



of the Rochester Hills Public Library

Dedicated to Promoting a Closer Relationship Between the Library & Its Constituents

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A Note from the President

One Thousand

What's in a number? Why is it, when you are buying something, \$50.00 seems so much higher than \$49.99? A batting average of 300 is way better than a 299 average, and if you can purchase a house for \$249,000 rather than \$250,000 you think you are getting a good deal.



At a recent Friends Board meeting our Membership Chairperson told us that our membership number was at 907, which is great since for the last few years we have been running between 858 and 890. Doesn't the number seem better when it starts with a 9 rather than an 8? You probably know where I'm going with this. What would it take to get our membership number to start with a 10 rather than a 9? Our goal for the next year is to increase our Friends membership above 1000.

Why should we care? Well, let me tell you about the purposes of the Friends of the RHPL as stated in our bylaws. They are to: 1) Establish a closer relationship between the Library and its constituents; 2) Promote knowledge of and informed interest in the Library's functions, resources, services and needs; 3) Encourage community participation in Library activities; 4) Raise funds for projects, activities, or acquisitions in excess of those provided for by the general library budget at the discretion of the Friends Board; and 5) Provide support for programs for the extension and improvement of library services and resources. Notice purpose #4 – raise funds. That's what we do as Friends of the Library. We have book sales, fund raisers, and membership dues to help raise funds for the library. Every new member, whether an individual (\$20), family (\$35), senior couple (\$20), senior (\$10), or student (\$10) helps us directly address purpose #4. If we were to increase our membership from 900 to 1000, and they were all at the \$10 level, that would add \$1000 a year to the donation that the Friends are able to give to the library.

But there are other benefits from an increase of 100 members. Each new member is a potential volunteer,

and each new member becomes an Ambassador for the Library and the Friends. When you join something that is important to you, you want to tell your friends, neighbors, family, and co-workers what you are doing. And who knows what impact that telling may have on those folks? You may have encouraged someone else to join the Friends, and that's how organizations grow. There are some advantages to you to become a Friend of RHPL in addition to providing support for your library. You receive a 10% discount on all items sold in the Friends' Library Store, you get to attend the first night of our quarterly book sales and get first choice on items for sale before they are picked over by the general public, and you receive a Friends newsletter twice a year describing activities, events and accomplishments of the Friends.

But you are probably already a Friend if you are reading this article, so what can you do to help us reach our goal of 1000+ members? The best thing you can do is talk to your friends, neighbors, family and co-workers and tell them about what a great library you are a part of and about all the things the Friends do to help support the library. Encourage them to also become a part of the Friends. The other thing you can do is send us your ideas about ways to increase our membership. Maybe you've been part of another organization that has used some creative ideas to increase their membership. Please share those ideas with us.

Thanks for being a supporter of the Friends and the Rochester Hills Public Library. It is through your donations that we are able to provide significant funds to give to the library and help it maintain its outstanding service to our community.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Ron Meegan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ron Meegan
Friends President

It's time for a sneak preview!



Mark your calendar for the 2019 edition of one of the Rochester area's must-attend events, the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library's sixth annual "Wine, Wit & Wisdom" fundraiser. This year's soiree is set for Saturday evening, April 13, 2019.

Sign-up details and the final speaker list have some additions pending. But you can expect to hear from these confirmed lecturers:

- Pat McKay, Van Hoosen Farm Museum
Director on Rochester history
- Drew Schultz, Motown Museum Program
Manager on Motown history

- Greg Sumner, Chair of history at the University of Detroit Mercy on Detroit's role in World War II.
- Dr. Adam Hull, Ascension Crittenton Medical Center Physician on the Influenza Epidemic of 1918

Taking place at the Main Library at 500 Olde Towne Road in downtown Rochester, the evening provides a lively mix of sustenance and knowledge. The Friends group — the library's primary volunteer non-profit support group — inaugurated the series in 2014 and it has grown in popularity each year.

The evening's agenda? Attendees get to partake of a buffet dinner, beverages (beer, wine and soft drinks) and a choice of two presentations from the speaker roster. In addition, there is a silent auction featuring unique items.

Click on the [Friends](#) tab at the bottom of [rhpl.org](#) for final details in January.

Volunteer of the Year 2018

Theresa Meegan



Theresa Meegan is a name well known by many within the Friends of the Library as well as with the library staff. She has been active with book sales since 2009, starting out as a cashier and pricer/bagger. Theresa then started volunteering as a Lobby Book Cart sales person. She became the scheduler for the cart almost 4 years ago, and is now the Lobby Book Cart Coordinator. In addition to the scheduling, Theresa trains new cart volunteers and prepares a monthly newsletter to keep the book cart volunteers up to date on sales and other information.



three times and been a committee member for the other two! She and the committee are hard at work for Wine, Wit, & Wisdom 2019.

The Holiday Home Tour has been helped by Theresa in the form of committee member and as hostess in 2017.

According to her husband Ron, "there is one area of the Library where Theresa's function is not that of volunteer, but the official ambassador for the Library Store. She makes sure that sales are flowing!"

Theresa has volunteered countless hours for the Friends and offers the most professional of service.

We salute Theresa Meegan, the 2018 Friends Volunteer of the Year.

At The Friends' Store Now

SALE on Pewabic Pottery

Michigan-themed and nature tiles and vases in traditional Pewabic glazes are on sale for a limited time.



Pewabic is a National Historic Landmark pottery studio and school located in Detroit. Handcrafted ceramic art has been produced by talented artisans there since 1903. The Friends' Store is proud to be one of the few local retailers in our area to offer Pewabic tiles and vases for sale. Through our agreement with Pewabic, we are allowed to discount their products only once a year. So, from November 11 – 18, come in to the Friends' Store and choose from our inventory of tiles and vases and receive 20% off your selection. You will also receive your customary 10% Friends member discount. This can only happen once a year, so make sure you take advantage. Think "holiday gift giving!"

We Love REAL Mail

Who doesn't love to find something in the mailbox that is not a bill or a political ad? The Friends' Store stocks a wide range of greeting cards and blank notes. Why not go old school and remind your friends/family that you love them with a card that will make them smile, or maybe even mist up a little. Among



Marianne Snell always finds the perfect card at the Friends' Store.

the popular lines we carry are Leanin' Tree, Avanti, Sun Day Greetings, Gina B, Pictura, Palm Press and Tree-Free Greetings.

Time to Get Cozy and Warm

Regular shoppers at the Friends' Store have told us that they love the line of ladies tops and accessories we carry. So we have expanded our selection of season transitioning items.



On a bright early fall day, Darlene Tomczyk, Christine Hage, Karen Calavenna and Laura Rode stepped out of the library to model just a few. Squinting into the sun, they sport matching knitted hats, scarves/neck warmers and fingerless gloves; an au courant houndstooth cape and fur-adorned headscarf; and bead-embellished matching hat, scarf and gloves. Stop in soon for the best selection.

Friends' Store Seeks Volunteers

The Friends' Store is run entirely by volunteers. It's fun and rewarding to be on the team. If you have 3 hours to spare one day a week, why not join us? Stop by the store for more information and to pick up an application.

Store Hours

Monday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Tuesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sunday, 1 – 4 p.m.



From the Director

The value of your public library

The Pew Research Center, a non-partisan, non-advocacy, think tank in Washington DC conducted a study on libraries in 2016 that found that “66% of Americans say that closing of their local public library would have major impact on their community”, while “33% of Americans say closing the library would have a major impact on them personally, or on their family.” Most of you probably agree with this, although I understand that in this column, I’m speaking to the choir because after all, you are a member of the Friends of the Library.



What I found interesting about these statistics is that, at least in this case, Americans put the welfare of the community over their personal welfare. It is no secret that our community has a fairly high standard of living. Part of our choice to live in this area is based on the quality of services provided by institutions such as the Rochester Hills Public Library, the Rochester Community Schools, OPC and Rochester Area Recreational Authority. We value the services offered by these organizations as well as the leadership in our local governments. As your librarian, I believe that the majority of our

library’s success is due to the passion our staff has for providing interesting, educational, entertaining program and services. Adult services librarian Cricket Hoekstra and her team planned our recent Comic Fest where over 700 people turned up to celebrate and learn about the comic culture (artists, sword fight demonstrations, costumes, etc.). When Manager of Youth Services Betsy Raczkowski and her team put on our annual Polar Express evening (December 7th this year) we know the over 1,500 people attending that event will be anxiously anticipating the event. Our third annual big event is the Battle of the Books, which will attract 500 or more 5th graders in March.

Our staff is always looking for ways to amaze you and your family. We plan programs like Comic Fest, Polar Express, and Battle of the Books because we believe that this library can become a transformational space in the community. We believe that offering programs of interest to people of all ages and getting a 5th grader passionate about reading is important.

So if you meet friends and neighbors who may question some of the programs we offer, make sure to point out to them that we serve the entire community. Their reading and educational needs might be met somewhere else, but the Rochester Hills Public Library helps enrich life and add value to the quality of life in this community.

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Order from AmazonSmile and donate to Friends of RHPL at the same time



Do you order from Amazon.com? If so, you can contribute to the Friends of RHPL at the same time at no additional cost to you.

The Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library have signed up to be a part of the AmazonSmile

program. Before you start your shopping just log into Amazon via smile.amazon.com, sign in with your current Amazon account information and select a charity to support – who else but the “Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library Inc.” Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase total to the Friends every time you shop. It’s that simple.

Since we started with AmazonSmile, your purchases have brought in \$185 to help support library programs.

Thank you.



November 27, 2018

This year, on Tuesday, November 27, 2018, the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library is participating in #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving that harnesses the collective power of individuals, communities and organizations to encourage philanthropy and to celebrate generosity worldwide. Following Thanksgiving and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday, this year's #GivingTuesday will take place on November 27th and will kick off the giving season by inspiring people to collaborate and give back.

There is no better way to give back to the community than to give to the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library, which is a nonprofit organization that is entirely volunteer-run. Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, November 27, and then go to the library's website at www.rhpl.org/friends-of-rhpl and click on "Donate to the Friends of RHPL" to access the PayPal link and donate to the Friends. Also, you may work at a company that doubles donations through matching gift requests – please check with your employer to see if a matching gift may be made. This is a one-day event and should only take a few minutes out of your day, even during this busy time of year.

Also, please check out the Friends tab at www.rhpl.org/friends-of-rhpl to see if there are any volunteer opportunities you may enjoy; spending time helping out at one of the book sales, waiting on customers in the Friends' store, sorting donated books, or assisting with one of the special events we hold each year.

We at the Friends appreciate every donation from our community whether it is used books, volunteer time, or financial donations. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

Donations to the Friends And Friends' Store

The Friends of RHPL are thankful for the donors who help support our organization and through us the Rochester Hills Public Library. Below is the list of donors since our last newsletter.

- Ruthann Bajorek
- Michael Coleman
- Tricia Corazza
- Dorothea Dolen
- Kay Galetto
- Kay Hannemann
- Menzo & Jean Ingalls
- Anne Kucher
- Janice Markhoff
- Ron & Theresa Meegan
- Charles & Melanie Motchenbacher
- Peggy Philippi
- Chad & Linda Spawr
- Darlene Tomczyk
- Diane Whinham
- Dave & Polly Williams

You may send a donation to the Friends of RHPL at 500 Olde Towne Rd, Rochester, MI 48307 at any time We will be pleased to publish your name in future newsletters.

New Assistant Membership Chairperson

LeAnne Rogers has been a resident of Rochester Hills – and before that Avon Township – for over 35 years. She lives in a home built by her grandfather in 1938. Professionally, LeAnne has worked as a newspaper reporter for much of her adult life. Currently, she covers police, fire and courts in Oakland County for the *Observer and Eccentric Newspapers* (hometownlife.com).



A graduate of Oakland University, LeAnne has a degree in history and journalism. She is an avid reader of both non-fiction and fiction. LeAnne has always been a regular user of the library and over the years has donated many books to the Friends for their book sales. Her goal in shopping at the book sale is to donate more books than she buys.

For several years, LeAnne served on the Rochester Hills Police and Roads Technical Review Committee – later expanded to include Fire – which provided proposals to council on funding for those services.

LeAnne also serves as head of the Detroit Newspaper Guild's *Observer and Eccentric Newspapers* bargaining unit and as vice president of the Detroit Newspaper Guild, which represents workers at area newspapers.

Ms. Senior Michigan 2018

One of Rochester Hills own, Kim Whitney was crowned Ms. Senior Michigan 2018. Kim is a gracious person who serves as an example of the dignity, maturity and inner beauty of Michigan seniors. During the pageant, she displayed her talent with the song



“Rise Up” and showed poise and elegance along with having a great philosophy of life. Her life statement is: “As long as we are open to trying new things, whether that be something as simple as reading a new genre of books, playing a musical instrument, or participating in a pageant, we will continue to grow no matter what our age”

Kim Whitney is a volunteer in the Friends' Library Store on Monday afternoons. If you would like to meet her and talk about her life statement or have your picture taken with “our queen” stop by the Friends' Library Store. She will represent Michigan at the Ms. Senior America pageant this October in Atlantic City.

New Board Member for 2019

Kim Whitney was born and raised in Detroit and earned her Bachelor's Degree from Oakland University. Kim worked for the U.S. Department of Labor in San Francisco, CA and the Social Security Administration in Sterling Heights, MI until



her retirement in 2012. She and her wife Pat Jones now reside in Rochester Hills. Since returning to Michigan and retiring, Kim has engaged in activities near and dear to her heart. Kim is a founding member of Sing Out Detroit Chorus and a member of the OPC 650 Players theater company. Kim also volunteers at the Friends' Library Store where you can find her on Monday afternoons. In July 2018 Kim was crowned Ms. Senior Michigan. She will be competing for the Ms. Senior America title in Atlantic City in October. Kim is honored to be joining the Friends Board.

Friends Volunteer Opportunities

The Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library is an all-volunteer organization. Its heart beat is the hundreds of volunteers and thousands of hours each year to plan, organize, conduct, and communicate a wide variety of activities and fund raising events to support the library.

See the list for most of the opportunities. In every case, training is provided. Your service can be a few hours per year or several hours weekly. Volunteers develop new friends, learn more about the library and have a great sense of accomplishment.

Friends Volunteer Opportunities

Friends' Library Store: Stop in to get an application. Job includes sales, assisting customers, housekeeping, opening and closing tasks.

Book Cart: Spend a 2-hour shift with a cart of books located by the information desk. Straighten shelves, collect cash, and answer questions. Work as often as you like, within a schedule.

Used Book Sorting and Shelving: Sort donations from patrons as well as Library discards and prepare them for the book sales. Organize the donations that have been sorted onto shelves in the 2nd floor used book room. Both tasks involve working a few hours a week in the sorting area and/or used book room.

Online Book Sales: Research books and other media to determine if the value is high enough to be sold online, list items on websites, prepare items for shipping to customers.

Used Book Sales: Volunteer for a shift on one of the sale days as a cashier, bagger, or book arranger. You could even be the chairperson for a shift. Our big sales happen four times a year plus other smaller sales.

Wine Wit & Wisdom: An annual spring event that includes speakers, a strolling dinner with wine and beer and dessert, and a silent auction. Help with setup and teardown the night of the event, solicit businesses for silent auction items, etc.

Holiday Home Tour: An annual event in November or December that features homes for viewing that have been decorated for the holidays. Help with obtaining homes for the tour, arrange for sponsors, publicity, ticket sales, docent captain at a house, or be a docent yourself.

Mailing: Label and sort mail to go out to all members. (two to three times a year)

Friends Board Member: Serve on the Board for a specified period of time, as elected at the annual meeting, and serve on a Board committee. Attend 10 meetings a year.

If you are interested in volunteering, stop by the Library Information Desk for an application.

2018/2019 Board of Directors

Officers

President	Ron Meegan
Vice President	Bill Kroger
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Treasurer	John Coombs
Asst. Treasurer	Jac Caldwell

Board Members

Tom Asmus
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Sandy Tabacchi
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Ex Officio

Library Director	Christine Hage
Used Book Sale	Ann Gruenewald
Friends Store	Darlene Tomczyk
Membership	Connie Livingston
Publicity	John Smyntek

Phone Numbers

Friends Membership	248-650-7160
Friends Events	248-650-7176
Friends Store	248-650-7179
Used Book Sale	248-650-7178
Online Sales	248-650-9790
Main Library	248-656-2900

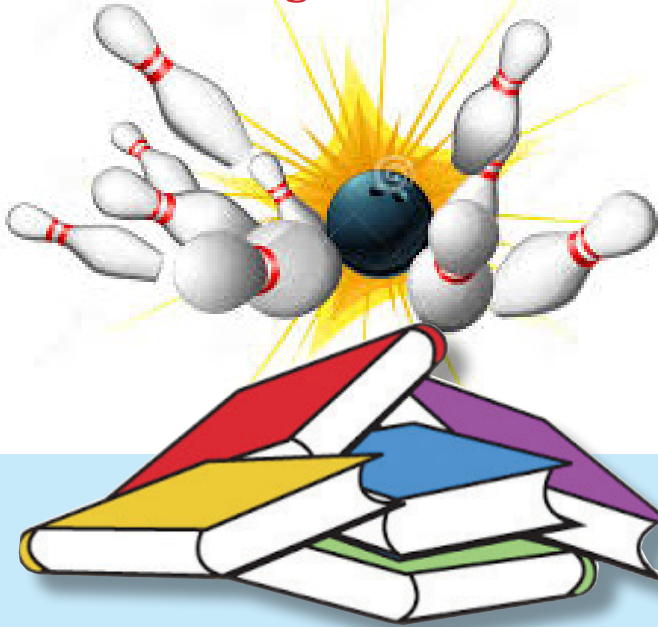
Website

www.rhpl.org/friends-of-rhpl

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“Bowling for Books”



Remember bowling as a kid, an adult or in a league? Remember how much fun it was sharing that with friends, family or co-workers? Here's your chance to have that fun again

and help the library at the same time!

We are having a **“BOWLING FOR BOOKS”** fundraiser to benefit our library.

When: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16th

Check-in: 6:30pm

Bowling starts at 7:00pm, ends at 9:00pm

Where: AVON NORTH HILL LANES

150 W. Tienken

Rochester Hills, 48306

How Much: \$20.00 per person

What you get: 2 HOURS of bowling

2 slices of pizza

Unlimited pop/soda and water

Bowling shoe rental

A whole lot of fun!

This event is pre-registration and pre-pay only. No walk-ins. Register by Friday, Nov. 9th

There are a limited number of bowling spots available so register early. Call 248-894-1494 and leave a message and your call will be returned.

There will be a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 6 people bowling per lane. Get a “TEAM” together and call to register your team.

This is a great family and friends event or even a team building event for a small business.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY: An extra \$25 or more donation to the library will have your name scrolled across the bowling scoreboards during the entire event.

Please come out to support a great asset in our community and have fun doing it!

Donations for the Friends Used Book Sale

We welcome donations that are ...

- Clean
- Fresh-smelling
- In good condition

We **DO** accept ...

- Hardcover books
- Paperback books
- Textbooks
- CDs, VHS tapes, DVDs
- Books on CD
- Computer software (last 5-6 yrs)
- Complete encyclopedia sets (last 20 yrs, very good condition)

We **CANNOT** accept ...

- Magazines (including National Geographic)
- Condensed books
- Vinyl records

Small Donations: Materials in bags or small boxes may be left at the Information Desk.

Large Donations: Arrange to deliver multiple boxes at the dock east of the Drive-Through Circulation windows by calling 248-650-7178. Volunteers are normally available to assist you.

Times: Mon-Fri 10:00am -12:00pm.

We are very sorry if the library staff is unable to assist with volunteer operations while performing their regular library work.

New Friends Members for Spring 2018 Newsletter

James Burgess
Tricia Corazza
Kathe Ester
Bob & Peggy Gamble
Paul & Gitta Judd
Karen Luscomb
Abby Miller
Paul Morrison
Gregory Racette
Dolores Schultz
Victoria Wintrobe

Deadrea Carr
Lauren Constantini
Linda Fisher
Patricia Hall
Jane Kiekhaefer
Tim Madden
Mary Miller
Linda Jones Nicholls
Janet Remington
Vicki Shepard
Nadija Zarewych

Stephanie Carrothers
Dorothy Dziedzic
Rebecca Franke
Karen Haneline
Tommy Kociuba
Nancy Meissner
Jeannine Moreland
Vittorio Porco
LeAnne Rogers
Patricia Weshburn

Newsletter by Email??!!

Would you consider getting your future Friends of RHPL Newsletters by email rather than getting a hard copy in the mail? The benefits of an email newsletter include:



- Email version will be in color
- You can easily save back issues for future reference
- The Friends of RHPL will save money on printing and postage

If you would like to have future newsletters sent by email please send a message to friends@rhpl.org. Please include your name and address since some email addresses are cryptic, and we want to update our mailing list correctly.

To date, 53 Friends have agreed to have their newsletters sent by email.

Thank You!

Are you on facebook?



Be sure to like the Friends of RHPL for updates and reminders of events and sales in our Library Store. Remember members get into the Used Book Sales before the sale is open to the general public and you get a 10% discount in the store.

Plus your membership fee goes to support the library.

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Thursday, Nov. 29	6:00pm - 8:30pm
Friday, Nov. 30	9:30am - 5:30pm
Saturday, Dec. 1	9:30am - 4:30pm

Thurs., Nov., 29 6:00 pm —8:30 pm
 Friday Nov.30, 9:30 am—5:30 pm
 Sat., Dec 1, 9:30 am—4:30 pm

January 30 - Feb. 3

Spring

April 24 - 28

Summer

July 24 - 27

(Bag Day Monday, July 29)

10:00am – 1:00pm

Fall

October 23 -27

(memberships sold at door)

Wednesday 5:30pm-8:00pm

Thursday 10:00am – 8:00pm

Friday 10:00am - 5:00pm

Saturday 10:00am - 5:00 pm

\$5.00 a Bag Sale

Sunday 1:30pm - 4:30pm

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Proceeds benefit the RHPL

The Friends of RHPL held their 2018 Annual Meeting at the Library on Thursday the 18th of October. Minutes from the 2017 meeting were read by Sandy Tabacchi filling in for Secretary Karen Calavenna, and a financial report was given by Treasurer John Coombs. Friends president, Ron Meegan, presented a check for \$110,000 to the Library. President Meegan gave a report on the past year's accomplishments, got approval for

three re-elected Board members along with one new member, and also approval for the slate of officers for the next year. The 2018 Volunteer of the Year was introduced – (see article elsewhere in the newsletter). The meeting was adjourned with an introduction of the speaker for the evening – Ric Mixter talking about “*The Edmund Fitzgerald Investigations.*”

HOLIDAY HOME TOUR 2018



Attention holiday fun-seekers: Get ready for one of the area's most popular holiday events, the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library 2018 Holiday Home Tour!

This year, the showcase of area homes will be Sunday, December 9 from noon-5 p.m. The date returns to its original, very timely December roots after several years with November tour dates.

What will you see? Homes with:

- Decorations with glitz that will dazzle you.
- A restored Craftsman home filled with hand-crafted ornaments appropriate for

this Historic District home.

- Family treasures — each done up in eye-catching style such as special trees, ornaments and other seasonal accoutrements and collections with personal stories.
- Architecture features with local history.

And the popular Gift Boutique — ideal for filling out shopping lists --- will be hosted at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm. Vendors will be offering uniquely pleasing gifts and goodies for sale during tour hours. And as an added bonus, Holiday Home Tour attendees will get entry to the Museum's annual Holiday Model Train Display. Cider and donut refreshments will be available there for each person with a Holiday Home Tour ticket.

Be sure to save the date on your personal calendar. Home information and ticket sale details will be released in mid-October. Check the www.rhpl.org website for the latest information.