Thank you!

A special thank you is extended to volunteers who have helped with the Friends Treasure Shoppe, bag sales, book sorting, and special events. Thanks to all members for supporting the Friends!

Join the Friends!

The Friends annual membership year begins in April, so now is a great time to join or renew for 2024-2025! Volunteers process the renewal memberships using this schedule:

March 31:

Please renew by March 31. The membership form and return envelope are enclosed.

Mid-April:

Membership cards along with the April newsletter are sent in mid-April.

Information about member benefits is included in the grey box (right column). Membership cards and acknowledgements will be included in the April newsletter. Please keep your membership card to redeem it for used books and media.

Thank you for your membership!

Membership Renewal Time!

Membership renewal time is here! The Friends will begin a new year on April 1, so please renew your membership before March 31. This makes it easier for our membership chairperson to process renewals. Your membership includes:

1. a quarterly newsletter,
2. a membership card which may be redeemed for used books

Memberships vary from $5 to $25. Additional contributions are greatly appreciated; however, amounts beyond $25 cannot be redeemed for used books.

Please take a few minutes to complete and return the enclosed membership form. The Friends of the Lincoln Township Public Library is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization recognized by the IRS.

Your 2024-2025 membership card will arrive with your APRIL NEWSLETTER in mid-April. Don't discard it if you wish to redeem it for used books.

Bag Sale Information

$5 Bag Sale

A Bag Sale is planned for Saturday, February 24 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm in the Community Room. Books for all ages will be available as well as bags. See page 2 for additional dates. Please check the Library website for any changes and note that Sales are possible because of volunteers who sort books.

Friends Executive Board Officers:
Carol Reigle-President, Carol Norbey-Vice President, Michelle Coberley-Treasurer,
Laurie Menwin-Secretary, Linda Higbee-First Director, Linda Cheek-Second Director

Membership Chairperson:
Laurie Menwin
Upcoming Events and Dates:
Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates:

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*Check the Library website for any changes to the Bag Sale dates.

Annual General Membership Meeting

The meeting will be held on March 19 at 2:30 p.m. in the Quiet Reading Room. Please attend.

Fall/Winter Book Boutique

Thanks for shopping at the Book Boutique!

Friends Treasure Shoppe

Reasonably priced books and movies are regularly added to the store. Children's book packets containing a few small books are also available. At one time the Shoppe also stocked music CD's and audiobooks (on CD's). However, streaming has mostly replaced those formats.

Friends Receive Grant from the Michigan Nonprofit Relief Fund

The Friends applied for and received a one-time grant for $25,000 from the MI Nonprofit Relief Fund for small Michigan nonprofits. This was part of a federal award from the U.S. Department of the Treasury awarded to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Development. The Friends will use the funds to further support the Library.

The Friends have photos from that time period of the constant changes and modifications made in accepting donations, quarantining books, and then selling books. It was a Herculean effort by volunteers and the grant is greatly appreciated!

Summer Reading

The Library staff is planning an exciting Summer Reading Program for all ages and the Friends are contributing $8700 to the Program.

You make this $8,700 contribution possible!

!!!Special Thanks To Sorters and Bag Sale Helpers!!!

National Library Week
April 7th through Saturday, April 13th

National Library Workers Day
Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Spartan and Our Family Barcodes

Please clip and save the UPC barcode on every Our Family or Spartan brand product and place them in collection boxes located in the Library.