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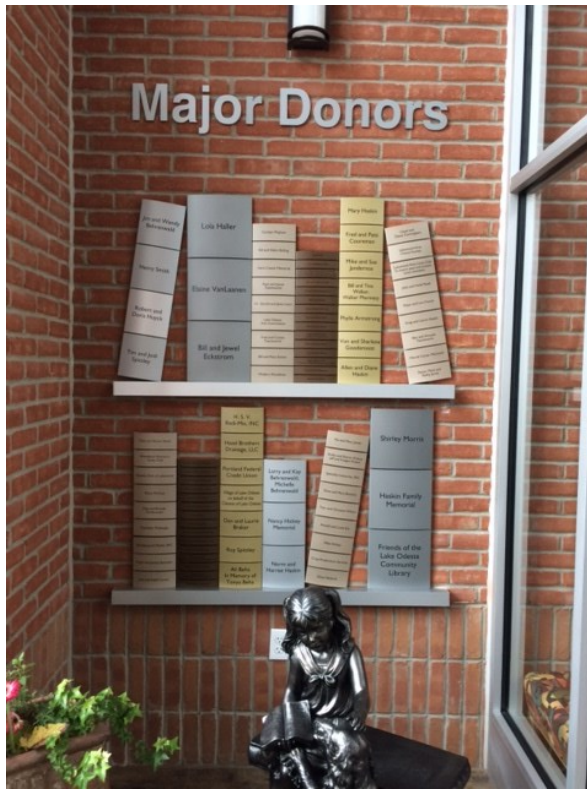
May June July August 2017

Building Donor Recognition

Our donor recognition walls are located in the library's main entrance vestibule. These tributes went up just before the holidays. We are very thankful of the support received from the community in our fundraising efforts to renovate, remodel, and add to our library. Our "new library" is now two years old! It is the centerpiece of a bustling downtown.

The library offers access to an extensive book collection (including large print, audio, and e-books), videos, DVDs, and free WiFi access on our computers or yours. We also have a state-of-the-art copy machine for black-and-white or color copies, scans, faxing and emailing.

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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:
Saturday, May 27
Saturday, July 1

Contact Us:

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Issue Highlights

- Donor Walls
- Calendar of Events
- Patti Picks
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- On the Same Page
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QUARTERLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May— Spring is in the Air

May 3	10:30 a.m.	Family Story Time
May 10	10:30 a.m.	Family Story Time
May 11	4 p.m.	Teens Homer Simpson Party
May 13	9 a.m.	On the Same Page Book Discussion, Movie, & Snacks
May 16	5:30 p.m.	Glass Art Class
May 18	1 p.m.	The Home School Group
May 23	3 p.m.	Books in Action (Ages 11-18)

June— Summer Fun with Reading

Tuesday through Saturday June 13-17 Register for Summer Reading Program		
Wednesdays	10:30 a.m.	Children's Summer Reading Program (K-8th)—Begins June 21
Thursdays	10:30 a.m.	Preschool Summer Reading Program (Ages 3-5)—Begins June 8
Thursdays	2 p.m.	Tweens & Teens Summer Reading Program (Ages 11-18)—Begins June 22
June 29	12:30 p.m.	Inspirational Book Discussion

July — Warmer Days and Beach Reads

Wednesdays	10:30 a.m.	Children's Summer Reading Program (K-8th)
Thursdays	10:30 a.m.	Preschool Summer Reading Program (Ages 3-5)
Thursdays	2 p.m.	Tweens & Teens Summer Reading Program (Ages 11-18)
July 19	10:30 a.m.	Children's Summer Reading Program Ends
July 20	10:30 a.m.	Preschool Summer Reading Program Ends
July 20	10:30 a.m.	Project Kid Sight (Preschool Vision Testing)
July 20	2 p.m.	Tweens & Teens Summer Reading Program Ends
July 27	12:30 p.m.	Inspirational Book Discussion
July 27	5:30 p.m.	Michigan Author Program

August — Calendar Announcements via Newspaper & Facebook

August 5	Lake Odessa Art in the Park/Car Show	
August 24	2 p.m.	Inspirational Book Discussion

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The library staff loves summer and the increased library visits the warm season brings. Each summer, hundreds of young readers return to the library weekly to earn prizes for completed reading logs and to enjoy entertaining and educational programs.

This year's library program, *Build a Better World*, focuses on the many ways reading and actions promote and enhance our community.

Starting Tuesday, June 13th, readers in kindergarten through age 18 may visit the library to register for the summer reading program, make a fun craft, and obtain all the necessary tools to participate.

The summer library program will be separated into three groups; **preschoolers** (ages 3-5 years), **children** (kindergarten- eighth grade), and **tween & teens** (11-18 years old). The preschoolers will meet each Thursday at 10:30 a.m. for their fun program, which includes stories, activities, songs, and prizes for attending. The preschoolers first program is on Thursday, June 8th.

Readers who are signed up for the children's program will meet each Wednesday beginning June 21st. The Wednesday programs will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. Attendees are strongly encouraged to arrive ten minutes early to obtain

their weekly prizes and find their favorite seats in the meeting room. Wednesday programs are geared for ages 5+ and typically include performers and professional entertainers.

The tween & teen program is on Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. These spectacular, hour-long events are filled with activities and games, crafts, and fun. Participants receive weekly prizes and turn in reading tickets to win grand prizes.

The summer library program lasts six weeks and is sponsored locally by generous community members and businesses. Statewide large corporations and groups, who envision the importance of keeping children reading through the summer months, sponsor this program. A poster displaying all summer reading program sponsors is on display at the library.



CRAFTY EVENTS

The library sponsors crafty events for children and adults. Check the calendar of events and Facebook for program events. Make sure you call ahead and reserve your space if you are interested in making a craft. Sometimes a nominal charge covers material costs and pre-payment is needed. Depending on the craft, space is also limited. As you can see from the photos below, participation is fun and creative!

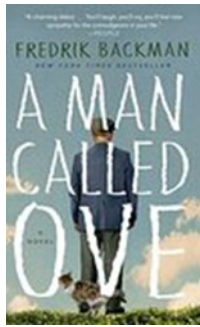
A Full Meeting Room—
Painting Birds on a Branch



Calendar Message Center

Amy Swift's & Becky Thacher's
Golden Book Bird Houses





On the Same Page

The 2017 *On the Same Page in Ionia County* selection is Frederik Backman's feel-good story, *A Man Called Ove*. If you missed out on one of the free copies of the novel available during the April 29 event launch, be sure to stop by the library to check-out one of the copies we have available – we have standard print editions, large print, the audio book, and the DVD (which is in Swedish, so be prepared for subtitles).

A Man Called Ove is the heartwarming story of a curmudgeonly old man whose bitterness slowly melts away as he builds a relationship with his new neighbors. Along the way, readers will learn about Ove's life and the importance of developing healthy friendships.

Readers should bring their comments and adventurous appetite to the library's discussion at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 13. Participants will have an opportunity to discuss the book, watch the film, and enjoy native Swedish and Persian snacks, in honor of Ove and his neighbor-turned-friend, Parvaneh. The Lake Odessa Community Library is hosting this free event in the meeting rooms. Registration is requested; please call the library at 616-374-4591 to register.

On the Same Page in Ionia County is an annual event sponsored by the Ionia County Library Association. The objective of this project is to unite Ionia County's community of readers through discussions and programs surrounding the annual book selection.

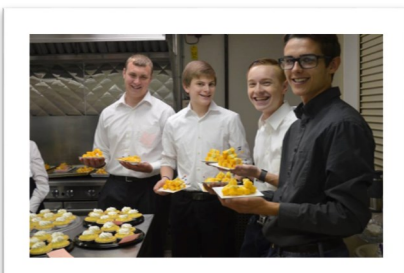
Festival of Tables



Polly Brown, Presenter

The 15th annual Festival of Tables was held at St. Edwards Family Center on April 22. The event raised over \$3,000 for the Friends of the Library to use in support of library programs and services. About 200 guests came to celebrate the day and listen to Polly Brown reminisce about growing up in rural America and sharing and making treasures from found objects. Thanks to Polly for a very entertaining program!

A big thank-you also goes out to our 27 table sponsors who outdid themselves with beautiful designs to inspire us all. Thanks to Deanna Humphrey; Jenny Allen, Tammy Pytlowany, & Mary Beswick; Woodland Women's Study Club; Joel Pepper & Kim Deardorff; Dawn Deardorff; Kay Barcroft; Barb Ackerson; Tiffani Ackerson; Julie Stahl; Deb Morrison; Union Bank (Angie Gilliland); Bonnie Mattson; Suanna McDaniels; Laurelye Carter & Alexis Hyatt; Claudia Leak, the Lake Odessa Area Arts Commission; St. Hermans Church (Darya Carney); Jan Gearheart; Patti Cooreman & Judi Emlinger; Kris Galaviz; Saranac Area Musicians & Singers; Manda & May Nurenberg; Lisa Nelson & Jeanne VanNeste; Dr. Laurie & Sophie Braker; Meredith Kauffman; Portland Federal Credit Union; and Ionia County Habitat for Humanity. [Pictures of the tables are on the back of the *Patti's Picks* newsletter insert.]



National Honor Society Servers

Four cheerful members of the Lakewood High School National Honor Society helped serve the guests. Thank-you Kyle Possehn, Samuel Tenant, Lucas Jackson, and Adrian Almas. The Friends and library staff also were assisted in the kitchen by Rosie Hickey, Criss Hickey, and Paul Humphrey.

Bernie Maitner won the first place raffle prize, a weeknight stay at the Garden View Guest House or The Loft, donated by Bill Rogers. Second prize, a Barb Bosworth framed print went to Karen Banks. The third raffle prize was a gift set donated by Walker Pharmacy won by Jane Kostanko.

SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT YEAR: APRIL 21, 2018

Julie Stahl, Library Assistant, greets Festival goers.



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Contact the Friends at:
lakeofriends@gmail.com

Meets: 5/9, no June & July mtgs, & 8/8
@ 3 p.m. in the library meeting rooms.
Annual meeting follows 5/9 meeting.

Board of Trustees

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Meets: 5/24, 6/28, 7/26, 8/23
@ 7 p.m. in the library meeting rooms.
Public is welcome.

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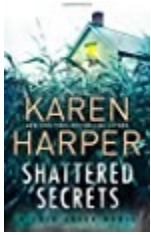
Library Staff Members: *Mattie A. Cook, Library Director
Deb Morrison, Julie Stahl, Jennifer Salgat, Mike Forton
& Sarah Roberts.*
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PATTI'S SUMMER 2017 PICKS by Patti Cooreman



Shattered Secrets by Karen Harper is the first in a Cold Creek Series that will have you wanting more from the first page until the last. Set in a small town in Ohio Ms. Harper weaves a tale of mystery and suspense centered round Theresa Lockwood's return to her hometown following a death in her family after many years being gone. Most residents are happy to see her, others not so because with her return once again young children go missing. As a child, Theresa was an abduction victim yet she escaped with no memory of that horrific experience.

Other children abducted during that same time were never found. Could that same scenario be making its way back to Cold Creek? It's a good whodunit read that also adds a bit of romance between Theresa and the town's sheriff, Gabe McCord.

The Woman on the Orient Express by Lindsay Jayne Ashford is a fascinating journey on a train that brings to life a world far away both in time and place. The author chose to write an historical fiction using real and made up people of what may have happened on the train ride Agatha Christie actually took to Baghdad on the Orient Express following her divorce in 1928. Rather than a murder mystery, it is a book driven by secrets held by three unacquainted women and how they come together to form a permanent bond. Agatha Christie is hiding her identity, another is unable to conceive, and the other is pregnant. One's secret may be the ruin of another's life and the other woman's secret could forever change her own life if it is disclosed. I loved the suspense of finding out what secrets these women held and how it all worked out; but, I also enjoyed the train ride itself as it traveled to places I will never go. Descriptions of people, places, customs, food and travel used by the Turks and Iraqis during this time were detailed and vibrant. In the end, the author reminds us of Agatha Christie's own words when she was at her lowest: "for the train, like life, must go on until it reaches its destination. You might not always like what you see out of the window, but if you pull down the blind, you will miss the beauty as well as the ugliness. The train must go on, trust the train."



The Keeper of Lost Things by Ruth Hogan in some ways reminded me of Sarah Addison Allen's *Garden Spells*. It is an enchanting light read about a gentleman who has over the years collected items dropped, misplaced, or just left behind that he has meticulously catalogued. His intentions are faithful: to return the items to their rightful owners. He leaves this monumental task to his unsuspecting housekeeper Laura because his time has run out. He also leaves his whimsical home and all his possessions to her. Did I mention the house comes with a resident ghost, and a handsome gardener? Lots of fun characters and happenstance fill this book I may reread just because!



Last Days of Night by Graham Moore is a masterpiece of historical fiction that takes you into the offices, boardrooms and lives of three of the most influential people of modern times: George Westinghouse, Thomas Edison, and Nikola Tesla as told through the eyes of a young Columbia Law School lawyer, Paul Cravath. The story centers on the lawsuit between George Westinghouse and Thomas Edison: who invented the light bulb and who holds the right to power the country? What a thriller Graham Moore has here! I couldn't put it down as I was fascinated by the behind-the-scenes workings of these marvelous inventors and what really drove them.

