



# Friends of the Commerce Township Library

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## Message from the President

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I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who support our Library. Whether you're a member, visit our used book sales, donate items, or volunteer your time, your efforts are all very much appreciated.

Books, movies and music continue to be donated almost daily, and we have a large inventory ready for the Spring Used Book Sale. The complete schedule for the sale is on the last page of this newsletter.

On the third page you'll find a listing of some of the adult programs being held this spring and summer.

There are a couple repeats, *Cut the Cord* and *Unpacking the Packrat*. If you missed them the first time around, put them on your calendar!

Did you know the Library is on Facebook and Instagram? If you follow the "Commerce Township Community Library" on Facebook, you'll see posts about upcoming events and programs. It's an easy way to see what's happening at the library.

See you all at the used book sale!

- Pat Hillebrand

## Annual Meeting & Membership Renewals

The **Annual Meeting** of the Friends of the Library will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2019, at 10:30am in the White Pine Room.

The meeting is open to all members of the Friends.

Your **Friends' membership** will be expiring April 1st. Enclosed with

this newsletter is your membership renewal form. If you do not receive a renewal form, your membership will not expire until 2020.

We encourage everyone to mail in or drop off the completed form along with your membership fee prior to the next Used Book Sale.



## Spotlight on Our Librarians

One of the goals of the Friends of the Library is to familiarize the patrons with the library staff, and their responsibilities.. We also strive to make the public aware of the multitude of events and services offered by the Commerce Township Library. Our featured Librarians for this newsletter are Marika Zemke and Shane O'Neal in Adult Services.

- Diane Richard

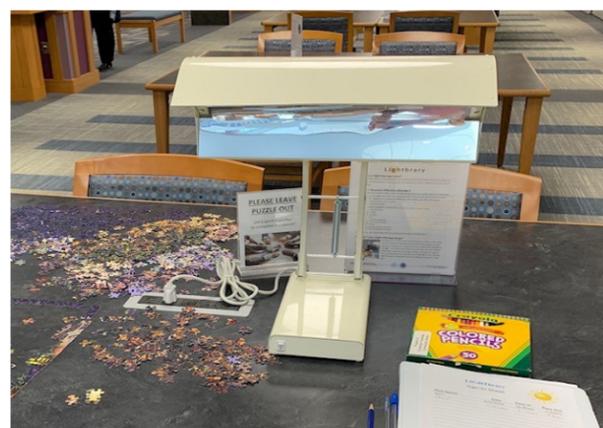
**Marika Zemke** is the Adult Services Manager. She has been with the Commerce Library since 2007, having previously worked at the West Bloomfield Library prior. She coordinates the Adult Speaker Program, which is funded by the Friends of the Library and Commerce Township. (A list of the upcoming speaker events is included in this newsletter.) Marika facilitates the Book Clubs at the Commerce Library and at Richardson Center. She is currently assembling Book Kits with popular books and discussion guides included. Marika has also made "Kanopy", an on-demand streaming film service available through our library account. Over 30,000 films, documentaries, Great Courses (ACT preparation, college level courses and lectures, etc.) can now be accessed using the Commerce Library web site. You'll find Marika at the Adult Services Desk ready to answer your questions regarding any of these services.

**Shane O'Neal** is an Adult Services Librarian who is new to our Library, having started in August 2018. He earned a degree in Library and Information Science from Wayne State University. His previous experience includes an internship at the Canton Library, subbing at the Sterling Heights and Farmington Libraries, and working part time at the Roseville Library.

Shane's responsibilities include managing and purchasing books for the 800's Literature and the 900's History section. He is a facilitator of the ESL program (English as a Second Language), and leads discussions on various topics to improve conversational English skills. He has initiated a speaker program on historical events, featuring former professors Joseph Oldenburg presenting "No Justice No Peace", and Dennis Fiems speaking about "Michigan's Journey to Statehood". Shane is available to assist patrons with technology questions related to computers, tablets, and cell phones. He is often asked for recommendations and locations of various books and authors.

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Last year the Library purchased a light therapy lamp for use by Library patrons during the dreary winter months. It was so popular that this year a floor lamp version was added. The lamp shown is near the Adult Services desk and the floor lamp is in front of the fireplace. Both will be available until about mid-March. You can read, color, work on the jigsaw puzzle, sit by the fireplace and enjoy the view, or do whatever you'd like to pass the time.



## Spring & Summer Program Schedule

The following is a list of programs being presented this Spring and Summer, all of which are being sponsored by the Friends. They are all held in the White Pine Room. Check either at the Library or on the Library website ([www.commercelibrary.info](http://www.commercelibrary.info)) for registration requirements and additional information.

Saturday, March 9, 2:00pm	<b>Michigan Statehood</b> Did we really have a war with Ohio over Toledo? Presented by Joseph Oldenberg
Saturday, March 16, 1:00pm	<b>Cut the Cord</b> Back by popular demand! Learn about cable alternatives.
Saturday, April 13, 2:00pm	<b>Women in the Ancient World</b> Presented by Professor Emeritus Dennis Fiems
Sunday, April 28, 1:30pm	<b>Meditation Program</b>
Tuesday, April 30, 7:00pm	<b>Everything You Know About Gardening is Wrong</b> Master Gardener Mike Nowak
Saturday, May 11, 2:00pm	<b>Healthy and Fresh Fruit Desserts with Lisa Howard</b>
Saturday, June 1st, 1:00pm	<b>Unpacking the Packrat</b> Learn about Hoarding disorder and treatment options
Thursday, June 20, 7:00pm	<b>Old Pap: Michigan Civil War General Alpheus Williams</b> Civil War historian, Jack Dempsey, presents the story of Williams' life based on his 2019 biography of this great Michigianian.
Tuesday, June 25, 7:00om	<b>Happiest Millionaire</b> - Brian Lightner will share the not-so-happy tale of Walt Disney's final live-action project.
Thursday, July 18, 7:00pm	<b>Grand River Avenue: from Detroit to Lake Michigan</b> Presented by co-authors Jon Milan and Gail Offen (Arcadia Press 2014)

## American Red Cross Blood Drive

The Friends have been hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive each year since 2015. Each blood drive has been very successful and we hope you can help us make this year's event a success as well.

The blood drive will be held on **Tuesday, June 11, 2019**, in the White Pine Room at the Library. Appointments are available between the hours of **12:15pm and 6:15pm**. Register on-line at: **[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)**.



## 2019 Spring Used Book Sale

Here's all the information you need for the Spring 2019 Used Book Sale.

**Set-up** begins **Wednesday, April 3rd to Saturday, April 6th**, beginning at 10:00 am each day. This includes alphabetizing the fiction.

**Friends' Night** will be **TUESDAY, April 9, 2019**, between the hours of **5:30 pm and 7:30 pm**.

**Sale schedule** is Wednesday and Thursday, **April 10th & 11th**, from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm; Friday and Saturday, **April 12th & 13th**, from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm, and Sunday, **April 14th**, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

**Fill-a-Bag** days are Saturday and Sunday only.

**Clean-up** will be **Monday, April 15th** at 9:00.

The last day for donations will be March 31st.

**Volunteers** can sign up by calling 248-438-5239, by email at [friends@commercelibrary.info](mailto:friends@commercelibrary.info) or by talking with the Friends' representative when they call.

The 2019 Fall Used Book Sale is scheduled for October 9th-13th, and Friends' Night will be October 8th.

## Shop and Support your Library!

As always, we'd like to remind everyone who shops at Kroger or buys on-line at Amazon that you have an opportunity to participate in rewards programs that benefit the Library.

To enroll in the **Kroger Community Rewards** program go to:

[www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com),

and enter our account number **SY750**. You will need a Kroger card/app to participate.

Amazon shoppers can participate by registering at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). Use the Friend's number **20-8916793** to be connected to the Friends' rewards account.

Thank you!



*"Volunteers don't necessarily have the time;  
they just have the heart"*  
- Elizabeth Andrews