



# FRIENDS OF THE LIVONIA LIBRARY

SEPT. 2023

32777 FIVE MILE ROAD • LIVONIA, MICHIGAN 48154

## FRIENDS OF THE LIVONIA LIBRARY UPCOMING PROGRAMS

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN  
WITH COMEDY MAGICIAN & ENTERTAINER

# CAMERON ZVARA

CAMERON'S SHOW  
IS FILLED WITH  
MIND BLOWING MAGIC,  
COMEDY, JUGGLING,  
MUSIC, AND TONS  
OF AUDIENCE  
PARTICIPATION.

**OCTOBER 15, 2023 • 2 P.M.**  
LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER AUDITORIUM  
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**THIS PROGRAM  
IS FREE AND OPEN  
TO THE PUBLIC!**

## SAVE THE DATE FOR FUTURE PROGRAMS!

February 11, 2024  
Madelyn Porter :  
The Great Migration

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## *The Friends* USED BOOKSTORE

The Friends Used Bookstore is located in the Atrium at the Bennett Civic Center Library. It is run completely by volunteers and is stocked with donations from the community.

### HOURS

Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday •  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Tuesday & Wednesday • 11 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
**PHONE: 734.466.2495**

The Bookstore accepts cash or checks only.

**Friends of the Livonia Library  
new memberships  
and renewals are also accepted  
in the Bookstore!**

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Members of the Friends of the Livonia Library receive emails containing our newsletter, notices of the next book sale and upcoming programs, and other events. Members may shop our pre-sale the Thursday evening before the public sale begins.

Before your membership expires, you will receive an email notice to renew. The Friends now have 500 members, and we thank all of you! Your support of the Friends is greatly appreciated!

A renewal form is included in the newsletter for your convenience. Please be sure to provide your email! We do not share your email. We only email you for Friends business.

If you have any questions, concerns, or need to update your information, please contact Diane Bergendahl at 248-974-3138 or dbergend@gmail.com.

*Contributed by Diane Bergendahl*

## ALL TOGETHER NOW

This summer the Livonia Public Library invited book lovers of all ages to celebrate Community, Kindness, and Unity during our All Together Now 2023 Summer Reading Program.

More than 1,400 participants came together for exciting programs, motivating reading challenges, and fantastic prizes - 962 children and tweens, 123 teens, and 338 adults!

Children and tweens enjoyed weekly performances including the magician Cameron Zvara, the Music Lady, Drummunity, and Paleo Joe. Teens connected through a mobile escape room, comic drawing class, summer bonfire, knight training, and other interactive events. Adults explored American history through art, listened to stories of a Titanic survivor, met up for a paint party, and discovered many other topics together.

In addition to engaging programs, we also offered reading challenges for all ages. Participants tracked their reading from June 1-July 31 with amazing results.

Children and tweens logged a total of 379,526 minutes; teens, 148,015 minutes; and adults, 3,664 books!

To encourage participants to read all summer long, we offered some great prizes. Our younger patrons received a certificate, free book, and entry into a grand prize raffle once they reached their reading goal. Teens and Adults earned entries into a virtual drawing to win fantastic prize baskets.

We greatly appreciate the generous support from the Friends of the Library and sincerely thank you for helping to bring us all together this summer!

*Contributed by Julie Novak*

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LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY**

# OCTOBER USED BOOK SALE

## OCTOBER 6-8, 2023

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY • 9 AM-5 PM**  
**SUNDAY • 1-5 PM**

**FILL A BAG FOR \$5 & HALF OFF SPECIAL BOOKS!**

**CHOOSE FROM MANY OF YOUR  
FAVORITE CATEGORIES!**

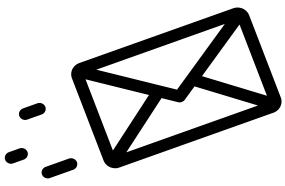


**CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!**  
Minimum \$10 purchase



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# RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP... be a Friend again!

Your annual membership in the Friends supports the Livonia Libraries by:

- purchasing special books and other library needs
- sponsoring cultural events and programs for children and adults
- enlarging public support, understanding and use of the library

Date \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Check your preference for mailing label: Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. Mr. & Mrs.

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_  Mobile  Home

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

I am enclosing \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the membership checked below: (Make checks payable to Friends of the Livonia Library)

- Individual \$ 5.00       Business \$25.00  
 Family \$10.00       Club/Association \$25.00  
 Benefactor \$25.00  
 Patron \$50.00

I would like to volunteer with the book sale process and/or staffing the used bookstore.

**MAIL TO:** Membership  
Friends of the Livonia Library  
**32777 Five Mile Road**  
**Livonia, MI 48154**

## MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE

“A Library card is what the Library does for you. A Friends membership is what you can do for the Library!”

We are a non-profit organization, and all proceeds go to the Library. In addition to shopping our used bookstore and our book sales, becoming a Member of the Friends is another way you can support our Library. We sponsor entertainment programs, fund the Library’s summer reading program, and help the Library purchase more circulation materials.

Effective January 1, 2024, the Annual Membership Dues for the Friends of the Livonia Library will be increased for the first time in many years. These funds will help us continue our work to support our libraries and community.

The new membership fees will be:

- Individual: \$10.00
- Family: \$15.00
- Patron: \$50.00

You may also make a larger donation, to further support the Library, if you wish. Your generosity is much appreciated! Thank you for your continuing support of the Library!

## A VOLUNTEER’S VIEW

Since becoming a volunteer of The Friends of The Library a year ago in August, I have gotten in touch with the heartbeat of my fellow community members: folks who have a love for reading for pure enjoyment and to make one’s self more wise and compassionate through comprehension, knowledge and education of a wide array of subjects. Seeing the joy on other people’s faces when they find that special book they are looking for is heart-warming, no matter if that book serves as a momentary escape from life through a mysterious adventure or a route to understanding what mission real-life has in store for them.

Through volunteering in the store, I have come to understand that the material book brings about new hope to overcome the struggles of the day for many of us. Whether it be a classic you’re looking for or a newer edition of a series you are following, I enjoy helping others find the inspiration to that hope. Why? Well, quite simply, their appreciative smiles give me hope because we all are a living, breathing story that hasn’t concluded yet.

*Contributed by Chere Bernhard*



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER A NOTE FROM JIM HOBART

We have a great bunch of volunteers here at the Friends!

Some process all of the donations we receive on a regular basis, preparing them for the next sale. Others set up the books for display before the sale. More help during the book sale, keeping the tables fresh and helping customers. Still others help after the sale ends, to clean up. Some volunteers help to staff our used bookstore. The bookstore is a great place for you to find books between sales. Many of our volunteers help with more than one task!

For our fiscal year, which begins in September, we have given the library \$84,500.00!! We thank all of our volunteers for their generous donation of time and effort, because without them none of this would be possible! If you'd like to join us, please let us know.

See you at our next sale in October!

Books  
are  
a  
UNIQUELY  
PORTABLE  
magic.  
~ Stephen King