

Bayliss Public Library

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Friends of Bayliss Public Library Donate New Carpet for the Community Room

Bayliss Public Library is pleased to announce that the Friends of the Library have donated new carpeting for our Community Room. The room is used for library events, meetings, and other activities. For four years, Bayliss Library has been improving the room for use by the community. It is equipped with a Power Point projector, a DVD player, wall-hung screen, and videoconferencing equipment along with chairs purchased through a successful fundraiser. The carpeting in the room had long outlived its usefulness. Thanks to the efforts of the Friends group, through their membership dues, book sales, fall auction, and sweet sale, they were able to provide the funds for a new carpet to complete the room.

This month is the Friends annual membership drive. These funds have helped Bayliss Library purchase many extras that the library budget cannot afford. Over the past 16 years, the Friends' group has donated over \$56,000 to the library. This past year, they purchased archival supplies for preservation of materials, a Nook eBook reader, a video camera with tripod and microphone for events, and donated \$900 for children's and young adult books, \$500 for new DVDs, and \$2,000 for the new carpet.

Friends membership is only \$10.00 per year, all of which supports the library. Members receive an early bird special at the annual book sale in August. The Friends will be hosting their annual Sweet Sale on Tuesday, February 14th in the main area of the library, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. They always have scrumptious, home-baked goodies for sale for your sweetheart or your sweet tooth on Valentine's Day.

This year, the library, hosts the 2nd annual Winter Farmers' Market in the Community Room. This event offers fresh fish, eggs, breads, baked goods, jams, syrups, soaps, rugs, wood crafts, art work, jewelry, knitwear, used books, handmade goods, and much more. The Farmers' Market takes place every Saturday through May 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and is a great opportunity to see the new carpet. Bayliss Public Library would like to thank the Friends group for their time, expertise, and donated funds that have helped this library be a positive force in our community.

Bayliss Public Library is located at 541 Library Drive in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information, call 906-632-9331, check out www.baylisslibrary.org, or Friend us on Facebook.