

# Friends of the Roscommon Area District Library

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



**Friend Sharon Boushelle signs up a new “Friend.”**

***FRADL Rocks Roctoberfest 2023.***

**(Radio Joe Battocletti).**

The temperature was “chilly” but the reception was “toasty” at the FRADL table during the Roscommon “Roctoberfest” on October 14<sup>th</sup>. For FRADL this was an excellent opportunity for community outreach, both to share the story of our mission and great library, and to encourage

members of the community to join our great organization. With a number of bands filling the air with music, flocks of people visited the FRADL table to enter a drawing to win a special “Made in Michigan” gift basket. The basket, which was overflowing with a variety of Michigan made products, included four tickets to the amazing Yankee Air Museum in Willow Run. The giveaway was a great attraction for friends to share the story of our Organization to members of the community. Over 100 tickets were entered into the free drawing with the winning ticket going to Wendy Noffsinger. Additionally; 24 new and renewing members joined the FRADL on this special, fun filled evening. A special thanks to Linda Brick, Sharon Boushelle and all friends that contributed to this outstanding basket and braved the cold to tell the story of FRADL.

***Library Halloween Party Illustrates Friends mission in action. (Joe Battocletti)***

The RADL Community Room was once again filled with “spooktacular” fun as the Friends helped our great Library staff make the Halloween season more enjoyable for our costumed little friends. Colleen, Julie, Ruby and Casey (the Queen of Creativity) made this another memorable and successful event. Linda Brick led FRADL volunteers and Ann Jordan took over duties at the Checkout desk while other friends helped with the clean up. It is the FRADL support for our excellent Library staff that continues to reflect our special relationship and commitment to our community and it’s families. A special “thank you” to all Friends that volunteer at the “Jewel of the North” our Roscommon Area District Library.

***FRADL now offers lifetime memberships***

At the October general membership meeting the proposal to offer a “Lifetime Membership” was adopted into the FRADL bylaws 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. As of this posting there are approximately five new lifetime members.

**FRADL Receives BOEING Grant**

FRADL was a recent beneficiary of a \$150.00 grant from Boeing Corporation. Former Roscommon resident Dane Johoske, a retired Boeing engineer, helped secure the grant for the FRADL.

***FRADL member news***

Our membership now exceeds 100 members, and we are continuing to seek volunteers for upcoming Library activities and events. Upcoming events include a Display at the “Christmas in the Village” craft show, from 11:00 am until 8:00 pm on the Saturday, the second of December held at the CRAF Center in downtown Roscommon. We are partnering with the Roscommon Literacy Council who will be conducting another popular book sale. The FRADL general membership meetings are held at noon on the second Tuesday of the month in the RADL Conference Room. The FRADL leadership Meeting is held on the last Tuesday of the month at 1:30 in the RADL. A calendar of monthly events is available at the Library Front desk.

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](mailto:engelhardjim58@gmail.com).