News from Friends of Dorr Township Library

**Books, Beers, and Bowling = Big Hit**

Friends of Dorr Township Library recently held a fundraiser and silent auction hosted at 5 Lakes Brewing Co. The fundraiser was a huge success and proved what many library patrons felt – that the community does support and care for Dorr Township Library. Between generous donations from local businesses for silent auction items, to willingness from churches, schools, businesses, P.T.O.’s and more to help us spread the word, and the sheer volume of supporters that came out to the event on a snowy afternoon, it is obvious that the library is a vital part of our community. Thank you to everyone who helped make the event a huge success!

**Fundraising and Community Outreach**

Friends of Dorr Township Library brought in a total of $1445.50 from our recent fundraiser at 5 Lakes Brewing Co! So where is that money going to go? At the beginning of this endeavor the Friends group identified the need to offset the cost of a millage campaign. We are working at sourcing funding from outside of the library’s budget to pay for millage expenses. We have already raised enough money to send out an informational mailer to the Dorr residents. The library is working on getting a second mailing out, at no expense to them. The $1445.50 will likely offset the cost of going on the ballot in March. The library has also received a couple of other generous donations to help with the millage endeavor. Any money that is left over from our fundraising will end up back in the library to enhance services and experiences beyond what taxpayer funding an other sources can.

A second part of Friends of Dorr Township Library’s mission is community outreach. We are getting out in the community with informational tables, sending out flyers and mailers through various sources, and we also have a strong presence on social media. We want everyone to be informed about what the millage is all about, as well as all the great programs and services the library has to offer!

**Friends FAQ**

Haven’t heard about Friends of Dorr Township Library yet? Here are some common FAQ’s that will get you up to speed!

Q: What is Friends of Dorr Township Library?
A: Friends of Dorr Township Library is a 501(c)3 nonprofit volunteer organization that supports the library through volunteerism, advocacy, community outreach, and fundraising.

Q: Why and when was the Friends group formed?
A: After the August 2019 library millage failed to pass, patrons of Dorr Township Library realized that their library was at risk. In September of 2019 the group began to form, and by December 2019, Friends of Dorr Township Library became a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

Q: If a library millage passes, will Friends of Dorr Township Library disband?
A: Absolutely not. Friends of Dorr Township Library is here to stay! After a passing millage the Friends group will continue to support the library through volunteerism, advocacy, community outreach, and fundraising. The Friends group is excited to continue to enhance the wonderful services that Dorr Township Library has to offer!

Q: Can anyone join Friends of Dorr Township Library?
A: Yes! You can find us on Facebook @ FODTL, or email us at friendsofDTL@gmail.com.

**Upcoming Events for FODTL**

FODTL Used Book Sale – February 26, 27, and 29 during regular library hours @ Dorr Township Library.

FODTL Community Outreach/Informational Table – February 29, 8am-2pm @Dick’s Market

FODTL Board Meeting – March 2, 2020 at 6:15pm. We will be meeting at Dorr Subway, public welcome!