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Berkley Library Joins Statewide Initiative to Save Lives

Educating, Inspiring and Empowering Patrons to Join the Michigan Organ Donor Registry

BERKLEY, MI (October 2, 2014) – Berkley Public Library is pleased to join Michigan Libraries for Life and Gift of Life Michigan, along with more than 70 other libraries across the state, for a seven-day campaign to inspire residents to join the Michigan Organ Donor Registry. Volunteers and library staff will answer questions, provide fun give-away items and, most importantly, help library patrons sign up as organ, eye, and tissue donors. Berkley's drive is scheduled to take place on Saturday, October 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Berkley Public Library located at 3155 Coolidge Highway.

“This program is successful because libraries are a trusted source for information, and they make it easy to join the Michigan Organ Donor Registry,” shared Kate Saylor, Librarian at Taubman Health Sciences Library and chief organizer of the event. Saylor is delighted that Michigan Libraries for Life has extended its reach across the state. “People in every community can participate, thanks to our library partners.”

“This campaign provides hope to every one of the 3,200 Michigan patients waiting for an organ transplant,” said Gift of Life Michigan's CEO, Richard Pietroski. “Libraries are a natural place to go for information and community services.”

Michigan residents who join the state's Donor Registry will receive a red heart donor symbol for the front of their driver's license or state ID card. You can sign up at a participating library, at GiftOfLifeMichigan.org or by calling 800.482.4881. You can also join the Donor Registry at any Secretary of State branch office.

The Berkley Public Library is located at 3155 Coolidge Highway in Berkley. For additional information, call 248-658-3440 or visit www.berkley.lib.mi.us.

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