



FRIENDS OF THE **LIVONIA LIBRARY**

APRIL 2025

32777 FIVE MILE ROAD • LIVONIA, MICHIGAN 48154

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

A NOTE FROM JIM HOBART

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE MAY BOOK SALE!

The Friends of the Library will be having a May book sale after all! Here's what you need to know!

When our January newsletter went to press, we were told that the library would be closed for construction and we would not have a May sale. Then we were told that we would have a modified May sale. The sale would be modified to work around proposed remodeling construction in the atrium restrooms during May. Because no restrooms would be available until the library opens, we announced a new starting time for Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. rather than our usual 9 a.m. That has changed! Now this project has been put on hold! So please keep your donations coming!

However, because we announced the later starting times, we will open the sale at 10 a.m. on Friday and Saturday! We will open at 1 pm as usual on Sunday. We expect to be back to our regular 9 a.m. opening times for the October sale!

We're sorry for the inconvenience and look forward to seeing you in May!

***Books are
a uniquely
portable
magic.***

Stephen King

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May Book Sale

Membership Renewal

Calling all Community Groups

Donations Needed

Visit the Used Bookstore



The Friends **USED BOOKSTORE**

The Friends Used Bookstore is located in the Atrium at the Bennett Civic Center Library. It is staffed 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!**

FRIENDS OF THE LIVONIA LIBRARY UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May 4, 2025 | 2 p.m.

HARMONYTOWN BARBERSHOP CHORUS BENNETT CIVIC CENTER



We are excited to welcome the HarmonyTown Barbershop Chorus to perform at the annual meeting of the Friends of the Livonia Library on May 4, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bennett Civic Center!

HarmonyTown Chorus includes members from all walks of life who love to share their joy of music with their audiences. They truly enjoy performing, and their energizing shows are engaging and fun. All are invited to join them at their Tuesday practice nights!

This event is free and open to the public. We hope you'll join us for the show!

LOOKING AHEAD: WHY LIVONIA NEEDS A NEW LIBRARY BUILDING

SUBMITTED BY KRISTEN EDSON,
LIBRARY DIRECTOR



As we continue looking for ways to improve our library, it's also time to think bigger about the future. The Robert & Janet Bennett Library, built in 1988, is no longer able to fully meet the needs of our community. From outdated infrastructure and

limited technology access to inefficient workspaces and the inability to add modern conveniences like a drive-up window or automated returns, the current building is holding us back.

A new library would create more flexible spaces for programs, expand access to technology, offer better outdoor programming, and provide a more efficient and welcoming experience for all visitors. Investing in a modern facility would allow us to better serve our growing and evolving community with the resources and spaces they need.

We're also thrilled to welcome Lindsay Fricke as our new Branch Librarian! Lindsay will play a key role in expanding programming, enhancing our eResource collections, and making all our library spaces even more welcoming and accessible.



Please join us in welcoming Lindsay, and stay tuned for more updates on these exciting improvements!



Friends of the Livonia Library - Annual Membership Registration



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: _____ New Member Renew I would like to volunteer only

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (mobile): _____ (home): _____

Email: _____ *(We do not share your information)*
(Required to receive Newsletters, notice of Book Sales, Friends Programs, and other events.)

I am enclosing \$ _____ to cover the membership checked below:

Please make your check payable to: **Friends of the Livonia Library**

- Individual \$10
- Family \$15
- Patron \$50
- Other \$ _____

Mail to: **Membership**
Friends of the Livonia Library
32777 Five Mile Road
Livonia, MI 48154

I would like to volunteer:

- for the book setup and/or sale
- sorting books in the basement
- in the used bookstore

JOIN US FOR THE BENNETT CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY

MAY USED BOOK SALE

RAIN OR SHINE!

MAY 16-18, 2025

FRIDAY & SATURDAY • 10 AM-5 PM
SUNDAY • 1-5 PM DIFFERENT START TIME FOR MAY ONLY

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

PRE-SALE FOR MEMBERS & TEACHERS

THURSDAY
MAY 15, 2025
4:30 - 6:30 PM

Your membership with the Friends of the Livonia Library or your teacher ID will allow you to shop at the used book sale before the Friday rush!

If you aren't already a member, you can sign up at the door!



CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!
Minimum \$10 purchase



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CALLING ALL COMMUNITY GROUPS!

The Friends of the Library is looking to expand our marketing reach for our book sales and events. If your neighborhood association or club has a newsletter or club house and you think there would be an opportunity for us to send future information to them, please email our marketing team with the administrator's contact information so we can reach out. Please email FriendsLivMiLibrary@gmail.com.

DONATIONS NEEDED!



As the weather changes and we start spring cleaning, please remember to donate all your used books (adult and children's), as well as any audio visual items such as CDs and DVDs. Donations may be made at the Bennett Civic Center during library hours. A large black tub is available in the atrium for donated items. Our May sale is coming and we need your donations! Thank you.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

CHECK OUT THE USED BOOKSTORE!

SUBMITTED BY CHARLOTTE HOBART, BOOKSTORE MANAGER

Have you visited our Used Bookstore? We appreciate all our regular customers but it's always a pleasure when a new customer finds us! We had one recently that was thrilled to find a book for just 50 cents. She was even more thrilled to find out we are open six days a week. We chatted about what types of books and authors she likes to read. Lo and behold, she mentioned an author that we had just put on our featured author cart...a whole row of books by him. She found several more books to purchase.

Our volunteers in the bookstore are more than willing to help customers. A few years ago, I was asked for a recommendation of an author who writes in the

mystery/thriller genre. I told her about one of my favorite authors who has written a series that I enjoy so much that I keep waiting for the next one to be published. Several months later a customer saw me in the bookstore, pointed at me and said "you're the one". My first thought was, "Great, what did I do wrong?" She surprised me when she said, "I really like the books by the author you recommended. I have read 7 or 8 of them already. Thank you very much." That made my day.

So come visit the used bookstore, you never know what you might find, and see if we can make your day.

