FRADL

A strong library for a stronger community.

Newsletter

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Backpack Bingo a success again.

Friend Ann Jordan looks over school supplies donated by the Roscommon Community which friend’s volunteers assembled for distribution in backpacks during the August “Back to School” backpack bingo event supporting local children. The event was held at the RADL and FRADL was proud to assist the RADL to help young people prepare to become tomorrow’s community leaders. (Radio Joe)
FRADL supported two exciting Author visits.

(Joe Battocletti)

Every time you order an “egg McMuffin” east of the Mississippi you’re getting an egg from a Michigan farm. Innovations from farmers in Kalamazoo are the reason celery no longer costs a week’s paycheck. These are two of the facts presented by Diana Stampfler of “Promote Michigan” to an audience at RADL during her August 17 “Made in the Mitten” presentation. Attendees learned that 100 years ago celery was a high-priced delicacy, like caviar, that only the rich could afford. It was southwest Michigan farmers who, by expanding and improving crop production, made celery an affordable product available in supermarkets and grocery stores today. Along with a number of other interesting facts Diana pointed out that if everybody committed to spending $10 dollars of their weekly food budget on Michigan made products it would add $36 million dollars a year to the State’s economy.

On August 10, best-selling author Mardi Jo link gave attendees a fascinating account of three Michigan true crime mysteries which became inspirations for three of her books. She also revealed that researching mysteries has helped her explore her own family history. Mardi Jo used her skills to overcome the hurdles that prevent adoptees from discovering their birth families. As part of her research, she learned that her family immigrated from Germany to Pennsylvania over 200 years ago and that two of her relatives were captured by Indians as young girls in 1755. The details of their capture and escape are the basis of a new book she is currently working on. She also confided that after a day writing about crimes and criminals she needs to “decompress and recover her good mood before rejoining her family.”
FRADL volunteers were once again helping the RADL by acting as greeters at these events. FRADL is proud to assist Director Colleen Dyke and her hard-working staff to make the library a valuable and meaningful component of our community.

FRADL to participate in ROCKTOBERFEST

FRADL members have volunteered to create a basket of Michigan made products to be given away during the first annual “Rocktoberfest” celebration to be held at the River Center (Marketplace) on October 14th from 4:00 to 11:00 pm. After the great success of last year’s sesquicentennial celebration, the village of Roscommon has decided to follow up with a similar venue, including live bands and refreshments for attendees. FRADL has been approved to have a free drawing for a basket of Michigan Made products and allowed to have a table at the event. This is an outreach opportunity to continue to grow awareness and interest in FRADL as well as an opportunity to support a community event.

FRADL proposes lifetime memberships

At the September general membership meeting a proposal was introduced to add a one time “Lifetime Membership” opportunity for current and future members. A price of $100 dollars was approved for the membership fee and will not change/affect the annual dues rate of $5 dollars a year. A vote by members to add the “Lifetime Membership” to FRADL Bylaws will be held at the October General Membership Meeting in the RADL on October 10 at noon.
FRADL member news

Our membership now exceeds 100 members, and we are continuing to look for event volunteers as well as fund-raising opportunities. Our next event will be to man a table at the Village Rocktoberfest on October 14. Look for more details in a forthcoming FRADL e-mail. A call for volunteers (7-8) to prepare candy bags and for donations of candy for a Halloween event for children on Saturday, October 21 at the RADL is requested by President Joe Battolcletti.

The FRADL general membership meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at the RADL Conference Room. The FRADL leadership Meeting and the Outreach/Fundraising Committee meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month at 1:30 in the RADL.

The FRADL Newsletter is produced every other month. If members have any input or would like to contribute to the newsletter, please contact Jim Engelhard at engelhardjim58@gmail.com.