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of the TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## NEWSLETTER

### FRIENDS of the Troy Public Library

Friends promote and support the Troy Public Library.

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# Friends and Strangers



Rod McKuen once said that “Strangers are just friends waiting to happen.” Never was that more evident, than the enormous community support that the FTPL received as we worked diligently on behalf of the Troy Public Library these last two years. Over our 53-year existence, the Friends have done their best to promote and support the library by helping to start the first library in Troy and working tirelessly to *save* our library in Troy.

Now the time has come to focus on our continued good works in the library and in our community. We are ready to move forward with renewed energy to get the Troy Public Library humming with our Friends Book Shop Grand Re-opening, the Friends Shop restocked and ready to serve, refreshing the special needs collection, promoting the fast-growing digital collection to users, helping with job seekers and supporting programs for the many patrons who have come to enjoy the great groups that meet at the library each week.

The Friends have met so many wonderful residents who have a passion for the library and recognize its importance as a treasured civic asset in our city. We hope to engage those people by making them Friends, too. For a mere \$10 individual membership contribution, library lovers can continue to support the library, get our quarterly newsletter, discount coupons to our shops, notices for member only events and more. Becoming a Friends volunteer is a great way to stay involved with the library and be a part of an organization of dedicated, hard-working folks that love giving back with their time and talents.

If strangers are just friends waiting to happen, then we are ready to get to know you. The Friends want to thank you for supporting us and the library and making it possible for children, seniors, students, the unemployed and many others to have a source for literacy and resources for living and learning in Troy. Please consider membership or volunteering a few hours of your time. As author Douglas Pagels said, “A friend is one of the nicest things you can have, and one of the nicest things you can be.” The Friends of the Troy Public Library would love to have you as our Friend.

~ Rhonda Hendrickson  
President

Book Shop Hours	Friends Shop Hours	Troy Public Library - Points of Pride
Monday	12 – 8 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #1 in Michigan in 2004 among Class VI libraries per Hennen's Rating Index</li> <li>• #2 in 2005 and 2006 due to expansion of West Bloomfield Library</li> <li>• 2004 received the Library of Michigan Citation of Excellence for diversity</li> <li>• 2005 honored with the Voice of the People Award for Excellence in Library Services</li> <li>• 2005 top 1% - #13 in the nation</li> <li>• Attracts approximately 15,000 visitors a week</li> <li>• <i>Most popular place in Troy!</i></li> </ul> <p><b>COULD NOT HAVE BEEN DONE WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS!</b></p>
Tuesday	12 – 8 pm	
Wednesday	12 – 8 pm	
Thursday	12 – 8 pm	
Friday 10 am - 1 pm	12 – 5 pm	
Sunday 1 pm - 4 pm	1 – 4 pm	



## BOOK SHOP BUZZ...

At last! The moment for which we've all been waiting – the re-opening of the Book Shop! After being shut down for nearly 5 months, the Book Shop is back in business.

The Grand Re-opening Weekend celebration was kicked off on Thursday evening, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Well before the doors opened, shoppers started queuing up and by 4pm the line stretched from the Book Shop door all the way to the TPL entrance!

Visitors walked into a sparkling clean facility thanks to our volunteers who washed every shelf, book end, cart and container over the summer. Shoppers

also found that a number of enhancements have been made to the shop; Children's area was expanded, Teen & Young Adult books consolidated into one spot, and several subject categories regrouped for a better flow. The changes were well received and shoppers quickly caught on to the new layout.

It was great to see many familiar faces and the atmosphere was that of a reunion -- with friends greeting long-lost friends. The shop literally hummed with positive energy and excitement.

A huge "Thank you" goes out to our Book Shop volunteers who, with endless energy, dedication and

flexibility, took on the herculean task of putting the shop back together in just 30 days. Thank you, too, to the generous donors who made it possible for us to reopen the shop so quickly.

We are now looking forward to getting back into a regular Friday & Sunday sale day routine. And, as always, we welcome new Friends, volunteers, shoppers and donations!

It's so good to be back!

*-Eve Parsons,  
Book Shop Manager*

**Book Shop Hours:  
Fri 10-1 and Sun 1-4**

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends of Troy Public Library,

Receiving word that the millage had passed on August 2 was probably one of the happiest moments of my life. The passage of the millage was due in no small way to the efforts of the Friends of the Troy Public Library, and I want each and every one of you to know how much the library staff and I appreciate your efforts. We really cannot thank you enough!

Now the work of bringing the library back to "normal" must begin. It is difficult in some ways to know what is "normal" at this point, but the staff and I are doing our best to purchase new materials for the collections, restore programming to a limited extent, and hire new staff to replace the 17 people who have left the Troy Public Library since July of 2010. I am also working on a one-year budget and a three-year budget, for presentation to City Council at their meeting on Monday, September 26.

This effort to restore normalcy is going to take a little while, and I hope you will bear with us while we try to do a million things at once! I expect that by January 2012, we will be ready to take on the next big challenge—Strategic Planning for the library for the next few years. This is a project which will include input from Troy residents, the business community, Troy schools, the colleges, universities and trade schools in town, library staff, and of course, the Friends of Troy Public Library.

I look so forward to working with the Friends to make the library a 21<sup>st</sup> century learning center for the community. I know we will be successful because Troy Public Library has the best Friends!

*~ Cathy Russ, Library Director*

**Save the date! October 17 — Friends General Annual Meeting.  
Watch for details on our new web site at [WWW.FriendsTPL.org](http://WWW.FriendsTPL.org)**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING—SAVE THE DATE!**

You are invited to the  
Friends of the Troy Public Library  
Annual General Meeting  
**Monday, October 17, 2011 6:30 pm**  
Troy Public Library Meeting Room

Join us and hear the exciting plans we have for the coming year.

Light refreshments will be served.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Join our enthusiastic group of Friends!

The Friends of the Troy Public Library promote and support the Troy Public Library and provide extra programs, which are not included in the TPL budget.

Become a 2012 Friend today by paying dues which extend your membership through December 31, 2012. Please consider making an extra donation as well.

Support our award-winning library with your dues, volunteering and donations of materials to the Book Shop.

### **FALL CLEAN UP**

Now is a great time to free up some space at home by clearing off your bookshelves. Please take a moment and gather up items you are no longer using, such as books, movies, CDs, games and puzzles. Drop them off at the Donations Area in the library lobby (by the Circulation Desk). By the bag, box or truckload—in good and clean condition—we always welcome your donations!

Proceeds support the TPL programs and are tax deductible.

**Support Your Library— Support Your Community!**

### **GOOD FRIEND REMEMBERED**

The recent and sudden death of Jack Schram has deeply saddened the members of the Friends of the Troy Public Library. Losing Jack was like losing a close family member. He was always there when you needed him with a generous heart, a ready smile and a positive approach to any problem. In fact, in his 35 years as an engineer at Ford Tractor in Troy, Jack was fondly known by some of his associates as “Smiling Jack”

A common statement from Jack was, “Every day is a good day, but some days are just better than others.” Nena says Jack was a special person and we all agree. Jack worked diligently to save our library and he would be happy to know that the library stayed open.

As well as being a strong library advocate, Jack was an active volunteer in many of Troy’s pursuits, ie. The Troy CATV Advisory Committee, WTRY, Troy Wood Carvers Club and Troy Continuing Education Advisory Board.

The Friends of the Troy Public Library extend their sympathy, thoughts, and prayers to Nena and the entire Schram family and thank you all for the 30 years you shared Jack with us. He will be sorely missed.

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# Special Fall Savings



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