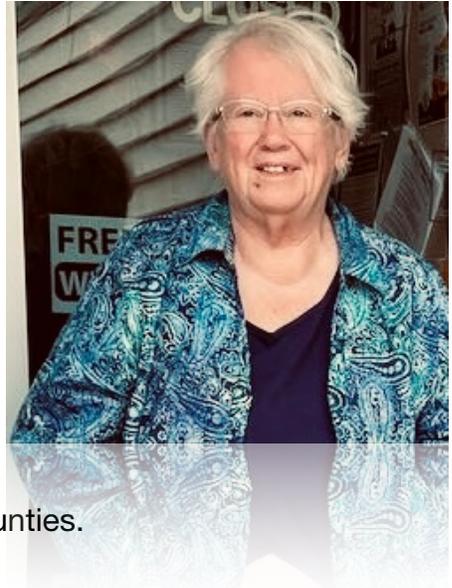


# LIBRARY NEWS

## Farewell Dear Friend!

Joan Brown, deeply appreciated library supporter, passed away recently. She and her husband, Don, moved a few years ago to the Beloit, Wisconsin area, but her memory is strong in the minds and hearts of the library staff, Friends, and patrons.

Joan was a member of the Superiorland Library Cooperative Board for over 20 years. That Board administers funds from the state and pass-through money from library members, covering the Upper Peninsula and some northern Michigan counties.



She also served on the Menominee County Library Board for several years, moving on to the presidency of the Friends of Menominee County Library. She retired from library work with years as one of the Friends' board of directors. Joan's approach to the presidency of the Friends' volunteer organization was in highly active terms in which she initiated, worked to develop, and guided to conclusion book sales, book readings, plant sales, summer story time weeks, and annual fund-raising dinners. One of her fondest activities tied into her love of quilting, as she and other members supplied a yearly quilt to use as a raffle prize.

Joan found the library to be a "wonderful place with great people" and supported it in any way she could to raise funds, volunteer at events, and work on landscaping projects. Her garden craft contributions to the annual plant sale were eagerly anticipated and truly appreciated. Her artistic skills combined with her cheerful personality and her work ethic made her a superior member of many organizations.

Joan loved to read, and she found her Kindle to be a welcome companion for many years. Her Turning Leaves Book Club friends carried away fresh insights about the books they read as results of her contributions to their discussions.

We send our sympathy to Joan's family. She taught us all by outstanding example. What a truly great person she was.

**Next Friends Meeting**  
**October 24th, 10:30 AM**  
**Hayward Room, Stephenson**

Our biggest agenda item will be to set the budget for 2024. **What do you feel is the best use of our fundraising?**

- Better Technology
- New Books
- New Videos
- More E-Books
- New DVD's
- More Kids Programs
- ?? - add it below:

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Let us know what do you think. Email us at [MCFriends@MenomineeCountyLibrary.org](mailto:MCFriends@MenomineeCountyLibrary.org) or text us at our new event phone number

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We appreciate your continued support.

**Upcoming Friends Events:**

- Next Meeting - October 24th, 10:30am
- Holiday Festival - Saturday, November 4th, 9 - 2  
(at Stephenson High School)
- Library Holiday Open House  
Stephenson December 9, 11 - 2  
Hermansville December 14, 10:30 - 12:30

- National Library Week April 7 - 13, 2024
- Library in Bloom - June 1, 2024
- Book Fair - Month of August



**Grow your Library Community!**

*I would like to: (volunteer, donate, remember, ...)*

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