Letter from the Director

After months of construction, the Livonia Public Library opened its doors on Saturday, August 26! Celebrating its 100th Anniversary, your new library is not simply a building containing books, videos, and computers, but a vibrant community hub in the truest sense. It is a place that contains untapped ideas. Conversations not yet had. Relationships not yet made. It is a library full of opportunities and potential. The future of possibilities in this building is only limited by our imaginations!

However, make no mistake about it, this library differs in our traditional sense of a public library. Instead of a "no" library: no eating, no drinking, no making noise. This is a "yes" library: YES to eating and drinking. YES to playing and having fun. YES to talking and collaborating. YES to the full use of the library. Your new public library is open and every single person in our community is welcome through its doors!

Your new library has also redefined our approach to its overall mission. As we strive to serve and improve our community everyday, we are doing it through developing relationships in and around our community. Whether it's through a partnership with the ARC of Livingston County to acquire a Healthy Habits vending machine, (Continued on page 2)
What’s New at YOUR Library!

✧ Completely Redesigned Children’s Library
✧ Patterson Community Meeting Room with Kitchenette
✧ Two Study Rooms
✧ New Public Use Computers
✧ 100x100 Mbps Fiber Internet Connection
✧ Friends’ Healthy Habits Concession Area
✧ Outdoor Reading Garden
✧ All New Shelving
✧ Refinished Hardwood Floors in Existing Library
✧ New HVAC Systems
✧ Full Facility Fire Protection
✧ New Lighting Fixtures Throughout
✧ New Furniture and Seating
✧ Natural Gas Fireplace Insert
✧ Teen Area
✧ Easily Accessible Elevator
✧ Four New Bathrooms
✧ Drinking Fountain with Bottle Filler
✧ Exterior Book Drop

or collaboration with the Livonia Central School District to host class visits, we are ALL moving forward, together.

This amazing library would not be possible without the involvement of so many people in our amazing community. I would like to start with Livonia Town Supervisor Eric Gott and the Town Board. Without their unwavering support of this project, it would not have happened. Senator Cathy Young: her ability to secure state funds was critical to the project’s success. She has been and continues to be a great champion for libraries.

To the Library Board of Trustees: their resolute support, clear vision, and continuing determination brought this amazing library to our town. Assemblyman Joe Errigo: for securing funds for the library improvement project and years of being a great library supporter.

Village of Livonia Mayor Cal Lathan and the Village Board: their partnership and assistance in this project was vital. Town Board liaison to the Library, Angela Grouse: her perseverance, direction, and knowledge throughout this project were monumental. Thank you to all the donors whose generous support kick-started the drive to close the funding gap. What you all have done for this library and our community will be felt for generations to come.

Library Board President, Mae Sharman: you have been the energy and life of this project since day one. Your determination and resolve is absolutely amazing. We all owe you our gratitude. The Friends of the Livonia Public Library: as a result of their hard work and dedication, were able to sponsor the Friends’ Alcove, children’s library furniture, donor wall, Reading Patio, green wall, and numerous other purchases throughout the years. And finally, to all of the thousands of people who use the library in our community, thank you. Thank you for your years of support. Thank you for your understanding and patience throughout the construction process. Thank you for being library users.

I look forward to seeing you in your new library!

Frank Sykes
Message from the President of the Library Board of Trustees

It has been an exciting year, with the Livonia Public Library Improvement Project in full swing. Weather was on our side and enabled us to proceed on schedule through the winter doing ground work and building the framework.

This endeavor is truly a community-wide project which will enhance vital services to all patrons. The dedication and community support we received from various groups, individuals, to support from the Town and Village Board, the Library Board of Trustees and the Friends of the Livonia Library, Inc, has been overwhelming and we are very appreciative. Livonia certainly loves its library!

Our Library provides free access to computers, WiFi, books, audios, e-books, reference materials, magazines, delivery of library materials to homebound patrons, children’s story times and Makerspace STEAM after-school programs for kids and teens.

Director Frank Sykes continues to introduce cutting edge technology and is committed along with the staff to deliver the best service to all who enter the doors of the Library. His dedication and commitment has made the Library a community meeting place. Our goal is to build on what we have and challenge ourselves to provide more services and programs when the Project is completed.

On behalf of the Library Board of Trustees, we excitedly look forward to 2018!

Mae Sharman
President
Livonia Library
Board of Trustees

Friends of the Livonia Public Library, Inc.
by Sally Collins

The Friends began the year with a Literacy Day that featured Makerspace demonstrations by Jack Scott, a Stamp Your Own Story activity & a visit from Ember the Livingston County Fire Service Dog. In celebration of National Library Week we sponsored a Stuffed Animal Pet Show during the Children’s story time that included a parade and awards to the “pets.” Friends presented a scholarship at Graduation to Morgan Cendoma, who volunteers his time to give one-on-one instruction on a variety of computer topics at the library. In the summer we announced that we would be unable to accept book donations until further notice as we would have no space to store books during the library renovation project. That will soon change in the coming months. In October we held our Annual Safe Halloween Event.

In November the Friends launched a Legacy Brick & Donor Wall Campaign to fund the purchase of items that could not be addressed through the capital phase of the Livonia Public Library Improvement Project. The first set of 100 bricks have been placed in the new Reading Garden outside the old entrance to the library. This is an ongoing campaign; stop in to the library for a brochure if you are interested in purchasing a brick.

We always welcome new members; please call Mae Sharman, 346-2511 if you are interested in joining. Find us on the web at friendsoflivonianlibrary.wordpress.com and on Facebook @LivoniaLibraryFriends.

The Friends of the Library, Inc. is a 501(c)3, non-profit organization dedicated to supplementing library services, raising public awareness, helping to expand programming and promoting use of the library.
2016 in Numbers

Collection

Adult Books 11,564
Children’s Books 8,110
DVDs & Blu-rays 1,466
Books on CD and Music CDs 1,811
OWWL2Go (digital audio & eBooks) 469
Other 794
**Total 24,077**

Total additions to collection 2,424

Circulation

Print Collection 41,144
DVD, Blu-ray, Books on CD, Periodical, Other 23,865
OWWL2Go (digital audio & eBooks) 5,988
Public Access Computers & FREE WiFi access 9,222

**Total 70,219**

Livonia Library Materials loaned to other member libraries 7,955
Materials borrowed from member libraries 9,566

Library Operations

Open 6 days, 53 hours a week
Patron Library Cards 3,429
Library Website Visits 21,571
Library Facility Visits 38,826

Total Operating Fund Receipts $255,937 (local funds, county and NYS grants, fines, donations)
Total Operating Fund Disbursements $255,937 (communications, Internet, materials, OWWL cataloging costs, print and non-print media, programming, supplies, personnel, utilities, fund reserve)

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Looking into the original section of the library