



Friends of Bayliss Public Library

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NEWSLETTER

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A Message from Friends' President

I like books, even before I started reading at about age four. Libraries have always been where I've lived and I've made regular use of them. I cannot imagine living without a library near.

The Superior District Library (SDL), of which Bayliss is one of eight members, was voted into existence in 2013 with a millage rate of 0.5 mills. This is the main source of funding, with a small portion coming from penal fines and State Aid. SDL serves 42,000 permanent residents.

On February 27th, you will have the opportunity to show your support for the library by voting YES on the millage. The millage proposal is for 1.0 mils (0.9976 due to Headlee rollbacks). Operating costs have increased (think about your electric bill) and funding sources have decreased (legalization of marijuana and higher speed limits), compelling the increase. Is it worth it?

How much does a new book cost? \$30 plus. [*Libraries don't get a discount on book buying.*] A ticket to the movie theater was a quarter when I was a kid, but it's in the \$7-10 range now. At the library, DVDs rent for \$1 for a whole week! [*And the books are always free!*]

The library collection is over 200,000 books, 10,000 DVDs, e-books, digital audiobooks and more. Cake pans, SAD lamps, air quality monitors, VR headsets, and telescopes are just a sampling of the Bayliss "Library of Things". The building and parking lot have free Wi-Fi and internet-connected computers, free notary services, tax forms, programs for adults and children, And more! Have you tried LIBBY? It's a FREE audio book service (compared to about \$150 per year for Audible). And, if the library doesn't have a book you want, another library in the state probably does and it will be loaned to you without cost.

Have you ever attended a FREE program or movie at the library? They are top-rate and there's something for everyone every month. What about Children's Story Time? Or Yarn Workers? How about using the reading machines for the visually challenged?

Is the library worth this millage? I voted YES and I encourage you to vote YES as well on February 27th.

Linda Stoetzer,

President, Friends of Bayliss Library

Remember to vote in the February 27th Election!

**Vote by Absentee Ballot, Vote by Early In-Person (starting Saturday, February 17),
or Vote In-Person at the Polls on Tuesday, February 27th! Just VOTE!**

FRIENDS' 2024 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

January 2024

Time to renew your Friends' Membership!

Winter Newsletter

April 2024

Plan your new gardens with books, videos, and magazines from Bayliss Library.

Spring Newsletter

July 2024

Enjoy the "Coolest Place in Town"
- Air-Conditioned
Bayliss Library

Summer Newsletter

October 2024

Find Craft books at Bayliss Library, to make your own Holiday Gifts & Decor!

Autumn Newsletter

February 2024

Valentine's Sweet Sale
February 13 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Happy Valentine's Day!

May 2024

Check out the Summer Farmers Market, Wednesdays, 4—6:30 p.m. corner of Ashmun & Portage

August 2024

The BIG Summer Used Book Sale!

Stay tuned for dates & details!



November 2024

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



March 2024

Check out the Winter Farmers Market at Bayliss Library Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Board Meeting

June 2024

Pick up "Beach Reads" or Movies for rainy days, at Bayliss Library

Board Meeting

September 2024

The days turn cool and it's back to school!

Board Meeting

December 2024

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!



Summer Book Sale Success!

This year's Summer Book Sale was a great success, but, as always, it took a lot of volunteers and many days of work to get ready. We started with three Book Donation Days, in May, June, and July. We collected lots of good-quality books, puzzles, magazines, and DVDs, to offer at the book sale. On Tuesday, July 26, the book haulers brought all the boxes of books, DVDs, puzzles, and magazines from our storage unit, and our sorters started the sorting process.

The Friends-First Early-Bird Sale started at 4:30 on Thursday and our Friends members came to shop! The "Michigan Specials" and puzzle tables were especially popular, with just a few selections available for Friday shoppers. The Early-Bird Sale, and sales to sorters, brought in over \$600.00 - a very good start to the Summer Sale!

Friday morning, July 28, the sale opened at 9 a.m. Shoppers showed up and started filling bags and boxes with

their finds, from both inside and outside the Library. After a busy day, we closed the Sale at 4:00 p.m., straightened up the room again, and counted another \$815.00 to add to our Sale total.

Saturday, July 29, was a pretty slow day for sales, even with the "Saturday Special" of \$3.00 a bag. We still moved quite a few books and almost all of the puzzles. At 1:00 p.m., the packers and haulers showed up, boxed up the leftovers, and moved them back to the storage unit. Another Summer Book Sale was in the books - so to speak! Total book sale proceeds were \$1,899.05! That's almost \$300.00 more than last year's Summer Sale.

We couldn't do these book sales without lots of hard-working volunteers. This year we had 42 volunteer workers, and several worked many days during the week, including Gail Essmaker, Jamie Randolph, Judy Baxley, and Jeanne Wellington. Here is the list of all who *(continued on next page)*

Holiday Silent Auction Results

The Friends' first Silent Auction since 2020 was held Nov. 28—Dec. 8, 2023, with very happy results! For the first time, bidders were able to bid on-line, as well as in person at the Library, via email, and by phone. The auction raised \$1686.00 which will now be used for the Bayliss "Wish List". Thanks to all who bid on the amazing variety of items, all donated by local sponsors. Our thanks go to all the sponsors, including:

Artist Joe Dawson, Central Savings Bank, Lake Superior State University, The Estate of Judy Jacobson, Arfstrom's Pharmacy, Cup of the Day, Barish Brothers, The Mole Hole, Silver Lining Antiques, Red's Revolving Rentals, Mary Beth O'Neil Vollick, Rose Ann Kageg, Wilderness Treasures, Daymakers Salon & Day Spa, A Little Slice of Heaven, Phat Closet, Bird's Eye Outfitters, Pam Lahti, U.P. North Wilderness, Superior Coffee,

Monocle Jewelers, Parker's Ace Hardware, Penny's Kitchen, Island Books & Crafts, Barbara Searight, Interlake Maritime Services, Sault Historic Sites, Renee Dreilling, Das Gift Haus, Nancy Chadwick, Julie Chadwick, Alpine Chocolat Haus, Sherry Molitor-Farmers Insurance/Scentsy Rep., Cathy Mason, The Foundary, The Wicked Sister, Co-Ed Flowers, and several Anonymous Friends.

Thanks also to our Friends members who worked on the Silent Auction, by contacting sponsors, arranging the display at the Library, maintaining the Auction web site and updating the daily bids, putting up posters, and contacting the winners, including:

Gladys Teske, Louise Armstrong, Barbara Gruenewald, Ginger Bath, Lee Carlson, Nancy Chadwick, Linda Stoetzer, Jeanne Cooper, Andrea Masters, Allison Youngs, Lori Tomkinson, Nancy Gillotte, Jeanne Wellington. We also appreciate the cooperation and assistance of the Bayliss Library staff which helped make this Auction possible!

(continued from previous page) made the phone calls, worked during Book Donation Days, distributed posters, hauled books, set up and took down tables, sorted the sale items, worked during the sale, and packed up after it was over:

Teri Foust, Gail Essmaker, Lee Carlson, Judy Baxley, Louise Armstrong, Lori Tomkinson, Jeanne Wellington, Nancy Chadwick, Paul Pioszak, Jane Duffield, Andrew Duffield, Gary Rutenbar, Mary Carney, Linda Bush, Sophia Bush, Alex Osetek, Jamie Randolph, Sharon Forrest, Gladys Teske, Susan Hendershott, Michelle Ribant, Julie Chadwick, Ronnie Conboy, Linda Stoetzer, Mary Frances Morden, Ellen Quinvilan, David Karjala, Chris McLean, Deb Sinclair, Fran Pruess,

Deanne Burton, Nicole Long, Jeanne Cooper, Ginger Bath, Shelly Butzin, Kathy Stalker, Dennis Merkel, Chrissey Burt, James Arfstrom, Jim Page, Phil Bellfy, and Nancy Gillotte.

Another big "THANK YOU" to the Bayliss staff who helped us in many ways before, during and after the sale. We appreciate their help in every way!

Thanks to many volunteers, this year's Summer Book Sale was one of the best ever! We tried a couple new things, some that worked well and some that didn't, and have plenty of notes to help us next time around. Thanks again to all workers, donors, and shoppers! We'll see you next summer!

Membership Application Form

I want to be a **Friend of Bayliss Public Library**.

My annual membership donation (\$15.00) is enclosed. (Newsletter mailing is included in membership, four issues per year.)

Don't mail newsletter; I will pick up at Library or access at Library website (www.bayliss.ploud.net), or email to me at: _____

I'd like to make a special donation (enclosed).

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Make checks payable to Friends of Bayliss Library (FOBL)

*Mail to Friends of Bayliss, c/o Bayliss Library, 541 Library Drive, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
or drop off at the Bayliss Library Circulation Desk*

I'd be happy to help.

Please call me about:

Baking for:

Valentine Sweets Sale

Helping with (phoning, organizing, working on sale day, etc.):

Annual Membership Drive

Used Book Sales

Valentine Sweets Sale

Silent Auction

Garden Committee

Serving on the Friends' Board

Other: _____



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2023-2024 Friends Board:

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Children's Librarian
Bayliss Public Library

Bayliss Library Hours
an affiliate of Superior District Library

The Library is open: Tuesday and Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday and Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

NOTE: Check out Bayliss Library on Facebook.
You'll find out what's happening at the "Coolest Place in Town"!

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One library card works at all of the Superior District Libraries: Bayliss Public Library, Brevort Township Community Library, DeTour Public Library, Drummond Island Library, Engadine Library, Les Cheneaux Community Library, Pickford Community Library, and Mollie R. Kahl Community Library (in Rudyard).
They're all 'Superior' Libraries!

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