



FRIENDS OF THE **LIVONIA LIBRARY**

APRIL 2026

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FRIENDS OF THE LIVONIA LIBRARY **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

THE BAN-JOES OF MICHIGAN

The Friends of the Livonia Library are very happy to welcome the Ban-Joes of Michigan to our library for our annual meeting on Sunday, May 3 at 2 p.m. in the Bennett Library Auditorium. The

Ban-Joes of Michigan is one of the oldest jazz and banjo clubs in the US. It was formed over 50 years ago and continues to bring in new members from all walks of life. One of their goals is to preserve the banjo and the jazz music of the early 20th century.

They are a talented jazz banjo club and band and have performed all across southeast Michigan. Currently, they jam and practice weekly in Southfield and invite members of the community to come to their jam sessions to enjoy the music.

Please join us on Sunday, May 3 at 2:00 pm for this lively and entertaining program. This program is free to the community.



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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 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 now accepts credit cards with a \$10 minimum, as well as cash and checks.

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

JOIN US FOR THE
BENNETT CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY

MAY USED BOOK SALE

MAY 15-17, 2026

FRIDAY & SATURDAY • 9 AM-5 PM
SUNDAY • 1-5 PM
FILL A BAG FOR \$5 & HALF OFF SPECIAL BOOKS!

PRE-SALE
FOR MEMBERS & TEACHERS

THURSDAY
MAY 14, 2026
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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BOOKSTORE FEATURED BOOKS

The bookstore has a fantastic collection of books, and we'd love for you to check out our featured books display rack. Each month we'll showcase books on various topics such as:

- April: gardening
- May: gardening & moms
- June: summertime & dads
- July: dog days of summer
- August: animals



A BAG FULL OF BOOKS - AND POSSIBILITIES

If you're planning to visit the Friends of the Livonia Library Book Sale this year, here's a simple idea that adds a little extra fun—and a little extra community impact—to your visit.

On the third day of the sale, we hold our much-loved "Fill a Bag for \$5" day. When you arrive you will be given a paper shopping bag to fill with as many books as comfortably fit. The selection is always varied—novels, children's books, nonfiction, mysteries, cookbooks, and the occasional unexpected treasure. It's a wonderful way to refresh your own reading pile at home.

But here's where the real fun comes in...

After the sale, consider keeping your filled bag in the trunk of your car for a while. As you go about your normal routines around Livonia—running errands, visiting parks, heading to appointments—you'll likely pass one of the many Little Free Libraries

placed throughout our neighborhoods. When you spot one, simply add a book or two from your bag. It's an easy, casual way to share stories with others and keep our community book boxes stocked with new reading options.

If you're not sure where Little Free Libraries are located, visit littlefreelibrary.org or download the Little Free Library app on your mobile device. This resource provides a map of all registered libraries in Livonia and beyond. Many people find that checking the map turns everyday drives into mini book-sharing adventures.

It's a small gesture that ripples outward—connecting the book sale, our local libraries, and neighbors who love to read. One bag of books can travel surprisingly far.

We hope you'll try it this year and enjoy seeing your books find new homes throughout our community.

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

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

The Friends of the Livonia Library greatly appreciate all of the time and effort our volunteers put forth to contribute to the success of our fundraising efforts. We are very grateful for the efforts of those who sort books downstairs, those who work in the bookstore, and those who work so tirelessly during our book sales.

We would like to invite all those volunteers to join us for a gathering to show our appreciation on Sunday, May 3 at 12:45 in the Michigan Room. This is right before our annual meeting and program. Please mark this date and look for your invitation (via email or by post) as this date nears with more details.





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

SUBMITTED BY JIM HOBART, FOTL PRESIDENT

When you come to our book sales, you walk right into the library Atrium and can see thousands of books and other items such as audio/visual materials and puzzles. So, you might think that's all we have to offer.

But wait, there's more!

We also have what we call the Special Room. When you enter the Atrium our main cashier station is straight ahead, in the coatroom. Just to the right of the coatroom is a hallway that leads to our Special Room.

Here you'll find newer books, books in better

condition, older classic books, and books with enduring interest. We also feature a wide selection of audio/visual materials, puzzles, and sets of sci-fi, mystery/fiction, and kids' books. Items in the Special Room are priced as marked. They need to be paid for in the Special Room. Books and other items from the Atrium are paid for in the Atrium. So it doesn't get confusing, we have you leave your Atrium items outside the Special Room on carts that are overseen and saved for you by a volunteer.

Please visit our Special Room at our May Sale. You never know what "Special" books and other items you may find in there.

*"Where flowers bloom so
does hope."*

Lady Bird Johnson

