



FROM THE FRIENDS PRESIDENT

Hello Friends,

As the current President of the Friends Board of Directors, I'd like to thank you for all support you have shown over the years, especially during the last few months. The Library and the Friends are now facing new challenges and many people are working to meet the challenges in all ways possible.

With the closure of the Library, as you know, the Friends Shop was also closed. The Shop is a major fund raising source that the Friends have used to fund Library Programs. Periodic Book Sales have been among the biggest fundraisers as well.

At this time, it is uncertain when we will be able to begin these activities again. The Library Board and Staff are working on a re-opening plan, and the Friends Board will coordinate with them, as appropriate, to determine when and how it is feasible to reopen the Friends Shop and organize other Friends activities, such as collecting book donations and scanning donated books.

Before the Shop reopens we will need to work on how we can make the 6 feet "distancing" requirements work. Considering the size of the shop, as its currently configured, that will definitely be a challenge.

In the meantime, we are working on ways we might be able to use volunteers in different ways and will keep you posted on those ideas. We welcome any ideas you have as well.

I have been so impressed by the team effort going into dealing with the Co-Vid19 crisis, as it relates to our beloved home town Library. We intend to continue to work together to move ahead and be even better in the future.

Thanks again for your support,
Mitzi Hoffman

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ROPL's New Normal

Upon closing the building on March 14, Royal Oak Public Library has undergone a transformation to a completely digital library, and staff has been placed in the unique position of rethinking library services as we know them.

While it has not been easy to reimagine how the library operates, it has also been an opportunity to create and offer new online services, as well as highlight existing virtual platforms that can serve the public during difficult times.

Below are just some of the numerous digital services available for ROPL cardholders:

[Ancestry](#) - Trace your genealogy from home with this limited remote edition available to ROPL cardholders.

[Creativebug](#) - Choose from thousands of crafting and DIY tutorial videos, taught by experts!

[Tutor.com](#) - Students can now meet online with a live tutor for one-on-one assistance in subjects covering all grade levels. There is also the option to have papers proofread and to submit math questions for assistance. The service provides many resources for adult job seekers, as well, including resume assistance and interview preparation.

[Digital Access to The New York Times](#) - ROPL now offers free access to the NYT for patrons.

[Full Database Library](#) - Stay updated on the latest in health and wellness research and other subjects through peer-reviewed studies and journal articles. The databases at ropl.org span an immense variety of topics to assist with research and learning.

[Pronunciator](#) - Eighty (80) different languages are taught in over 4,000 available courses. Great for students and anyone with an interest in mastering a new language!

[eBooks and other downloadables](#) - ROPL offers an extensive collection of downloadable eBooks, eAudiobooks, streamable movies, and downloadable magazines through Overdrive, Hoopla, RBDigital, and Kanopy.



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An Eye on Reopening

While the staff awaits the governor's order that will allow us to begin in-person services again, we have been working on a comprehensive reopening plan. The plan includes six phases: virtual only, staff in the building, contactless pickup, limited time and capacity public use, socially-distanced library use, and full-service library use. The progression (and possible regression) between phases will depend on CDC guidelines, state executive orders, and conditions within the library. We look forward to a safe and healthy return to library services and to seeing our patrons again.

Summer Reading Program: Online for the first time

A completely virtual Summer Reading Program 2020: *Imagine Your Story* kicks off on Saturday, June 13 at 10:00 AM. Summer Reading is a chance for all ages – from babies to adults – to earn prizes by reading all summer long! ROPL will also be hosting funonline events all summer, so be sure to check the programming calendar at <http://ropl.evanced.info/signup>. Tune into the [ROPL Facebook page](#) on June 13 for live online events and Summer Reading registration information.



Kroger Rewards

This is a very generous program that has the potential to help the Friends significantly. Follow these easy steps to register:

Step 1: Get a Kroger Plus Card and register online at <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>

Step 2: Link your Kroger Plus Card with group #GH685 - Friends of the Royal Oak Public Library

Step 3: Shop at Kroger, use your Kroger Plus Card and earn money for the Friends of the ROPL!

Purchases will not count for the Friends until after you have registered your card and linked it to the Friends group. You must swipe your registered Kroger Plus card (or use the alternate ID that is associated with your registered Kroger Plus card) when shopping for each purchase to count.

It's a good idea to check yearly that your election is still active!



Shopping on Amazon?



Did you know that you can contribute to the Friends of the ROPL at the same time at no additional cost to you?

In 2014, the Friends of the Royal Oak Public Library joined the AmazonSmile program. The program started in 2013 to offer shoppers a simple way to support their favorite charity. Just **log in to Amazon via smile.amazon.com** sign in with your current Amazon account and **select a charity to support** (Friends of the Royal Oak Public Library) before shopping from countless eligible products. Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase total to the charity of your choice every time you shop.

Friends Membership Expired? Renewal is easy!

Simply fill out the form at the bottom of this newsletter or here <https://www.romi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1574> and return with payment to the library.



Contact the Friends Board, Membership Chair and newsletter editor at friends@ropl.org

More ways to support the Friends of the ROPL...

- Share this newsletter. Ask a friend to join a growing organization – **114** strong – dedicated to supporting the Royal Oak Public Library!
- Renew your Friends Membership.
- Make a Monetary Donation.
- Leave a legacy by naming the Friends of the ROPL in your estate.
- **SAVE** your gently-used books, CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, games, and puzzles until we are once again able to accept them at ROPL!

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Friends of the Royal Oak Public Library

Membership Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Life \$200

Single \$10 annual

Patron \$100 annual

Family \$20 annual

Business/Organization \$50 annual

Yes, I've included a one-time donation of \$ _____

Yes, I want to be an active member. Please contact me.

Drop this form and your check off at the ROPL Circulation Desk, or mail it to:
Friends of the Royal Oak Public Library, 222 East 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI 48067