

CHECK IT OUT!



Presented by the Friends of the Lake Odessa Community Library

May-June-July-August 2016



Spring was in the Air — Festival 2016

The Friends annual *Festival of Tables* was held on April 16th on a beautiful spring day. Eighteen table sponsors, five with double tables, brought spring beauty and bounty to St. Edwards Family Center. The event and associated raffle raised over \$2,000 to benefit Library programs and services. Because this year's participation was a little smaller than previous years, the Friends sought out 2017 table sponsors to secure support for next year's Festival. The response was very positive as sixteen persons/organizations pre-registered. We still will need additional table sponsors, so if you are interested in sponsoring a table for next year, please give the Library a call (374.4591), or email the Friends at lakeofriends@gmail.com. Next year's Festival date is a week later than usual because of Easter, so save April 22, 2017 on your calendars.



Library Summer Reading Program

Summer is a great time for young people to get outdoors, have fun and play. This summer the reading program explores sports, games and movement through books, activities, art projects, and more. Every child and teen, whether a sports fan or not, will enjoy this summer's program. Check out program dates on the Calendar of Events. *On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!!*



"Fill your house with stacks of books, in all the crannies and all the nooks. The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go."

— Dr. Seuss

Library Hours:

Tues. & Thurs. 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Wed. & Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Closed Sundays & Mondays

Also Closed:

May 28 - Memorial Weekend

July 2 - July 4th Weekend

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QUARTERLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May — Princesses & Projects

- May 12 6:00 — 7:30 p.m. Princess Party for ages 3+
May 17 6:00 p.m. Craft Night (Twine Wrapped Jars)
May 19 6:00 — 7:30 p.m. Minecraft Party for ages 4+
May 24 1:00 p.m. Books in Action: *The Terrible Two* for ages 11-18

June — Summer Reading Program (SRP) starts!

- June 9 10:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time for ages 3—5
June 15 11:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. SRP Registration for Kindergarten — 8th graders
June 16 10:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time for ages 3-5
June 16 2:00 p.m. Teens Sports Jeopardy for ages 11-18
June 22 10:30 a.m. Outdoor Discovery program for SRP K-8th grade
June 23 10:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time for ages 3-5
June 23 2:00 p.m. Teens Hoops & Goop for ages 11-18
June 29 10:30 a.m. 61 SYX Dance Party for SRP K-8th grade
June 30 10:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time for ages 3-5
June 30 2:00 p.m. Teens Bag Creation for ages 11-18

July — Family Fun Times

- July 1 10:30 a.m. Free Family Movie & Popcorn
July 1 2:00 — 3:30 p.m. Wii game for ages 8+
July 6 10:30 a.m. Dave Storms SRP K-8th grade
July 7 10:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time for ages 3-5
July 7 2:00 p.m. Teens Archery Competition for ages 11-18
July 8 10:30 a.m. Free Family Movie & Popcorn
July 8 2:00 — 3:30 p.m. Wii game for ages 8+
July 13 10:30 a.m. Bowling @ Buddy's on the Beach
(FREE but must be pre-registered for SRP K-8th grade)
July 14 10:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time for ages 3-5
July 14 10:30 a.m. Lions Club vision testing for ages 3-5
July 14 2:00 p.m. Teens Scavenger Hunt for ages 11-18
July 15 10:30 a.m. Free Family Movie & Popcorn
July 15 2:00 — 3:30 p.m. Wii game for ages 8+
July 20 10:30 a.m. Special Guest Sport Skit for SRP K-8th grade
July 21 10:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time for ages 3-5
July 21 2:00 p.m. Teens Bowling @ Buddy's on the Beach
(FREE but must be pre-registered for SRP ages 11-18)
July 22 10:30 a.m. Free Family Movie & Popcorn
July 22 2:00 — 3:30 p.m. Wii game for ages 8+
July 27 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. SRP Finale for K-8th grade
July 28 10:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time for ages 3-5
July 28 2:00 p.m. Teens Cryptic Concession Stand for ages 11-18
July 29 10:30 a.m. Free Family Movie & Popcorn
July 29 2:00 — 3:30 p.m. Wii game for ages 8+

August — Look for more August events on our website calendar.

- August 2 — Ionia County Library Millage Vote
August 6 — Book Sale in front of the Library@ the annual Car Show & Art in the Park

Scholastic Children's Summer Book Reads by Elizabeth (Libby) Kinsey



What a treat, being invited to suggest some great summer reading for kids of all ages. I've been lucky to spend many volunteer hours at the Scholastic warehouse in Caledonia over the past three years, greeting shoppers during Scholastic's periodical sales and reading many books for kids of all ages. Here are some favorite picks from my time there. Scholastic was generous enough to donate these titles to the Lake Odessa Community Library for your summer enjoyment! You'll also find many of these titles and hundreds more at their annual spring sale from May 6-20, weekdays from 11-7 and Saturdays from 9-4 at the corner of 84th street and M37 in Caledonia, right behind Wendy's. I'll be waiting to greet you with many more recommendations for hours of reading pleasure for kids of all ages at remarkably discounted prices. Happy summer reading!

In the Nonfiction Department: Who Is Malala Yousafzai? Helps kids understand the power of reading and the privilege of education that many girls around the world do not have. (GR 3-7)

Especially for teens who grew up on Gary Paulsen adventures and novels of survival, his memoir, This Side of Wild is the fascinating tale of his personal experiences with animals of all kinds. (GR 5 and up)

ElDeafo is the autobiographical story of Cece Bell told in graphic novel style. As a child, Cece suffered a hearing deficit that required her to wear a hearing aid, not of today's technology, but a huge embarrassing box on a chord that hung from her neck. The teachers talked into a microphone. What started as embarrassing name calling, though, turned into empowerment when Cece, herself, claimed the contraption as a superpower instead of a curse. The tale is heartfelt, touching, even funny at times, a tale of creativity and resilience. (GR 3-7)

What inspired A.A. Milne to write all those beloved "Winnie the Pooh" stories? Read Finding Winnie, The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear and you'll have the answer in a picture book you won't want to miss! (GR PRE-1)

In the Animal Fiction Department: All books Humphrey by Betty G. Birney are delightful. Humphrey is a classroom hamster in Room 26 at Longfellow School who loves to write and listen to stories read by Mrs. Brisbane. He listens carefully to the teacher's instructions on writing and does his best to participate, but this spring's classroom writing project on family trees has Humphrey baffled. How do his friends, the students, help him understand what constitutes a family? Spring According to Humphrey, actually ANY tale According to Humphrey is a winner! (GR 2-4)

Little Cat's Luck by Marion Dane Bauer is a sweet story told in poetry form. What luck it is when a hole in the screen allows little house cat Patches out into the big wide world. (GR 3-7)

Sara Pennypacker's Pax is the story of a boy who is forced to abandon his beloved pet fox Pax. Peter and Pax have been inseparable since Pax's birth, but Peter's father is headed to serve in the war so Peter is sent to live with his grouchy grandpa. Will these friends ever find each other again? (GR 3-7)

My new all-time favorite picture book is Mother Bruce, a hilarious story by Ryan T. Higgins. Bruce, a grumpy bear, LOVES eggs! He eats them for every meal. One day in the middle of cooking the goose eggs he's found, his stove runs low on the wood necessary to cook them so he heads outside to get more. He returns to discover that something extremely annoying has happened. The eggs have HATCHED! When the goslings see Bruce, they immediately identify him as, "MAMA!" and the fun begins. (GR PRE-K)

In the Realistic Fiction Department: You'll laugh and you'll cry when you read The Honest Truth by Dan Gemeinhart. Short chapters add to the urgency felt when Mark and his faithful dog Beau embark on Mark's dream to climb Mt. Rainer. There are several problems with this plan; the biggest one is that Mark has cancer. When he and Beau disappear, only his best friend Jesse has any idea where he might be. She faces the dilemma of whether or not to tell the anxious adults what she thinks, knowing that this may be Mark's last chance to see his greatest dream come true. (GR 3-7)

What a brilliant collaboration, Save Me a Seat by popular writer Sarah Weeks and newcomer Gita Varadarajan. Joe and Ravi seem worlds apart even though they are in the same classroom. What they do have in common is a common enemy, Dillon, the classroom bully. From Monday's chicken fingers to Friday's pizza, this heartwarming tale unfolds over one week's time. It is told in the voices of lonely Joe as well as confused Ravi who has recently moved to America from India. (GR 3-7)

Since You've Been Gone by Morgan Matson is a riveting teenage tale of friendship, loss and growth. Emily's personality pales in comparison to her best friend Sloane's. How will Emily survive when Sloane and Sloane's parents disappear? When a mysterious to-do list shows up, clearly a directive from Sloane to her shy friend, how will Emily complete the sometimes bizarre, sometimes banal tasks set before her? Would you hug a random Jamie, steal something or go skinny-dipping? What will she find when the list is completed to help her understand her best friend better? Will she know more about Sloane at the end of the list or more about herself? (GR 7 and up)

Who doesn't remember Amelia Bedelia, the confused and confusing adult who worked for the Rogers family? What was she like as a child? Amelia Bedevil Cleans Up, a chapter book by Herman Parish, is one of many books about good-natured Amelia Bedelia as a child. How could anyone get in trouble for cleaning up an empty lot to use as an explorers' club with her friends? You guessed it, Amelia Bedelia could. (GR 1-5)

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