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Thanks, and thanks and ever thanks

(William Shakespeare)

While we have an American official day for being thankful, I feel a surge of thankfulness every single time I walk through the library doors. Director Pamela Williams wants to take this opportunity to point out some of the people who make the sum of that experience possible and positive. While it is never a short list and yet never can capture everyone, it gives us a chance to say thanks.

The **Teen Advisory Board** adds an element missing in many libraries – an active and vibrant teen presence. They give hundreds of hours of support to the Summer Reading Program plus their hospitality assistance at a variety of library events. They keep the Teen Room relevant and refreshed.

Jim Hartwig still helps keep the parking lot clean and safe, no small matter. Jim always helps when needed, such as painting the banister, working on concrete and our new outdoor instrument. He is just there for us.

I hope you noticed our garden was on the walking garden tour this year. Thank you, **Lori Lee**, for keeping it beautiful for everyone.

Ken and Sharon Block, Tom Pepera, and Mary Porte -- the **Thrivent Action Team** who saw to the installation of the new instrument this year – thank you.

Speaking of this new instrument, thanks go to **the family of Helen Olivier** for their generous donation. I often see people playing it when I enter or exit the library.

One of the most sought-after souls in town is a guy who can fix stuff, and we have **Paul Bergman** who fills that bill when we give him a call.

Judge Christopher Nuechterlein has been appreciated by so many for his lively Constitutional Seminars at the library.

Thanks go to **Wayne Bauer** who sorts books for our book sale plus leads a constitutional book club.

We now have VOX books, thanks to **Michelle Duclos** and the **Thrivent Action Team**.

The Bavarian Gleaners made it possible to add upgraded toys and learning tools for our early literacy programs. Take a peek in the Children's Wing.

We are grateful for **Seth and Sarah Partridge** who both make donations and fix broken things.

We have two new collections, the **Dena Hayden Rotating Collection** and the **Judy Dohrmann Christmas Collection** and thank everyone who contributed to those in Dena's and Judy's memory.

Thanks again to the **Friends of the Library** including **Nancy Birdsall, Nancy Schneider, Kay Maier, Kathleen Bauer, Karen Ducovich** and others whose book sale efforts fund many extras at the library (including free coffee coming right up in December).

Marty Hornick helps fix any broken computers, has great ideas, donates materials, and even brings cookies.

Magazine readers in particular owe a debt of gratitude to **Joe Rainey** who supplies us with many periodicals that people enjoy reading at the library.

Our Board of Directors gives generously of its time. Thanks to **Dan Wortman** for his willingness to take on the job as President of the Board and **Sue Piesko** for her long service as board president.

We thank everyone who donates to help the library offer programming for all ages. (My personal special thanks go out to all the **Mah Jongg Gang** who contribute much more than their weekly presence, help teach newbies because I cannot do it all alone, and find every reason to celebrate, and also the **Books for Lunch Bunch** who add food, ideas, good humor, and support to the table each month.)

Thanks to **Vicky Hayden** of the **Frankenmuth News** who makes sure this column gets set in the newspaper each and every week.

And special thanks go out this year to **Kathy Wiese**, our assistant library director who this month celebrates her 20th year with the library. Every library user owes a debt of gratitude to Kathy, and most don't even realize it. I'm always amazed how fast she can get new books from the box into the catalog and onto the shelves for us. Books would literally be lost without her.

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone. And yes, we'll be closed Thanksgiving Day as well as Friday after. But we'll be open again Saturday.

See you at the Library!

Upcoming Events: Please keep track of our Calendar on our website and Facebook page. As mentioned, we are closed Thursday and Friday this week.