

## FRADL Newsletter – February 2026

Friends of Roscommon Area District Library  
“A strong library for a stronger community”

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Bobbie Werle

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**Next Meeting:**  
**March 10, 2026, 1:00**  
**Pre-meeting social half**  
**hour w/ snacks at 12:30 PM**

16  
YEARS  
2010—2026



Just in time for Valentine's day,  
check out this proposal!

[https://magazine.1000libraries.com/th-is-quiet-bookstore-proposal-is-the-most-romantic-thing-youll-see-today/?utm\\_source=Klaviyo&utm\\_medium=email&\\_kx=EjRMahUMq\\_meK KczkmZJxUL6hZsRDTca0WdqfziFKp4.W3rnZb](https://magazine.1000libraries.com/th-is-quiet-bookstore-proposal-is-the-most-romantic-thing-youll-see-today/?utm_source=Klaviyo&utm_medium=email&_kx=EjRMahUMq_meK KczkmZJxUL6hZsRDTca0WdqfziFKp4.W3rnZb)

### President's Message

Dear Friends,

Happy Valentines Day to all of our terrific FRADL members and your families.

Now that the weather seems to be getting warmer and the days longer there is no better time to visit our great Roscommon Area Libraries. We have had a number of terrific winter activities including “Bingo for Books” and an upcoming Pizza party for FRADL members at the Library. With warmer weather on the horizon we look forward to even more opportunities to improve on our programs and make a great Library even better. We continue to seek input on ways to increase our Non-Profit financial footprint and grow our membership to help provide support for future Library programs. Our meetings have continued to be well attended throughout the winter (the second Tuesday of the month at the Library), and all members are encouraged to attend when possible. Here's hoping that all members have a safe spring and we look forward to seeing you throughout the year.

Jim Engelhard, FRADL President

Have you paid your dues yet?

It is only \$5.00 per year, or \$100.00 for a lifetime membership.  
(Lifetime is only about 27¢ per day)

88 Paid Members

Thank You for your Continued Support!

### Good News Stories:

[Daughter Donates 25,000 Books To The Sick After Dad's Cancer Diagnosis](#)

[This 90-Year-Old Turned a Park Into a 30,000-Book Library in Malaysia](#)

### Membership Meetings:

**Second Tuesday: 1:00, all year long**  
**Pre-meeting social half hour with snacks at 12:30 PM**

**Leadership Meetings:**  
**Last Tuesday of the Month: 1:30**



MICHIGAN SECRETARY OF STATE  
**MOBILE OFFICE  
IS COMING TO YOU**

The Secretary of State Mobile Office will be visiting  
**Roscommon Public Library**  
to provide service to  
Offering branch services to Roscommon and surrounding areas

**Date:** 02/20/2026

**Time:** 10 am-3pm

**Location:** 106 Lake St, Roscommon, MI 48653

Book a visit to complete your Secretary of State transactions, including:



First-time  
Michigan ID



Renew driver's  
license or ID



Transfer title



Apply for/renew  
disability placard

For more information or to schedule  
your visit during this Mobile Office  
event, contact

**Julie**  
at (989) 281-1305



Thank you to those who came out for some valentines  
craft fun



**ROSCO UKERS**  
Ukulele Strum & Sing  
Ages 8-95

Tuesdays 5:15-6:30pm  
Roscommon Area District Library  
106 Lake St., Roscommon, MI

FEBRUARY IS



LOVE OF  
READING  
MONTH

crazy book lady

Let's Embark on an  
Adventure!

Discover the magic of  
storytelling by joining us  
every Thursday at 10:30 AM  
for our weekly  
"Story Time".



Come and join Miss Tullie as  
she reads an enchanting  
story that is followed by  
playtime and crafting  
activities.

Water Color  
Group  
Every Thursday  
@11am

SIT & GET FIT

EVERY THURSDAY @ 2:30pm

Join us for a simple and light exercise  
class to stay help stay fit & mobile. No  
sign-up necessary!



**CLASSIC  
COMPUTER  
REPAIR** &  
ROSCOMMON AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY  
**BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS  
CLASSES/ PHONE CLASS  
SCHEDULE 2026**  
INSTRUCTOR: ANTHONY OF CLASSIC COMPUTER REPAIR, ROSCOMMON

1/13 COMPUTER CLASS

1/20 ANDROID CLASS

2/10 COMPUTER CLASS

2/24 IPHONE CLASS

3/10 COMPUTER CLASS

3/24 ANDROID CLASS

4/7 COMPUTER CLASS

4/21 IPHONE CLASS

5/5 COMPUTER CLASS

5/19 ANDROID CLASS

6/9 COMPUTER CLASS

6/23 IPHONE CLASS

7/7 COMPUTER CLASS

7/14 ANDROID CLASS

8/4 COMPUTER CLASS

8/18 IPHONE CLASS

9/8 COMPUTER CLASS

9/22 ANDROID CLASS

10/6 COMPUTER CLASS

10/13 IPHONE CLASS

11/10 COMPUTER CLASS

11/17 ANDROID CLASS

12/8 COMPUTER CLASS

12/15 IPHONE CLASS

ALL CLASSES ARE FROM 3:00PM-4:30PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED | CALL RADL AT 989-281-1305

## Reader's Corner: by Joe Battocletti

In an unguarded moment, Hall of Fame football quarterback Joe Montana once predicted that by the 22nd century, Super Bowl Sunday will have replaced Christmas as America's premiere winter holiday celebration. While we're waiting to see whether Montana's as good at forecasting as he was at producing touchdowns, many of us can remember when there was no such thing as "Super Sunday" for people to spend hundreds of dollars on food and drink for themselves and a houseful of friends to consume while watching a game between two football teams they might know almost nothing about.

In the aftermath of America's latest food and football extravaganza....the 60th...reading Harvey Frommer's When It Was Just A Game, takes you back to the birth of a uniquely American phenomenon. That first game in January 1967 wasn't even called "Super Bowl"- that wouldn't come until 1969. The game in Los Angeles was played in front of thousands of empty seats, despite a top price of 12 dollars. One woman describes going with neighbors who had gotten a fistful of free tickets as party favors. And imagine being the young National Football League office staffer handed a credit card and a plane ticket in October 1966 with instructions to go to L.A. and organize the big championship game from scratch Octoberths. And if the event turned out to be a fiasco, don't hurry back to New York because your job won't be here. Frommer tells about the even bigger rivalry than the one on the field between the Packers and the Chiefs...the boiling animosity between CBS and NBC TV, which both telecast the game. It got so bad that organizers put up a chain link fence to keep the networks' employees apart. Frommer interviewed hundreds of people and found some unpublished memoirs to bring to life a fascinating memoir of when nobody cared who entertained at halftime (the first game featured a pair of college bands) and when the coaches cut short their halftime pep talks to allow players a quick cigarette break before going back on the field.

Following the Book Reporting on books about music, there came a request for something worth reading about The Doors ("Light My Fire", etc). Two good ones are by Danny Sugarman: Nobody Here Gets Out Alive and Wonderland Avenue. Band member Robbie Krieger wrote Set The Night On Fire. Fellow Door Ray Manzarek, who gets some flak from Krieger, tells his side of the story in Light My Fire. And as long as we're revisiting the music scene, anyone who loved the songs of Leslie Gore will love You Don't Own Me by Trevor Tolliver. It's a fully-sourced biography not a quick clip job.

Few human beings have had as many books written about them as Winston Churchill, but no one has come up

with a volume as unique as David Lough's No More Champagne: Churchill and His Money. The legendary British Bulldog spent much of his life dodging financial ruin thanks to his extravagant beyond his means lifestyle. The main reason for Churchill's tidal wave of books and articles before, during, and after his years of political power was because he needed the money. The book's title refers to a memo he sent to his household staff about necessary cutbacks, starting with an end to ordering top-shelf wines by the case load every month (it didn't work). Along with the papers detailing Churchill's tactics to save Western Civilization from Nazi conquest are piles of overdue bills, overdrawn bank statements, and letters to friends wondering if they might have a few thousand pounds they could spare until Winston's next book royalties came in. No matter how much he made, Churchill found a way to spend more, and No More Champagne is a fun read about a common problem confronted by a most uncommon man.

If you're looking for an absorbing novel about the Second World War years, dig up Two O' Clock, Eastern War Time by John Dunning. It's a spy mystery set around a New Jersey radio station that does a great job of re-capturing the feel of the era at a time when the country was preoccupied by war, radio was the dominant medium and TV was confined to experimenters' labs.

Real life spies spent the WW2 years stealing the secrets of America's atomic bomb and Sleeper Agent by Ann Hagedorn has the latest revelations of how successful enemy agents were. She dug up long-hidden evidence of how the American-born son of Russian emigre parents took advantage of his scientific brilliance to land top secret jobs at the heart of the Manhattan Project. What he sent back probably was even more vital to building the Soviet bomb than the secrets relayed by the famed Rosenberg atomic spy ring. Topping it all off....the "atomic spy of the century" made a clean getaway back to Moscow years before U.S. counter-intelligence realized the extent of his betrayal.

A good follow-up book is Ethel Rosenberg: An American Tragedy by Anne Sebba. After all these years, this book shows there's still more to know about America's best-known espionage case. No matter your opinion of the extent of the Rosenbergs' guilt and executions, it's hard to argue after reading this book that Ethel wasn't convicted on faked evidence and perjured testimony. Sebba does a provocative job of explaining why Ethel preferred to die for a crime she didn't commit- orphaning her two sons- than confirm the undoubtable guilt of her husband Julius. The chief witness against her was her brother David, whose story is told in Sam Roberts's The Brother: The Untold Story of Atomic Spy David Greenglass. It proves again that sleazeballs can be fascinating to read about.

## Friends of the RADL Mission:

To promote the development of excellent library services for all patrons through fundraising, advocacy and volunteerism.

Membership Year: September 1 to August 31

Dues: \$5.00 per member, per year  
\$100.00 Lifetime dues

Make check out to:  
Friends of RADL  
PO 311  
Roscommon, MI 48653  
Or deliver to RADL desk

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Library website:

<http://www.roscommonlibrary.org>

### Roscommon Area District Library

106 Lake Street  
P.O. Box 888  
Roscommon, MI 48653  
989-281-1305

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 10:00-7:00

Friday: 10:00-5:00

Saturday: 10:00-3:00

### Lyon Township Branch Library

7851 West Higgins Lake Dr.  
Higgins Lake, MI 48627  
989-821-9111

Tuesday through Friday: 10:00—3:00  
(times are subject to change)

## Notes from the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Linda Brick and her committee are working on a book sale. Date has yet to be determined. The committee will meet on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

New Murder Mystery book club begins in February. More details at front desk.

Reminder to pay your dues.

Pizza party for Friends, February 17, at noon.  
Cost is \$2.00.

Bobbie Werle is home from hospital, doing better, but still not accepting visitors. Cards to cheer her up would be very much appreciated. Her address is 960 W. Maplehurst, Roscommon.

Come Join Us


# Sustainable Gardening

With Kalsa!

Learn to Build a Greener Garden

WED. MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>  
@ 4:00 P.M.

KALSA PARKER-BROWNING  
Education Director at Cahagan Nature Preserve




# Shamrocks & Shenanigans

WITH PAUL STRICKLAND

Join professional storyteller and theatre artist Paul Strickland for a playful mix of Irish folk tales and songs full of mischief, wit, and larger-than-life characters.

Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>  
Starting at 4:30 P.M.

Roscommon Area District Library  
106 Lake St. Roscommon, MI  
989-889-6681



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RADL

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