

Views

Friends of the Van Pelt Library
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Book Sale Set for Thur April 8; Members Presale on Wed April 7

Despite the construction upheaval at the Van Pelt Library, the 2004 Friends Book Sale will take place as usual in 2004 on **Thursday April 8 from 10am-4:30pm in Ballroom B in the Memorial Union Building at MTU**. The Members-only presale will be the day before, **Wednesday, April 7 from 5-7pm**. Membership is available at the door for \$15 (individuals), \$25 (family), and \$10 (students/seniors).

Book donations are actively being sought for the sale. The Friends accept books on any subject, software, CDs, DVDs and videos for the sale. We do not accept Readers Digest Condensed, vinyl records, or magazines, since these do not sell well and are very cumbersome to move and store.

The prospects for a 2005 sale are not quite so bright, since the construction plans for the Library renovation call for all of the current collection to move to the Opie addition next year, and space will be even tighter than it is currently. We will keep you posted on the prospects for a 2005 sale here and on the web at www.chem.mtu.edu/~fmorriso/fvpl/announce.htm.



CILIT Library Addition Framed in, Shaping up

by Library Director Phyllis Johnson

The Library addition is fast taking shape. The columns to support the wonderful two-story curved window are now in place and it is easy to imagine what it will be like to work and study in the space when it is completed. The addition and the renovation of the ground floor of the current building will be ready for use this summer. The temporary move of the collections and staff from the current building to the addition will begin May 15 and will be completed by July 1. The Archives will be moved permanently into the space designed for it on the ground floor of the addition at that time. Bound journals will be permanently moved into compact shelving installed on the ground floor of the current building and in the addition. The rest of the addition is not designed for staff offices or collections so this move is temporary. The move of the collections and staff to the addition will enable renovation of the current building to begin July 1. The renovation will be completed in early spring of

2005. At that time the staff and the collections designated to live in the newly renovated space will move from the addition and off-site locations into their new digs.

The Library addition and renovation is only part of the Center for Integrated Learning and Information Technology project. The other part, the building of a computer science building, will be completed in November 2004. A beautiful arched bridge will connect the computer science building and the Library. Students will be able to go from the main classroom building on campus, Fisher Hall, through the new computer science building, to the Library without having to go outside.

Profile of our Friends: Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society

By Patrick Quimby

Tau Beta Pi (TBP) is a service-oriented honor society. TBP is the second-oldest honor society in the nation, committed to benefit the community and to recognize engineering students who have distinguished scholarship and exemplary character. The chapter at Michigan Tech (Michigan Beta) was founded in 1904 and has initiated over 3600 members into its ranks.

TBP and the Friends of the Van Pelt Library have formed a beneficial partnership to aid in the improvement of the Library. The students of TBP assist with the annual book sale by pre-sorting and pricing donated books as well as setting-up, selling, and cleaning-up on the day of the sale.

Besides being Friends to the VP Library, TBP members also travel to local high schools to raise awareness of the engineering disciplines, bring industry-leading engineers to MTU to give guest lectures, and organize the annual banquet to honor students with high scholastic achievement. Other

TBP activities include: tutoring, visiting the elderly, food and clothing drives, and assisting other service organizations (Alpha Society, St. Vincent DePaul).

Winter Carnival Hot Chocolate and Cookie Giveaway a Success

By Don Durfee

We had a good turnout for our sale on Saturday February 7, 2004 at the Friends' Winter Carnival Hot Chocolate and Cookie Giveaway, and we all had a very good time greeting visitors to the Library. Many of the visitors were very interested in the Library renovations.

Volunteers served around 150 hot chocolates, (many with whip cream!) as well as many great homemade cookies. We collected a total of \$185.75, which included \$60.07 in donations, \$64.43 in used book sales and \$61.25 in Note Card sales.

Thank you everybody who helped with baking cookies, bringing in hot chocolate and supplies, setting-up, cleaning-up, and working at the table. Thank you Mary Marchaterre, David Nitz, Alex Nitz, Faith Morrison, George Love, Joan Goodbody, Phyllis Johnson, Karen Hubbard, June Hawthorne, Bette Mongold, Maria Beardslee and the Library student workers.

New Board Members Elected at Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Van Pelt Library was held Tuesday, October 21, 2003 in the University Archives. MTU Physics Professor Robert Nemiroff gave a lively talk about Mars, featuring photographs from his new book, "The

Universe: 365 Days," written with coauthor Jerry T. Bonnell (Harry N. Abrams, 2003).

Three Directors were re-elected to the Board of the Friends, June Hawthorne, George Love, and Dana Richter. Two new board members, Bette Mongold and Dick Rupley were also elected. Many thanks to all five of the "new" directors for their willingness to serve the Friends.

Econo Foods "Computers for Kids" Program Benefits Van Pelt Library

by Mary Marchaterre

Time to collect your receipts from Econo to benefit the Van Pelt Library at MTU. Through its Computers for Kids program Econo Foods donates to the Friends 1% of the sum of all Econo receipts collected. These funds are used to pay for computer systems in the Library. In 2000 the Friends of the Van Pelt Library collected Econo receipts that totaled \$30,361.11. As a result, Econo Foods donated 1% of that total, or \$303.61, to the Friends. In 2001 through the Computers for Kids program the Friends received \$431.76 and in 2002 \$521.02. Many thanks to those who participated last year, and a big "keep it up" to all those volunteers collecting receipts for 2003-2004.

Want to help? Please collect your receipts from Econo Foods and send them to us or drop them in the collection box at the circulation desk of the Library. Econo will accept only receipts dated August 26, 2003, through June 3, 2004. Please send your receipts by intercampus mail to either Mary Marchaterre (IT - 209 Admin) or Faith Morrison (Chemical Engineering). Want to help more? Put out a collection box in your area and encourage your coworkers to bring in their receipts for our Library. Every little bit helps.

Thank you Econo Foods! Thanks to everyone who is collecting receipts for the Friends.

Honor-System Book Cart a Continuing Success

FVPL Treasurer Terry Reynolds reports that receipts from the ongoing book-cart book sale have increased since the cart was inaugurated in fall 2000, although the 2003-4 receipts are a bit behind the 2002-3 pace:

| <i>Book Cart Sales</i> | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| 2000-1 | \$797.60 |
| 2001-2 | \$767.37 |
| 2002-3 | \$899.45 |
| YTD | \$ 554.01 |

Currently the book cart is stocked monthly by FVPL board member Karen Hubbard, and the cash box is attended to by Reynolds. The book cart project was the brainchild of Reynolds and has allowed the Friends to sell donated books at a slightly higher price throughout the year to augment the bargain-basement prices at the annual book sale.

Board of Directors of the Friends of the Van Pelt Library

Don Durfee (2005), Vice Chairman
June Hawthorne (2006)
Karen Hubbard (2005)
Amy Hughes (2005), Secretary
George Love (2006)
Mary Marchaterre (2005)
Bette Mongold (2006)
Faith Morrison (2005), Newsletter editor
Gail Mroz (2004)
Patrick Quimby (2005), Tau Beta Pi
Terry Reynolds (2005), Treasurer
Dana Richter (2006)
Richard Rupley (2006)
Dee Vincent (2005), Chairman
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vacant (2004)
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