

# Friends of the Darcy Library of Beulah

## Spring ~ Summer Newsletter

### 2026

[www.darcylibraryofbeulah.ploud.net](http://www.darcylibraryofbeulah.ploud.net)

#### Up Coming Events

“Unearth a Story “  
Summer Reading

June 13, 10:30 - 12:30 pm

The Comeback of our National  
Symbol in Michigan, Dr. P  
August 5th, 10:30

Bake Sale Fall Fest  
October 3, 10 ~ 2

#### On-going Events

Mahjong  
Tuesdays 1 - 4 pm

Library Board of Trustees  
Third Tuesdays at 7 p.m

Friends of the Darcy  
Third Wednesdays at 10:30

Computer&Technology with  
Carol and Annie  
Thursday 10 am-12 noon

Darcy Book Club  
Third Thursdays 10:30 am

Needles & Hook  
Knitting Group  
Fridays 1:00 - 3:00 pm



#### From the President of the Friends . . .

*“Without libraries, what have we? We have no past and no future.”*  
Ray Bradbury

Every newsletter since I became president of the Friends of Darcy Library I tell you all the wonderful things the Darcy Library has for everyone in the community. This time I’m asking you to visit the library; and tell us what you like and what you wish we would do or add what would help others. I’m asking you to get to know the people on the Friends of Darcy Board. Know who is on the Board of Trustees for the Darcy Library. Become involved with the Library.

If you or your children haven’t met Annie, please stop in and visit our newly certified therapy dog. You will find her in the library when Carol is there on Thursday for computer help.

Please take note of all the programs the director is offering. You can find them listed on the Library site with date, day and time. Be sure to watch for the return of Bark in the Park this summer. In the fall, the Haunted Library will return as will Candy Land.

The Friends of the Darcy Library Board are very proud to support the Director and the Staff. We ask you to please continue your support which is significant to Darcy. Your donations, which we consider an act of kindness, helps further programs, adds books, DVD’s and many more items and games. Your donations ensure that we can continue to have the best library. You have our sincere gratitude for your unwavering support.

Susan Goff, President.  
Friends of the Darcy Library Board

Mary Osborn, VP, Newsletter, Trudi Hook, Treasurer,  
Vicki Carpenter, Secretary, Barbara Rothhaar, Corresponding  
Sec. and Ted Wood, Financial Advisor

## Winter Donations

### *In Memory of . . .*

Anne Damm by Phil Gagliano

Janice Schoonmaker by Rory & Michelle Heckman and Marti Mollema

Sharon Harrett by Tom Harrett

### *In Honor of . . .*

Carol McAnulty by Marti Mollema

Darcy Library Staff by Karen Olsen

### *Donations . . .*

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Angelique Lange & Steve Wood

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Dorothy & George Lilly

Richard & Johanna McClear

Chloe McGehee

The Peacock Family

Jane Purkis

John & Barbara Rothhaar

Ann Strehle & Barb Skurdall

Vicki Trent

Gwen Van Dorf & Wm. Bekkering

***Donations are greatly appreciated***

## Library of Things



Our Library of Things continues to grow! It all started with a bread-maker and four sewing machines, but now you can also check out cameras, DVD and Blu-ray players, literacy backpacks and more! Come checkout this special collection, now housed in a cabinet

## *The Darcy Book Club*

Darcy Book Club is off and reading with a schedule of great selections for the year. The group meets every month on the third Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the library.

We started the year with the Michigan Read, *Firekeeper's Daughter* by *Angeline Boulley*. Set in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, it explores the indigenous people and a young girl's struggle with her identity and corruption in her community.

We followed that with another book with Michigan connections, *Ann Patchett's Tom Lake*, which mirrors our northern Michigan area by being set on a cherry farm and delving into the main character's past.

We "Marched" on with the true story of the 1936 U.S. Olympic rowing team chronicled in *The Boys in the Boat* by *Daniel J. Brown*.

April's discussion will be on the best seller, *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by *James McBride*. Set in 1920 and 30's, Black and Jewish residents coexist in an eccentric neighborhood in Pennsylvania .

Herman Diaz's historical fiction, *Trust* delves into the world of finance and individualism in the '20s and beyond for the May selection.

A non-fiction perspective about human evolution, *Eve* by *Cat Bohannon* explores how female biology has shaped human history and culture. This will be our June selection.

July's selection, *This Other Eden*, is set on an isolated island off the coast of Maine and examines intolerance and injustice. This National Book Award Finalist explores a struggle to preserve human dignity in the face of prejudice.

Another struggling individual is chronicled in the August read, *Lone Woman* by *Victor LaValle*. A marginal woman seeks to survive on her own in the American West.

The discussion in September will be *Ann Napolitano's Hello Beautiful* ( Oprah Book Club). The main character escapes a broken home by winning a basketball scholarship and then meeting his love and her large, boisterous family.

A mysterious disappearance of a man in the Arctic and the search for truth is the basis of the true crime story by *David Grann, The Wager*, and will be discussed in October.

Our final book, *Winter in Madrid*, takes us to Madrid in the 1940's. School classmates develop a relationship that is haunting in an uneasy time and place.

Feel free to join the group for any or all of the discussions. [Marilyn Smith](#)

# Annie is official . . .

After hard work and practice, Annie has passed her test on March 16th to become a Pet Partner's therapy Dog! She completed her test here in the library where she had to demonstrate that she could walk by another dog without reacting, hearing a loud noise and recovering quickly, be awkwardly petted by someone, etc, She passed with flying colors and we are so proud! You can see Annie on Thursday mornings from 10 to noon as she greets, assists with computers and technology and spreads joy with her presence. We are lucky to have the Carol and Annie team here at the library. Congratulations Annie!

(pictured is the testing team~Kris, Kris, Penny, Philip, Carol, Annie and the Pet Partners Examiner)



# Summer Reading Program 2026

Something BIG is headed to Darcy Library of Beulah this summer! We hope you will join us for a fun-filled, hands-on adventure as we 'Unearth A Story' throughout the summer. There will be activities for all ages with some special guests along the way.

Check out the line-up below.

**Saturday, June 13 10:30am-12:30pm**

Summer Reading Program Kick-off: Paint Dino footprints, make a dino collage, decorate cookies, adopt-a-dino, start a summer journal!

Wednesday, June 17 10:30-11:30am

Dino Play: break apart dino eggs, build a dinosaur, dig through a sensory bin, and make mini fingerprint dinosaurs.

Wednesday, June 24 10:30-11:30

Fresh Dirt: come and dig in the dirt with Benzie Conservation District as we make a mini worm farm, plant a dino garden and create some pet rocks!

Friday, July 3 - Please note the special date and location

Join musician Ben Traverse at the Beulah Pavilion (across from Beulah Beach) as he leads us in patriotic and folk music as we celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday!

Wednesday, July 8 10:30-11:30

Diggin' for Dinosaurs: this fun and interactive program will feature storytellers who will share a whirlwind of stories, tunes, and hands-on crafts!

Wednesday, July 15 10:30-11:30am

Archaeology: Join the Benzie County Historical Society as they lead us on an archaeological dig and help us with a pottery puzzle and hieroglyphics.

Wednesday, July 22 10:30-11:30am

Paleontology: learn more about Mary Anning, create and name your own dinosaur, try a dinosaur grid drawing, and try a mini-excavation.

Wednesday, July 29 10:30-11:30

Dino Olympics: Join us for a morning of fun games and races, a celebration of art projects, and sample a few favorite family recipes!

**Ongoing activities:** Unearth **Your** Story—share family memories and favorite family recipes at the story table, write in your summer journal, explore the activity table.



## ***History of the Friends of the Darcy Library***

I was recently organizing old paperwork of the Friends of Darcy Library. The dates started somewhere in the 1970's. By doing this I found a letter from the State Library Services of the State of Michigan, Department of Education. They were requesting that the Public Library of Beulah send them information about their Friends of the Library. The return letter from the library was dated September 28, 1974. The letter stated that the Beulah Friends of the Library began June, 1951 to promote and support our local Library. The Friends consisted of 32 ladies. We now know the Friends of the Darcy Library will be in existence for seventy five years in June, 2026. What a significant achievement. It was interesting to read that their main fundraiser was a bake sale. Projects they worked for: new desk for the library, drapes, card file and magazine and book jackets.

Susan Goff, President  
Friends of the Darcy Library

## ***Gather 2 Grow***

This year the Darcy Library is partnering with Gather 2 Grow. Established by Feeding America West Michigan, Gather 2 Grow is a summer lunch program carried out in collaboration with local libraries to provide free, easily accessible, nutritious meals to children at a time when other sources of food assistance, such as free or reduced lunch at school, are unavailable. This program now works with 75 libraries throughout western Michigan. All meal options are nut-free, with various meal options, including vegetarian and gluten-free, will be available. Examples of meal choices include tuna salad, chips & cheese, tortilla sandwich, hummus, and more. Each Wednesday from June through August children can show up at the Darcy Library between 11:30 and 1:00 to receive nourishing meals. Benzonia is also partnering with Gather 2 Grow this year, and will provide lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays. <https://www.feedwm.org/gather-2-grow-schedule/>

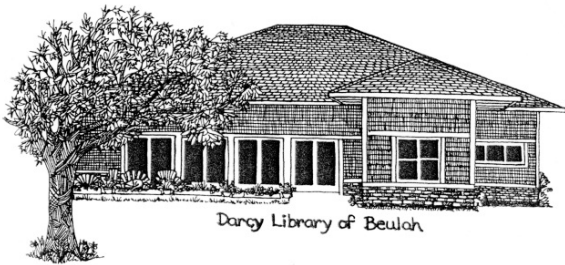
# *The Bake Sale Fundraiser*

On December 13, 2025 we held our bake sale fundraiser. This is held with Christmas Magic in Beulah. We had a wonderful variety of baked goods with lots of cookies but terrible weather. Due to the weather condition we closed by noon. On Valentines day, February 14 during Winter Fest, we held our first fundraiser bake sale of 2026. It was an absolutely perfect winter day and we had a great bake sale. If you were a buyer you know we had an excellent variety of baked goods, lots of cookies, something for everyone. Buyers also know it's best to be early rather than later. Our next fundraiser bake sales will be October, 2026 and December, 2026. We are so grateful for our bakers, new and years loyal, and to our gracious buyers. It must also be stated we are more than appreciative to the Trailhead Board for allowing us the use of the building to hold our fundraiser bake sales.

Susan Goff and Mary Osborn Co-Chairs



The Friends of the Darcy Library of Beulah.  
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To the absolute best bakers and helpers - Thank you for making our Bake Sale amazing and fun. And now we look forward to the Oct. 3rd Fall Fest.

Renee Abaté	Andrea Grix	Carrie Rains
Barb Bowlby	Cathy Hahn	Barb Rothhaar
Carolyn Carlson	JoAnn Holwerda	Jody Roon
Vicki Carpenter	Trudi Hook & Meredith	Kaitlyn Sessions
Mary Chandler	Ann Howell	Mary Smeltzer
Kris Dykstra	Whitney Iggins	Ann Strehle
Tahtianna & Julia	Debby Laslo	Rose Waring
Forrester	Dawn Majewski	Sue Waring
Kelly Fraiser	Olin McGray & Mom	Sarah Webb
Thor & Susan Goff	Kathleen Meier	Marlene Wood
Catherine Grandlund	Mary Osborn	Sue Wood
		Ted & Linda Wood