

Friends of the Bronson Library Newsletter



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Dump the Debt! Dump the Debt! Dump the Media Center Debt!

Only \$22,000 left on the media center loan and the Friends of the Bronson Library want it off the books. So let's have some fun and get it done. We're planning a **'FunRaiser' at the White Star Auction**. It's going to be so-o-o much fun and we'd like to raise the rest of the money with this single event. So far, we know we'll be having:

- ◆ Children's activities
- ◆ Adult and children's games
- ◆ Adult and Kid's auctions
- ◆ Food and beverage for sale
- ◆ "Chinese" auction
- ◆ Vendors



How can you help? Let me count the ways.

1. Volunteer to assist on the day of the FunRaiser.
2. Donate new or gently used auction items such as toys, games, quilts, crafts, collectibles, home decor, antiques or vintage items – no clothing please. If you prefer, you can have your more valuable items auctioned and donate only the commission to the Friends.
3. Be a vendor.
4. Provide baked goods.
5. Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbors — Anyone!

If you have ideas you'd like to suggest, or talents you want to share, call one of the people listed below. Check out the Friends of the Bronson Library's Facebook page for updates.

SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, August 26
10 am - 3 pm**

PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Spring Events at the Library

Get Caught Reading in May!

May activities include:

Tuesdays

5-16 Teen Writing Club – Ages 13-18 4:30 p.m.

5-16 Friends of the Library Meeting: 6 p.m.

Wednesdays – are for school age students

5-3 Tween & Teen Club – ages 11-17: 4-6 p.m.- Percy Jackson books

5-10 Kidz Crew – ages 6-10: 4-5 p.m.

5-17 Tween & Teen Club – ages 11-17: 4-6 p.m. -games

5-24 Kidz Crew– ages 6-10: 4-5 p.m.

5-24 Family LEGO Night: 6-7 p.m.

Thursdays – Special Events

5-11 Teen Trivia Extravaganza! – ages 13-18: 4:30 p.m.

5-18 Kidz Crew – ages 7-10: Mystery Theater: 6-7:30 p.m. Crime Caper

5-25 Tween & Teen – ages 11-17: Mystery Theater: 6-7:30 p.m. Unfriendly Friends Mystery

Fridays—every week

Friday Tales – preschool storytime: 11-11:30 a.m.

Home School Escapades – school age children: 1-3 p.m.

Younger children should be accompanied by an adult.



Working to Help the Library and the Community



The new mulch is a big improvement!

The Friends have been very busy during the past months. The bake sales at the White Star Auction on the first Saturday of each month have been supplied by many faithful (and excellent) baking Friends. The Teri Lynn Nuts, the quilt raffle and various items sold at the Apple Fest and other venues have also supplemented the loan payments. The most labor intensive project, the black walnut gathering, is also a big contributor. We are grateful for all the volunteers who helped with these projects. In addition to fundraising efforts, several Friends attended the District Friends meeting on April 18. Guest speakers were Linda Lyshol, Director, Branch District Library and Angela Semifero, Director, Marshall District Library. Each Friends group shared ideas and current projects.



The Bronson Friends worked with the Bronson Flower Talk Garden Club to clean up the winter debris and trim the plants and trees around the library. New mulch was paid for by the Friends, and really added to the “neatness” factor of the library grounds. Bronson Floral will be adding flowers to the area around the flagpole and to the urns at the front entrance. We really appreciate their generous contribution to the beauty of the library.

On this Date in Bronson's History

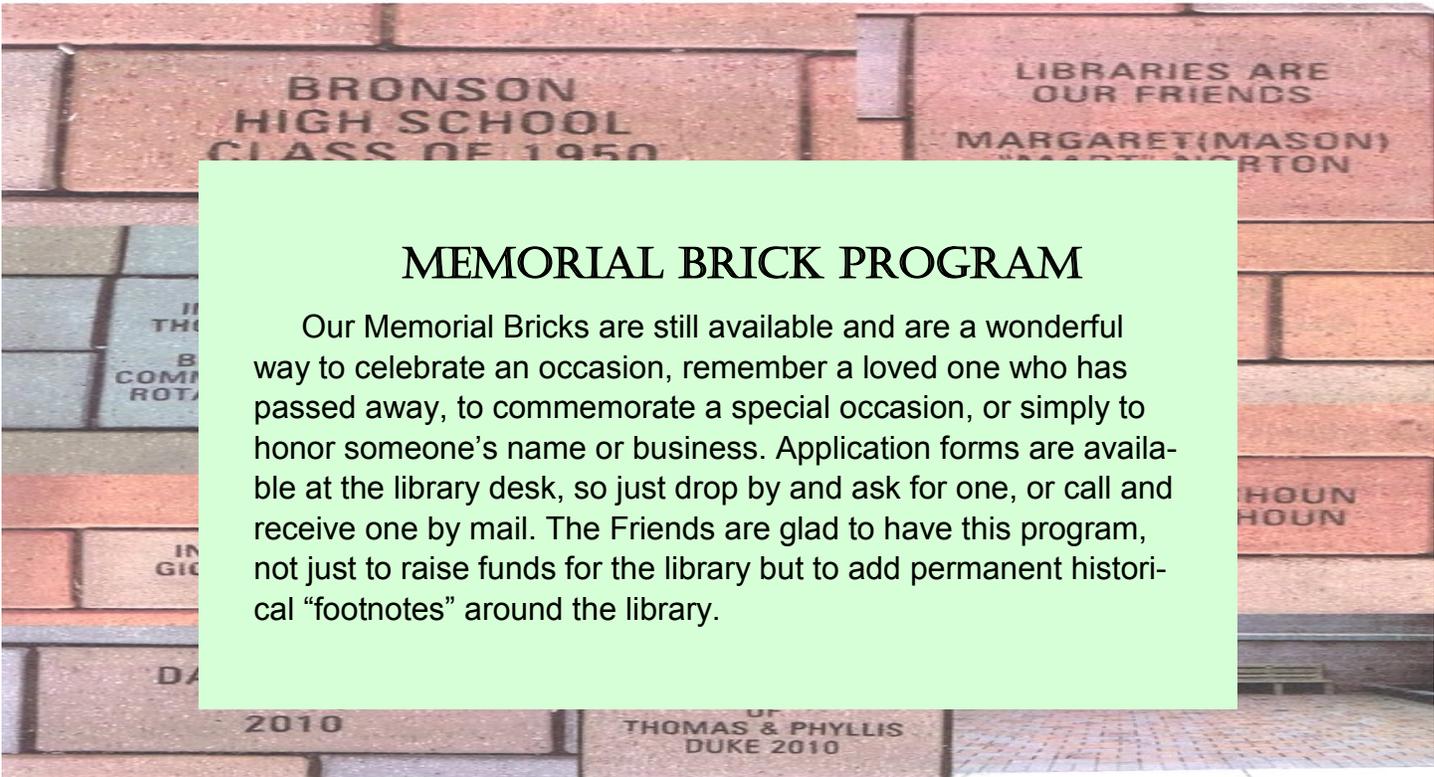
- May 14, 1917: a special election to be held to decide on the proposition to raise the sum of five thousand dollars...for the purpose of construction of a concrete road from the east corporate limits to the west corporate limits on Chicago Street in the village of Bronson.*
- May 18, 1917 There will be a Patriotic Mass Meeting at the Bronson Coliseum... Everyone is requested to bring their songbooks, as patriotic songs will be sung. Let everyone arrange to be on hand and make this meeting a record breaker.*
- May 22, 1917 Be it recorded for future generations to ponder over, that on the evening of May 22, 1917, it did, with malice afore-thought, snow real snow.*
- April 20, 1967 Spring Opening, Your Bronson Dairy Queen.*
- May 11, 1967 Construction of the New Methodist Church approved.*
- May 18, 1967 Police Chief, Lewellyn Hoskins, reported 18 tickets written in April and a total of \$199.10 collected in traffic violation bureau and justice court fines.*

Taken from the Bronson Journal

The 2017 Library Quilt is Finished!



The new, full-size **library quilt is ready to raffle off**. The quilt is hand-quilted with 100% cotton fabric. A sample of the fabrics in the new quilt are shown at right. The squares of material were donated by Sherri Reese of Sew What, and feature library-related images. Tickets (\$1.00 each) will be available at the library and from Friends members. The drawing will be September 30, 2017. **Don't miss out!**



MEMORIAL BRICK PROGRAM

Our Memorial Bricks are still available and are a wonderful way to celebrate an occasion, remember a loved one who has passed away, to commemorate a special occasion, or simply to honor someone's name or business. Application forms are available at the library desk, so just drop by and ask for one, or call and receive one by mail. The Friends are glad to have this program, not just to raise funds for the library but to add permanent historical "footnotes" around the library.

Memorials may also be included in our newsletter! Simply contact the library and we will print your information in the next issue.

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