

The Friends of the Hamburg Township Library is a newly formed group which received its 501 (c)(3) nonprofit status in January 2022, retroactive to May of 2021. The primary purpose of the Friends is to provide financial support to the library through fundraising and promoting awareness of the library in the community. New members are welcome, and all members are volunteers.

So far, the Friends have held two very successful, popular book sales and will continue having them twice a year in spring and fall. We also manage the Friends Gift Shop, are applying for a grant from Walmart, and work on identifying additional fundraising opportunities.

The library is an important part of our community, and as you will see, it is a busy, popular place. No wonder! Did you know that our library has:

- Michigan Activity Passes (museum passes, park passes)
- Adult Craft Kits
- Audiobooks, DVDs, Magazines/Newspapers, Music CDs, VOX Readers
- Board Games
- Monthly Book Club; Book Club Kit Bags
- Computer use (onsite), faxing, scanning, copying, wi-fi connectivity
- Genealogy: Heritage, Ancestry, Fold-3; 1950 census data
- Homebound Delivery: Books, CDs, DVDs
- Kids:
 - Kids Monthly Craft Kits
 - Family Scavenger Hunts
 - Learning Kits for Little Kids
 - Lil' Wiggles (newborn – 2 yrs)
 - Lapsit (2 – 3 yrs)
 - Story Hour (3 – 5 yrs)
- Lamination for Documents
- Lectures
- Meeting Room; Study Room; available by reservation
- Musical Instruments: ukulele, guitar, keyboard, instructions
- Proctor Exams
- Sewing Machine
- SKYPE for interviews
- Summer Reading Program
- Use Ellison Die Machine, available for crafts

And, throughout the pandemic, the library worked hard to continue to make services available to its patrons by augmenting program offerings with Zoom, posting craft instructions online, and providing curb service for patrons, making our library available to the community it serves.

All of this takes money. Keeping up with demands for more services, operational expenses, and capital improvements, requires the library board of trustees to ask for a millage of .9 mill for 8 years to be voted upon in the August 2 , 2022 primary. The Friends of the Hamburg Township Library Board wholeheartedly support the library in its request for this operational millage. If you feel as we do, our library is a real treasure; and in many ways, it is the center of Hamburg Township. Let's keep it that way.

Friends of the Hamburg Township Library,

Judith Webber, President

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