

# ***FRADL***

## ***Friends of Roscommon Area District Library***

***"A strong library for a stronger community."***

***Newsletter: Summer 2025***

**"You may have tangible wealth untold; caskets of jewels and  
coffers of gold. Richer than I you can never be—I had a  
mother who read to me." Strickland Gillilan "The Reading  
Mother"**

***FRADL to feature Friend and Artist at 2025 Roscommon Art Festival.***

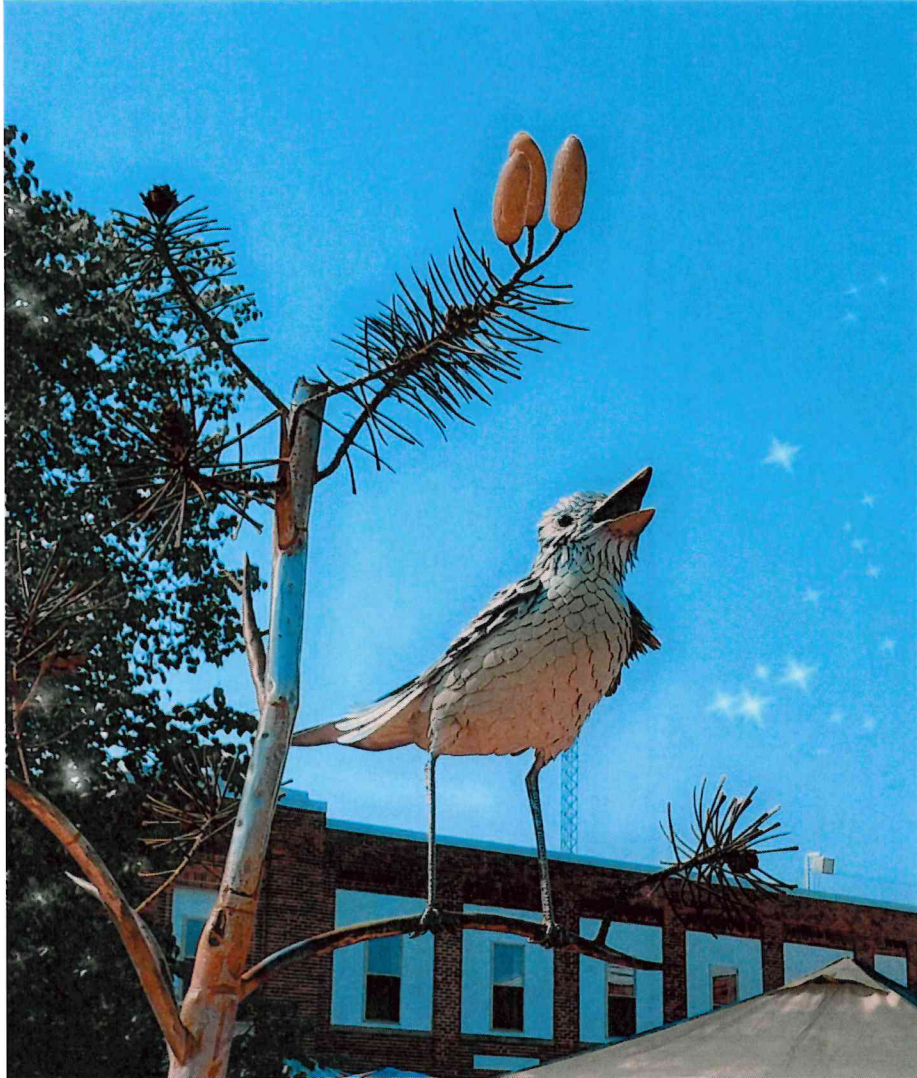


Welcome back to all of our Friends, near and far. The FRADL is excited to feature art from friend and artist Brenda Mikula, who has generously donated several original card prints to the FRADL to raise money for our wonderful organization. The cards will be available at the FRADL outreach table at the Roscommon Art fair on July 12<sup>th</sup> on the CRAF lawn. Once again terrific FRADL volunteers and members of the Outreach Committee are continuing to showcase many of the great programs and projects in support of our Roscommon Library. In addition to selling these wonderful cards the FRADL outreach committee will be offering memberships (both annual for \$5.00 and Life memberships for \$100.00) to guests and patrons of the Art Festival.



**A vibrant new mural by artist George Eberhart the third, will be among the highlights of the 2025 Roscommon Art Festival.**





**Kirtland Warbler statue unveiled this  
spring on the CRAF lawn.**

**This is also an opportunity for Friends and community members to  
learn about upcoming Library events and view some amazing new  
community art.**

## **THE STORY BEHIND THE MOTTO**

You've probably noticed the motto **"A Strong Library For A Stronger Community"** that appears on many of the messages Friends sends out. It's our primary reason for being- to help RADL continue to be a vital center of learning, activity, and fellowship while helping the Library expand its reach even further. For our most precious resource...our young people...RADL picks up where the schools leave off. In the classroom, students learn the vital basics for everything they must go on to accomplish, starting with reading and critical thinking. They then come to the Library to expand their knowledge of what excites them most at the maximum possible depth. Thanks to "Resource Sharing Libraries" and the "Michigan Electronic Library", anybody with a Roscommon library card has access to borrow almost every book at more than 400 libraries across the state, including the campus libraries of our biggest universities. RADL's extensive computer lab guarantees that no one is kept offline due to socioeconomic circumstances. And when the Library is closed, there's still wireless web access in the parking lot. RADL's monthly activity calendar is overflowing with events for people of every age, starting with pre-school.

Our Library is a truly great democratic institution. It's there for people of every age, income level, location, ethnicity, political inclination, religious preference and physical ability. Next time you see a news story about the growing American problem of social isolation, know that we have a solution at 106 Lake Street. In short, RADL is more than a community institution-- it IS the community. Our Library's collection of books represents its vital history, and the rest of RADL helps us prepare for the future, which is where all of us are going to spend the rest of our lives. Being a Library Friend means being a Friend to every positive thing that we all share in common.

**Joe Battocletti, FRADL President**



## FRADL member news



The high point of every Roscommon Library summer is the Summer Reading Program. To help with the Summer Reading Program's big Wrap-up Picnic, Friends Volunteers provide support with a fabulous line-up of prizes for our young reader competitions. Our FRADL membership now consists of 102 members, and we are continuing to look for new members, event volunteers and fund-raising opportunities. We are looking for greeters, as well as prizes and cookies to be offered at library programs.

The FRADL general membership meetings are held at 1:00 pm on the second 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.

If members have any input or would like to contribute to the newsletter, please contact Jim Engelhard at [engelhardjim58@gmail.com](mailto:engelhardjim58@gmail.com).