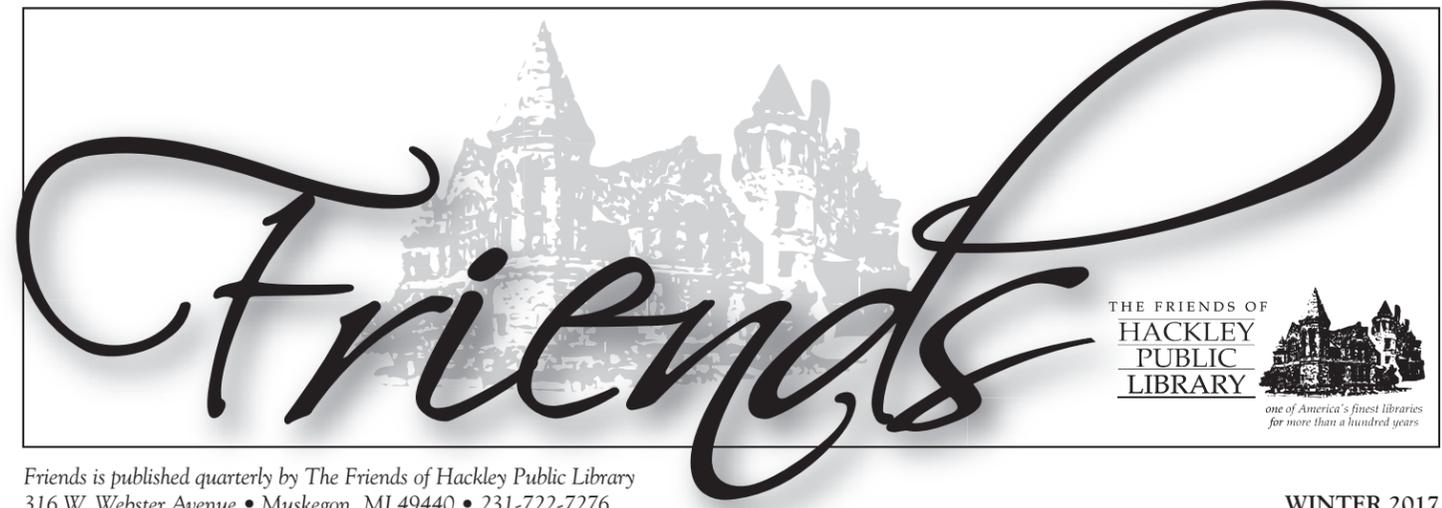


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Mark your Calendar for the 5th Annual...



**5th Annual Bling Thing Takes
Center Stage at The Century Club
on February 10 & 11**

"What a fun night of shopping, wine, and chocolate! I love my jewelry and other treasures from past Bling events – nice pieces at a great value! Can't wait to see what's coming!"

Bling Thing participant

Bling Thing, the popular sale of fashionable jewelry and vintage clothing to benefit the Library, returns to the Century Club Ballroom, 356 W. Western Ave., in downtown Muskegon on Friday and Saturday, February 10 - 11.

Open to the public, Bling Thing offers attendees the chance to purchase jewelry, purses, scarves, hats and things with "bling" that have been donated by community members throughout the year. The inventory includes a wide variety of costume, vintage, and fine jewelry at reasonable prices. Purses, scarves, belts, clothing and sparkly home decor items will also be available.

An early sale party is scheduled for Friday, February 10, from 5-8 p.m. A minimum \$10 donation at the door includes wine, chocolate and first-dibs on jewelry and other items. The fun-filled event draws an enthusiastic crowd.

The sale continues on Saturday, February 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with free entry. Biggby Coffee is providing complimentary coffee and hot chocolate.

Now in its fifth year, Bling Thing is hosted by the Friends of Hackley Library with proceeds supporting the library's programs and activities. Since its inception in 2013, Bling Thing has raised \$8,000 - \$10,000 annually.

Thank you!

**2017 Bling Thing Sponsors
(as of printing)**

- Benson's Bottom Paint, Inc.
- Lakeshore Employee Benefits
- Newkirk Electric
- Quigley Draperies

Save the date!

Bling Thing
February 10 & 11
Century Club, Muskegon

Annual Used Book Sale
April 21 - 23
Hackley Public Library

**Charles H. Hackley
Distinguished Lecture**
To be announced

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"like" us on Facebook for
information about
upcoming events!

2017 Friends of Hackley Public Library Used Book Sale

"Connecting Our Community"

Presale Event for Members - Thursday, April 20, 5-7 pm
Public Sale - Friday & Saturday, April 21 & 22, 10am to 5pm
\$3 bag sale Sunday, April 23, 1-3pm
Lower Level - Hackley Public Library

Here's how you can help!

- Clean off your bookshelves and donate your used books, CDs, DVDs and records. Bring donations to Hackley Library. *Please call ahead if you have a large number of books.*
- Volunteer to sort books and help set up at the library on April 17, 18, or 19. We need to fill MANY two-hour shifts. Please help whenever you can!
- Volunteer to work during the Used Book Sale itself.
- Come to the members-only Pre-Sale Event and to the sale itself and buy!

To volunteer, call Tammy Jackson at 231.903.3229.

Message from President

Barbara Klingenmaier

We had a wonderful Candlelight Event with over 70 members enjoying the ambiance created by the "miracle worker" J'nai Cloz and her two elves, Anne McLaughlin and Pat Schroeder. They managed to create the transformation between the time the library closed at 5 and people started arriving at 6. Our amazing historical jewel is truly magical in candlelight. If you have never taken the opportunity to experience our Christmas celebration, please put it on your "to do" list for 2017!

This newsletter also brings you up to date on our two major fund raisers approaching this winter and spring. Please take note of the dates as well as the need for lots of BLING and always the books you no longer need. Volunteers for these events are also welcomed and needed. Please contact me or the library for more information. We have our commitment to completion of the Community Room and would like to start some new endeavors so the more funds we raise, the more we can reinvest in our mission.

Now that I mentioned it, one new endeavor could possibly be "Books for Babies", an opportunity suggested by United for Libraries, our national support organization for Friends affiliates. We are looking at a partnership with the Muskegon Area District Library to provide a kit for every newborn at the (only) birthing center in our county. *(Please note Breaking News on this page!)* The cost for the kit is \$7 and there are approximately 2000 babies born in Muskegon County each year. Great possibilities but we need to make sure our fund raising efforts continue to be as supported by all of you members as they have been in the past. We also greatly encourage all of you to give us feedback on your ideas/vision for how Friends should continue our mission work.

We also raised over \$2400 for the Red Stocking Fund which will provide children's books to the library over the coming year.

In closing, I will once again "borrow" from Community enCompass because it just seems to say it all.....Shalom in the City!

"Reading makes all other learning possible. We have to get books into our children's hands early and often."

Barack Obama

Breaking News - Wish Granted!

We are thrilled to announce that the Anton Family Fund of the Community Foundation for Muskegon County donated \$1000 to be used for Books for Babies Kits in response to our Community Needs Wish List request.

Books for Babies is a national literacy program that acquaints parents of newborns with the important role they play in the development of their children. Parents are presented with a Books for Babies kit containing a board book for baby, baby's first library card, and a variety of reading tips and early literacy information from nationally-recognized educational organizations.

*Many thanks to the
Anton Family Fund and CFFMC
for helping Muskegon County babies
get a great start!*

*Thank you for
stuffing the stocking!*



Our children are the beneficiaries of your generosity! The Red Stocking Campaign in December raised over \$2400 for children's books.

Thank you, Friends!

From the Desk of Library Director Marty Ferriby

If you were able to attend the fabulous Candlelight Evening put on by the Friends of the Library on Dec. 8, then you saw the progress on the library's renovation and upgrade project. It seems slow because it IS slow but Friends at the party could really see progress.

First, people probably weren't too hot or too cold because the new boilers are working splendidly. Staff even propped the door to the boiler room open so that party-goers could see them in all their splendor. The building is also more comfortable because the windows are being replaced. You can really feel the difference.

The big news is that the gathering/meeting rooms project of the Friends of the Library will be ready for programs soon. The first program in these lower level rooms will feature Max and Ruth Bloomquist in January, and by February there will be a full range of activities.

The new ventilation system is working beautifully, the new lights are on and the ceiling has been replaced, the first coats of paint are on the walls, and some of the cabinets and counter tops have been installed. Watch for the installation of screens, ceiling-mounted projectors, doors, coat racks, the rest of the counters, and the hearing loop/sound system.

There have been many delays with the accessible front entrance to the Library, particularly with the concrete. This was mainly due to the complexity of the project and issues around getting all the work coordinated among seven different trades. Now the weather is a big issue. However, the snow melt system is in place and concrete is being poured.

In order to use the front entrance safely, the doors, lighting, railings, steps and corner sidewalk all have to be installed. What can't be done this winter -- like the landscaping -- will be completed in the spring. Meanwhile, we'll keep using the alley door. The results will last another century and will be worth the wait!



WHAT WE'RE READING

Book recommendation from
Friends Board Member Andi Kahn

A Gentleman In Moscow by Amor Towles

This is a beautifully written novel. The story opens in 1922 when a thirty year old count is "deemed an unrepentant aristocrat" by a Bolshevik tribunal. He is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across from the Kremlin. He lives in an attic room while some of the most unsettling decades in Russian history unfold.

He forges friendships with a willful actress, the hotels temperamental chef, and a shrewd American among others. In chapter after chapter, the novel casts a spell as it relates the Counts endeavor to understand what it means to be a man of purpose.

I loved it!

Looking for reading with local flavor? Try Michigan Notable Books!

Each year, the Library of Michigan selects titles they deem "notable books", either written by a Michigan resident or about Michigan or the Great Lakes. LOM says, "Each selected title speaks to our state's rich cultural, historical, and literary heritage and proves without a doubt that some of the greatest stories are found in the Great Lakes State." Check it out at michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan.

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