



Dear Friends of the Commerce Township Community Library,

Whether you've been a Friend of the library for years or you are a new member, we appreciate you and your support. Together, we have implemented new ideas and changes that will guide us forward into the future.

Our Friends Book Shop is thriving thanks to you! You have helped to spread the word that our book shop is open and has items for people of all ages. Next time you pop in, take a look at our new sign above the book shop door. A special thank you to Alyson Lobert, the CTC Library Director for purchasing the sign for us.

We have created a new Friends of the Commerce Township Community Library brochure. Pick one up in the brochure stand outside of the Friends Book Shop and learn more about us.

With Gratitude,  
Debbie Chad  
President of the CTC Library Friends

# NEWS

*From the Friends*

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## FRIENDS OF THE COMMERCE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS

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## Friends On Facebook



Keep up with the Friends of the Commerce Township Community Library on Facebook. Visit our Facebook page and don't forget to like us!

## Contact the Friends

To contact the Friends of the Library, send an email to **[friends@commercelibrary.info](mailto:friends@commercelibrary.info)** or call us at **248-438-5239** and leave a message.

## Introducing Square Electronic Payment

Square Electronic Payment System is a secure and paperless way to pay for items in the Friends Book Shop using your phone. It works the same way that your credit card works, so you can purchase items in the book shop without cash on hand. It's safe and protected by encryption technology and fraud monitoring.

Square is easy and convient to use.

1. Download the Square app on your phone.
2. Scan the Square QR code on the wall above the Honor Box in the book shop.
3. Enter payment amount.

Note: \$5.00 Minimum purchase required

4. Choose payment method (credit/debit etc.)
5. Complete payment



## Friends Annual Board Meeting

**Tuesday**  
**April 14, 2026**

Our annual meeting will be held on April 14, 2026 at 10:30 in the Dodge Room of the Commerce Township Community Library. All members are welcome to attend and participate in this meeting.

We are seeking volunteers who are interested in helping us with our digital newsletter. If you are interested in assisting us, please contact the Friends President Debbie Chad at [friends@commercelibrary.info](mailto:friends@commercelibrary.info)

## OUR NEWSLETTER IS DIGITAL

We are excited to introduce the new Friends digital newsletter.

Where can you find our digital newsletter?

- In your email
- On our Friends Facebook page
- On the Friends page of the Commerce Township Community Library website



While we will no longer mail the newsletter, you can still pick up a paper copy in the brochure stand outside of the Friends Book Shop.

## Become A Friend

Love your library? Become a Friend! The library is more than books – it’s a gathering place, a learning center, and a cornerstone of our community. The Friends of the Library help make it all possible. Through memberships, volunteer support, and special events, the Friends fund programs for children and adults, author visits, technology upgrades, and so much more. To join the Friends, simply fill out a membership application and either email it back or give it to the circulation desk. Applications can be found in the new Friends Book Shop, on the circulation desk or download the membership application from the Friends page located on the Library’s website. Join The Friends and be a part of the reason our library keeps thriving, and see your support at work every time you walk through the doors.

Mary Ann Buckley  
Membership Director



## KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

**If you shop at Kroger and enroll your Kroger Plus card, a portion of your purchases will be distributed to the Friends each quarter.**

We receive about \$400 each year from this program. It’s a great way to support your Library every time you shop at Kroger.

Anyone can participate in this program by registering online. Start by going to [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com).



If you already have an account, you can sign in, then:

- go to **Community Rewards**
- Select the Friends by using our account number, **SY750**. When you enter the number, you will see our name appear – **Friends of the Commerce Township Community Library**.



If you have a Kroger Plus Card but do not have an account, you will first have to create an account. Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy. Once your account is created, you can add the Friends under **Community Rewards**.

If you do not have a Kroger Plus card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.

## Hot News from the Friends Book Shop

The Friends Book Shop has been a wonderful addition to the Commerce Township Library. Patrons have commented on how well organized the shop is, and that the books and other materials are in such good condition. They also love the fact that our proceeds provide programs and activities for patrons of all ages. Prices are very reasonable, with most items going for \$1.00 or less.

In the **Red Dot Bargain Book sections** you'll find adult hardcover books, as well as children's books for \$.50. **The Specially Priced book section** has newly released books (2025-2026), hardcover and paperbacks for \$2.00. Here you can find unique books, classic and collectible books for adults and children ranging from \$2-\$5.

Be sure to visit the **Monthly Theme Section**. Last month's theme was "Puzzles and Games". The theme for March is "Award Winning Books", so you'll find adult Pulitzer Prize winners, National Book Awards, plus children's Caldecott Medal and Newbery Medal books available.

We are always in need of books, puzzles, games, CD's, and DVD's to restock our shelves. If you have any of these items in good condition, please help us out by depositing them in the donation bin at the entrance of the library, and stop by for a visit at the Friends of the Library Book Shop. You are a valuable part of our team!

Diane Richards  
Publicity Director

## We Love Donations

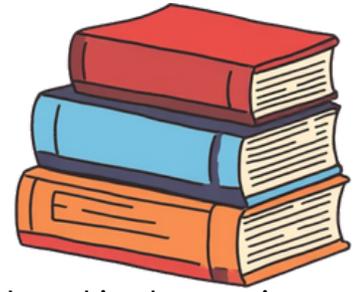


### FEED THE BLUE BIN!

Help the Friends support the library by donating books, music, movies, puzzles and games in good condition to the Friends Book Shop!

**The donation bin is located in the lobby of the main entrance of the library.**

## News from the Library



The Library has a bit of fun for everyone! Spring and Summer bring a new crop of programs to the Library for all ages, from concerts to crafts, nature walks to history, decluttering, art and cookie decorating are just a few to look forward to.

This April, visit us and other local libraries for Library Hop 2026. Sign up, grab a passport, and get adventuring! Stamp your Passport at participating Libraries for prizes. One lucky winner will receive a Grand Prize, featuring items from all 20+ participating Libraries!

Here are a few of the concerts to look forward to. In May we will host an evening of Pre-War Blues Music with singer-songwriter Nick Veine. In June, Steven Dearing will be playing Classical Guitar in a special concert, and Music at the Blissful will host a family concert for all ages! Get ready for concert madness in July which will start off with Jackie & Gary "Singing the Good Old Songs Again" with an evening of folk music. And back by popular demand, Toppermost Beatles will feature the unforgettable sights and sounds of the 60's British Invasion. This August will feature jazz band The Phil Hale Quartet. These are only a few of the fantastic music concerts to look forward to this year.

We have all kinds of presenters ready to bring you history, art and more this Spring! Sasha of ArtWorks Studio will be demonstrating different forms of art including watercolor and pastels. In April, Engineer and Bridge director Kim Nowack will present "The Mackinac Bridge: Then and Now". Kids and their adults can go on a Nature Walk with local author Denise Brennan-Nelson for: "Mae the Mayfly: Nature Walk". In May, families are welcome to join us for "Turtles of Michigan with Happy Snapper Rescue". A local baker will show us the art of Cookie Decorating, with one session for teens and another for adults. And that's just the Spring lineup!

Keep an eye out for our Summer programming! This year's theme is "Unearth a Story," and we have a whole lineup of amazing programs waiting for you.

Pop into the Library and grab a calendar of events or head over to our Website for more information on dates, times, additional programs, events and more.

<https://commercetwp.com/library/programs-events/events-calendar/>