently completed a degree in Library Science. This well-deserved accomplishment came through hours and hours of homework. Congratulations Julie!

Ongoing Committees and Events

Fundraising Committee

We would love some more input. Consider joining the committee. Contact: Sue Glover or Linda Brick friendsofradl@gmail.com

Direct Your Dollars Program Update

As you may recall, we submitted \$150,000 worth of Family Fare receipts last fall and continue to expect a "reimbursement" check from the corporation for that submission. We were finally able to speak to the manager of our local Family Fare on

March 10, and he reported that he had recently contacted SpartanNash corporate headquarters re. the delay in receiving checks expected by several community groups, including ours. He will contact us as soon as he receives a response.

Last month, we received notice that the Direct Your Dollars program would be deactivated as of March 1. (SpartanNash also stated that there was a cap of \$50,000 placed on their final community contributions via Direct Your Dollars.) At that time, we had approximately \$50,000 in counted Family Fare receipts. The Friends of the Library chose to offer all the receipts in our possession to other community organizations that could then combine resources and make one last submission to SpartanNash. Several non-profits in our area have, indeed, worked cooperatively to make this happen. More information about SpartanNash's efforts to invest in our communities is available at ourfamilyfoods.com/our-family-cares. Please note that the AmazonSmile program is also being discontinued. So, keep those creative juices flowing because we are always on the look-out for new ways to raise funds!

Basket Committee

- The Basket Committee could use some help! We need volunteers for putting together April and May's baskets. We also need items on the themes for April: Spring training (includes sports, exercises, health, any activity that takes preparation) and for May: All things growing (plants, animals, people, hair, be creative) Please contact Susan Horvat at susanthorvat@gmail.com, or Connie Allen at callen2@charter.net. if you can volunteer. We really appreciate your help. Donations can be dropped at the library.

Stay in Touch

- We're looking for ideas of ways we can stay connected with each other, even if we're not having regular business meetings. Any thoughts? Contact Linda Brick 248-835-3036 friendsofradl@gmail.com
- We are still in need of a person to take over the "publishing" of the newsletter. The newsletter goes out 6 times a year. For someone with computer skills, it would be a fun and easy job. Contact Sue Glover decoratingtoday@yahoo.com.