Meetings
Please note : Membership Meetings are paused. There was no January Membership Meeting, there will be no January Friends’ Board Meeting and there will be NO FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

Hi, Friends. I recently asked board members for input. We continue to be concerned about the current increase in Covid infections. Presently have very little business to conduct. We concur the most sensible course of action right now is to pause our meetings. We will continue to provide updates to membership. As approved by membership at our August Membership Meeting, the Board has emergency powers to approve expenditures to keep us up and running as needed or provide the library with any funds it may need from us. Permission for daily operational expenses such as postage and annual expenditures, such as dues or insurance premiums are always permitted under the standing rules in our bylaw. So we can continue to function. We just miss each other’s company! At the end of the Newsletter, you will find Minutes from the December Membership Meeting and the Treasurer’s Report that would have been distributed at the January Membership Meeting.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you! Linda Brick - president 248-835-3036 bayportbrick@gmail.com

Membership
Membership chairperson, Lisa Sutton reports we have 93 members! Thank you for those renewals! Thank you to Kathy Wahl and Susan Horvat who greeted visitors to RADL on Christmas in the Village Saturday in December. Because of their friendly efforts, we welcome nine members: John Baker, Michele Mile, Lisa and Mike Modelska, Diann Scott, Becky Socia, Kelly McCarthy Tubbs, Richard Tubbs, Jr. and Sheryl Tussey.

Family Fare “Direct Your Dollars”
Happy to report, the Friends has received a check for $1,000 from SpartanNash Foods for the receipts we turned in last August. Thank you to all the people who turned in receipts and counted receipts. Deb Livingston is coordinating the effort now. Mary Lou Jennette is currently tallying receipts and Deb has volunteered to take over in February and count into March. Anyone looking for a late winter - spring project? If you’d like to count receipts, please contact Deb at 989-329-8898 or livideb66@hotmail.com.

We continue to collect receipts. So, keep stuffing the box in the vestibule at RADL. Please remember,
- Your “Yes” card (not the store’s) must be used at time of purchase to receive the “Direct Your Dollars” credit,
- The entire receipt is needed and should be turned in, and
- Purchases may be made at any SpartanNash store.
Amazon Smile Donations
We continue to receive dividends from Amazon every quarter. The amount we generate generally ranges from $10 - 20. We’ll take it! If you purchase items from Amazon, you may designate the purchases to credit The Friends of RADL through the Amazon Smile program. You shop. Amazon gives. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, Amazon donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases - at no cost to you. AmazonSmile offers the same products, same low prices, and same services as the Amazon you know. Sign in using your existing Amazon account to get started.

RADL News
Director Colleen Dyke extends a “thank you” to Friends for supporting the Battle of the Books program. In December, the Friends approved up to $500 for the purchase of books and supplies to support the program. The BOB Kick-off on January 10 garnered one team this year. It’s been a difficult couple of years for this program to flourish with all the uncertainties that surround us. Nonetheless, the Friends will cheer on the RADL team! (Team name TBD). This year, RADL needs one volunteer to act as judge, (should there be a challenge by the team to the answer the library provides) for mock battles (those are practice battles for the team before the district competition). One volunteer is needed for February 10 at 10:00 am and March 5 at 10:00 am. To volunteer, please call the library at 989-281-1305.

Needed: Please continue saving plastic wipes containers/cylinders. The staff would like to use them for an activity during next year’s Summer Reading Program. Perhaps ask family members who work in schools, churches, doctor’s offices or stores where they use them frequently.

Basket Event
Congratulations to the winners in the December drawing!
Adult Basket - Carole Chilton, Kids Basket - Tom Hillman, Mystery Basket - Emily Boersen!
Thank you to Friends Ann Jordan and Heidi Luebke for hosting the drawing and for RADL Circulation Manager, Molly Harwood for posting it live on FaceBook. Ann’s remarks about how the Friends wished to have the basket drawings as a way to thank the community for being such true supporters of RADL were just the right touch and expressed the sentiments behind why Heidi first proposed the project back in the fall. Well done!

After the drawing, Heidi Luebke cleverly designated the basket table at RADL as “Under Construction” until the next baskets were out. Did you see it? Brilliant! Heidi extends a thank you to Martha Clapp and Susan Horvat who magically transformed our basket table from “Under Construction” to presenting the January Hobby Themed Baskets. The drawing will be held on January 28 at 3pm. Once again, Molly will post it on FaceBook.

February Baskets
Theme - Coffee/Comfort/Cozy!
People have been very creative in their donations for the adult and kids basket. (Kids are being caffeinated with hot chocolate - coffee is reserved for the adults.) If you have any donations to add, please bring them to RADL by Saturday, January 17.

On the Horizon - March Baskets
Theme is being refined. Currently the Adult basket theme centers around birds. Kids theme? Birds? Nature? The basket committee is noodling these ideas. If you’d like to be a part of the committee or have ideas, why not drop an email to Heidi at luebkefamily@yahoo.com or 989-273-1061?

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Friends of the Roscommon Area District Library

Membership Meeting Minutes – December 7, 2021

Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance: 12:00. 14 members in attendance.

Introduction of Guests/New Members: No guests or new members.

Reports:

Secretary: Linda Brick presented the minutes from the Nov. 2 meeting. Motion to accept by Connie Allen, second by Kathy Wahl. Motion approved.

Treasurer: Lisa Sutton presented the Treasurer’s report. Prime Share account has $11,008.88 and Share Draft account has $3,506.35, for a total of $14,515.23. There was a motion by Connie Allen to accept the treasurer’s report. Ann Jordan seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Library Director’s Report: Colleen Dyke mentioned several of the programs from the past month. There was a computer class by Anthony, after the new year he will offer classes on both Android and Apple phone applications. The "Edmund Fitzgerald" program was well received, had 19 in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be at the library on Saturday Dec. 11, 2021. Plans for Battle of the Books are underway. There will probably only be 2 teams this year from RADL, but several area libraries will have teams. Perhaps the Friends of the Library will put a team together to help our RADL team prepare. Ann Jordan made a motion for the Friends to approve up to $500.00 for Battle of the Books expenses. Susan Horvat seconded the motion, and it was approved. Colleen also mentioned that the library books had been audited, and no problems were found. She wanted to thank the Friends who donated candy canes for the Christmas in the Village celebration. Any leftovers will be used when Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus come.

Membership: Lisa Sutton reported there are 84 members…..but wait! Susan Horvat and Kathy Wahl did such a great job as ambassadors for the Friends the day of Christmas in the Village, that they signed up 7 more! Thanks for the great work. Lisa also sent a reminder card to past members who hadn’t yet paid their dues, and got 16 returns. Great job and thanks Lisa!

Publicity: Linda Brick reported that an article will be in the Resorter about the basket project. Anyone who has information for the next newsletter is asked to get it to Linda.

Unfinished Business:

Family Fare Receipts: Deb Livingston is the current co-ordinator, Mary Lou Jeanette has been totaling receipts and we’re doing great.

Basket Event: Heidi Luebke reported that things are on track. She and her committee are very happy with the response to the baskets. They are still gathering items for upcoming baskets. January theme is “Hobbies/Crafts”, and February theme is “Comfort/Cozy”. Items for February baskets should be brought to RADL by January 10. The December basket drawing will be on December 17 at 3:00. Ann Jordan and Molly will draw the winners in person and on line. Thanks to Heidi and her committee for putting this all together.

New Business:

FOML Newsletter: Linda Brick reported that the new format for the FOML newsletter is very helpful. This month they discussed the wisdom of Friends groups having their own liability insurance. The RADL Friends group has this already, and it’s nice to know we’re ahead of the game on this topic.

New Meeting Time: After a bit of discussion, it was decided that Linda will put a survey to the membership about whether to change the meeting time for Friends meeting from 12:00, noon to perhaps earlier in the morning, 10:00. She will do this and we’ll see what people think.

Announcements:

Leadership Meeting – NO December Leadership meeting
January Membership Meeting- Tues. January 4 – noon @ the Community Room RADL  (unless the time is changed).

Library Board Meeting – Fri. January 7- 10:00 am RADL

Adjournment: 12:51 Motion by Connie Allen and seconded by Kathy Wahl to adjourn. Motion passed.

Membership stayed after the meeting for an Island Christmas Party. Kathy Wahl was crowned the biggest Library nerd and won a mug. Susan Horvat was second and received a library book patch to go on her jacket. With Island music playing in the background, members had a chance to visit and wish each other a Happy Holiday. A Desert Island reading list was compiled and distributed to each one there. Lots of good reading ideas! Thanks, Linda, for coming up with another fun idea!

Submitted: S. Glover

December 2021 FOL Treasurer's Report for the January 4, 2022 Meeting
(93 Members)

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Account Totals: $14,206.13

Prime Share $11,008.88

Share Draft Description Amt Balance

Dec 29, 2021 Deposit (7 membs $35, RADL used books $22) $57 $3,197.25

Dec 13, 2021 Deposit (2 membs $10, $15 donation) $25 $3,140.25

Dec 10, 2021 Ck#961-Reimburse Susan Horvat gift basket gift cards (Approv 11/2/21 meeting) - $50 $3,115.25

Dec 9, 2021 Ck#962-Reimburse RADL for BOB Books (Approv 12/7/21 meeting) -$341.10 $3,165.25

Dec 1, 2021 Deposit (16 membs $80, donations $35, RADL used books $23.10) $138.10 $3,303.35

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12/29/2021