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Presented by the Friends of the Lake Odessa Community Library

January • February • March • April 2018

Tea Time at the Library



On November 11, the Friends held their annual tea at the Library. Our program featured a fashion show by Chicadee's Boutique. Attendees received a discount card as a table favor and many took advantage by shopping after the event.

Friends Board members provide all the menu items and bring in china to supplement china previously donated to the Friends for Library functions.



New Board Members

Odessa Township has approved the appointment of two new Library Board Members. Welcome Jill Beard and Patty Beglin! The Board says good-bye and thanks to long-serving members Tammy Pytlowany and Mike Hickey.

The Friends of the Library Board also has a new member. Mary Flannery becomes a Friends Director in January. Carolyn Mayhew resigned from the Friends Board after serving more than a decade. Carolyn is very busy with the Jordan Lake Trail Project starting construction in the spring. Thank-you Carolyn for your support and work on behalf of the Library!

Spring Festival of Tables

Save the Date: **Saturday, April 21, 11 a.m.— 2 p.m.**

Springtime is Festival Time. The Friends are looking for table sponsors for this year's Festival of Tables. Please call the Library if you are interested in sponsoring a table. Open seating tickets will go on sale mid-March. The Friends plan on having their annual raffle during Festival too.

Our program features Libby Polzin Kinsey performing folk music on her guitar. Libby is a retired Lakewood schools teacher and also provides wonderful book reviews and reading suggestions through Facebook at Libby's Literary Corner.

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:

Easter Weekend:

March 30 & 31

Festival of Tables

April 21

Contact Us:

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QUARTERLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January — New Year, New Beginnings

January 2	5:30 p.m.	Local Author Talk: Anthony Monday
Wednesdays	10:30 a.m.	Storytime (Ages 2-5)
Wednesdays	1 p.m.	Tai Chi Exercise Class (Sign Up as Limited Room)
Thursdays	10:30 a.m.	Storytime (Ages 2-5)
1st Thursdays	4 –5 p.m.	After School Program (Ages 5-11)
Tuesdays	1 - 3 p.m.	Knitting Group (Begins January 9)
2nd Thursdays	4 –5p.m.	Teen After School Program (Ages 11-18)
3rd Tuesdays	TBD	Monthly Craft Project (Ages 11+, Look for Project, Time, & Cost Announcement)
3rd Thursdays	4 -5 p.m.	Homeschool Program (School-Aged Children)
4th Thursdays	2 p.m.	Inspirational Book Discussion
January 25	4—5:30 p.m.	STEM Program Hovercraft 101 (Ages 14-18)

February— Snowflakes and Valentines

Tuesdays	1 - 3 p.m.	Knitting Group
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February 22	4—5:30 p.m.	STEM Program Build a Boat (Ages 14-18)

March — In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb?

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March 29	4—5:30 p.m.	STEM Program Ready, Aim, Launch! (Ages 14-18)
March 30	Library Closed	
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April — Spring Break and Festival Time

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Are You Interested in Learning to Play Bridge?

A library patron wants to share his enthusiasm for bridge with members of the community. If you are interested in learning the game of bridge this summer, please give the Library a call and indicate your availability (day of week, daytime or nighttime).

“Life is like a game of bridge. The hand you are dealt with represents determinism. The way you play it is free will.” ©Words and Unwords

Young Adult STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Series

Mr. Mike kicked off a series of young adult (ages 14-18) STEM programs this past fall and will continue to provide fun, informative winter programs. While in the fall participants had an opportunity to discover what's in the waters of Jordan Lake, designed carriers to safely transport a dropped egg, and built bridges, the New Year is bringing new opportunities for learning and fun at the Library. From 4-5:30 p.m. January 25, the Library is hosting a Hovercraft 101 class, during which participants have an opportunity to construct hovercraft vehicles and learn about the forces that affect motion. From 4-5:30 p.m. February 22, participants in the “Build a Boat” event determine whether their watercraft can sink or float. On March 29, from 4-5:30 p.m., the Library is hosting a “Ready, Aim, Launch” event designed to introduce young adults to the science of ballistics. Participants learn basic engineering principles by building catapults in this fun, hands-on learning experience. The STEM series programs are “make and take.” Participants can show off their designs and engineering feats to friends and family.

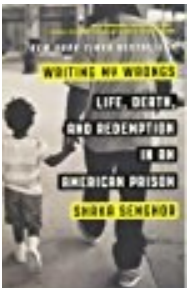
Sharing the Gift of Reading

Library patrons had the opportunity over the past holiday season to support the Library by purchasing a book in honor or memory of someone special. These book donations are acknowledged with a bookplate inside the book's front cover. Thank you goes out to the following patrons who purchased books this year. Kim and Dawn Deardorff, Deb Leak, John and Heidi Reed, Connie Teachworth, and several others that wanted to remain anonymous. All donations this year were children's books. Here is a sampling of the titles: Turtle Island; Snow and Rose; A Hundred Billion Trillion Stars; A Bedtime Yarn; This is How We Do It; Franklin's Flying Bookshop; and Mice Skating.

If you are ever interested in donating a new book for the Library's collection, please check with Mattie Cook, Library Director. Used book donations are accepted throughout the year. However, encyclopedias, older textbooks, and books with water damage are not accepted. The Library posts on Facebook the availability of new book and video titles, so follow us on Facebook.

The Library also sells used books. These books are located in the back of the Library by the Director's Office. When the sales inventory exceeds this space, books are placed on sale carts. Winter sales mean deals! BOGO, Buy One Get One Free sales are in progress. Come in and browse the bargains!

A recent book donation to the Library comes from Jan Gearhart. Jan highly recommends this book. The author, Shaka Senghor, was imprisoned for nearly nineteen years for murder. Before that violent act led him to prison, he was an all A-student who grew up thinking he had to be a hoodlum. He served his prison time in Ionia. It was here where his writing career began working on the prisoner newsletter.

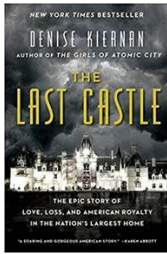


A prison employee read his newsletter article about his sister's battle with crack addiction and how it made him feel. The employee recognized his talent and provided him with positive feedback. That prison employee was none other than Tom Scheidt, owner of Lake Odessa's Buddy's on the Beach restaurant and bowling alley. Tom encouraged Shaka and in return Shaka used his prison time to read all he could and transform himself from a hoodlum to a writer, mentor, and motivational speaker.

Shaka speaks about Tom on pages 165 and 166 of his book, **Writing My Wrongs—Life, Death, and Redemption in an American Prison**. Here is an excerpt from those pages. “...When I arrived at work one day, I found our supervisor Tom sitting in the recreation center reading the paper...Shaka, did you really write this, he asked?...This is really good, Shaka...I had never thought of writing as something to be taken seriously...I had never thought of becoming anything other than free...But Tom's words stayed with me...It made me feel like I could be good at something other than hustling drugs and hurting people.”

PATTI'S PALS PICKS

by Patti Cooreman's Friends

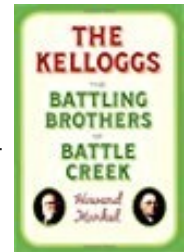


The Last Castle: The Epic Story of Love, Loss, and American Royalty in the Nation's Largest Home, recommended by Mattie Cook, Library Director

Denise Kiernan, author of *The Girls of Atomic City*, presents the intriguing history of the United States' largest residence, the Biltmore House in her latest work. This thoroughly researched book begins with the story of the Vanderbilt family and the original design and construction of the estate, but is also a story about a nation undergoing change. Kiernan delves into how the residents and nation grappled with significant historical events, such as world wars and the Great Depression, and how the couple built and maintained a legacy despite hardships. With plenty of famous characters sprinkled throughout, there is plenty of action and history to keep readers engaged and eager to flip the pages.

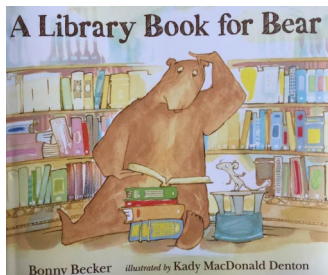
The Battling Brothers of Battle Creek by Howard Markel, reviewed by Pat Flannery

I thoroughly enjoyed this book! The Kellogg brothers were early 20th century pioneers: John Harvey in digestive health and medicine; Will Keith (W.K.) in food processing and mass advertising. Markel offers clear insights into the reasons for the brothers' successes. They were both disciplined, hard workers who took years experimenting with grains and fiber-rich natural foods. Today their most recognized successes are more than one hundred years-old: packaged, pre-cooked breakfast cereals universally accepted in American diets.



I had known much about the Kelloggs' cereal success; however, thanks to Markel's book, I developed a new appreciation for Dr. John Kellogg, the older brother. He was something of a child prodigy. As a sixteen year-old, even before his own graduation from high school, he taught at a rural school in the Hastings Michigan area. Educated as a physician and later a surgeon, in the early 1900s, John advocated for as-soon-as-possible, post-surgery patient mobility. It wasn't until the second half of the 20th century that this approach was commonly accepted in the medical community. Much of John Kellogg's early beliefs about personal health sprang naturally from his membership in the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Author Markel takes the reader through the church's early years and how John was a product of its sound body/sound mind philosophy. The church not only financed John's formal medical education but was also his spiritual inspiration.

Younger by eight years, W.K. Kellogg did not have the same support. Instead, he resentfully labored for twenty-five years under the dominance of John. Both brothers worked hard to establish a Victorian Age health club, the Battle Creek Sanitarium. It was nationally known and frequented by many American celebrities. Throughout this same time, John and W.K. were shepherding the development of highly successful breakfast cereal products. Squabbles between the brothers ultimately led to lawsuits over intellectual property and patents, and finally their estrangement. Both brothers lived active and long lives. Each lived ninety-one years. Undoubtedly, starting each morning with a healthy breakfast, had something to do with that.



A Library Book for Bear by Bonny Becker recommended in Libby's Literary Corner for the Youngest of Readers by Libby Polzin Kinsey. Bear is NOT happy that he promised to accompany Mouse to the library because his seven books or so are totally adequate, but he grumpily dons his roller skates and off they go.

"Extravagant" Bear laments when he sees all the books in the big place. A book about rocket ships? "RIDICULOUS!!!!" A book about pickles is all that interests him, but DANCING pickles? No way!!!! Bear is pouty about being shushed and the lack of "sensible" books. He's ready to head back home with his now sad little friend until he hears a quietly animated voice of the librarian. Yes, she's reading a story to a group of little critters and it isn't long before Bear is HOOKED! How cute this tale is!! It should be in every library!!!

More Books ~ For a look into recent book donations to the Library that you or a family member may wish to check out, see the article in this newsletter titled, **Sharing the Gift of Reading**. One book mentions an area resident who inspired a violent offender to become a writer. Others celebrate imagination, winter, and magic. Check It Out!

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Meets: 1/9, 2/13, 3/13, & 4/10
@ 3 p.m. in the Library Meeting Rooms

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Meets: 1/25, 2/22, 3/22, & 4/26
@ 7 p.m. in the Library Meeting Rooms.
Public is welcome.

Return This Form to Become a Friend Today!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip Code: _____

Please Check One:

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(\$10 Annual Fee)

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(\$100 Onetime Fee)

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