

# CHECK IT OUT!



Presented by the Friends of the Lake Odessa Community Library

May · June · July · August 2019

## 17th Annual Festival of Tables

Appropriately, seventeen table sponsors decorated tables for the 17th Annual Festival of Tables. Thank-you to all of our table sponsors: Meredith Kauffman; Deb Morrison; Kathy Stowell; Sunny Crest Youth Ranch; Nancy Hendrick; Libby Kinsey; Julie Stahl; Joy Dottore & Jan Brace; Union Bank; The Hughe House; Central United Methodist Education Committee; Ionia County Democratic Party; Bonnie Mattson & Barb Bosworth; Suanna McDaniels; Jordan Lake Florals; Barb Ackerson; and Tiffani Ackerson. Entertaining Festival goers were the

Stone Pile Cloggers..

The Stone Pile Cloggers: Alice Cruttenden, Mike Rohrbacher & Marcia Mellen.



Elvis sighting with Theima Curtis

### 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 25  
Thursday, July 4  
Saturday, August 31

### Contact Us:

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Clifford the Red Dog at Libby's Scholastic Table

Festival goers got to take selfies with Elvis! Elvis was part of the Blue Hawaii table sponsored by library staff member Julie Stahl.

Libby Kinsey and Scholastic Books donated a book to every child attending Festival and also made a generous book donation to the Library.

Sunny Crest Youth along with Georgina Hill, Fran Courser, and Sherry Agostinelli enjoying Festival.

The Friends will be purchasing Scholastic books at the Caledonia sale (May 6-18) so we have more grades 5 thru 8 books for the Little Library in the village park.

Festival money raised this year will go towards a \$4,900 disc repair machine.



Check out the Library's Facebook page for additional Festival pictures!



## Issue Highlights

- Festival of Tables
- Calendar of Events
- Patti's Picks
- Summer Reading Program
- New at the Library
- Digital Reading

# QUARTERLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## May — All Things Possible

Wednesdays	10:30 a.m.	Family Storytime (Ideal for Ages 2-5)
Thursdays	10:30 a.m.	Family Storytime (Ideal for Ages 2-5)
May 9	5:00-7:00 p.m.	Gnome & Fairy Princess Party (Ages 3+)
May 16	1:00 p.m.	Homeschool Group Finale (The 7 Continents of the World)
May 21	5:00 p.m.	Reverse Canvas Craft (Ages 10+)
May 23	2:00 p.m.	Inspirational Book Discussion ( <i>A Time to Stand</i> —Whitlow)
May 25	Library Closed	
May 30	3:30-5:00 p.m.	Mike's STEM Program (Ages 13-18)— <i>Catapult A Fling Thing</i>

## June—Gateway to Summer

Wednesdays	10:30 a.m.	Summer Reading Program (Kindergarten—8th Grade)—Begins June 12th
Thursdays	10:30 a.m.	Family Storytime (Ideal for Ages 2-5)—Begins June 6th
Thursdays	2:00 p.m.	Summer Reading Program for Teens (Ages 11-18)—Begins June 13th
June 12	10:30 a.m.	Blast off w/Binder Park Zoo
June 13	3:00 p.m.	S*P*A*C*E* Trivia
June 19	10:30 a.m.	Air Zoo— <i>Fly Me to the Moon</i>
June 26	10:30 a.m.	Spaced Out Magician—Mr. Brad Lancaster

## July — Fun in the Summer Sun

Wednesdays	10:30 a.m.	Summer Reading Program (Kindergarten—8th Grade)
Thursdays	10:30 a.m.	Family Storytime (Ideal for Ages 2-5)
Thursdays	2:00 p.m.	Summer Reading Program for Teens (Ages 11-18)
July 3	10:30 a.m.	Glow Bowling—Buddy's on the Beach
July 4	Library Closed	
July 10	10:30 a.m.	Cup Stacking Event— <i>Out-of-this-World Skills</i>
July 17	10:30 a.m.	Surprise In-house Event at the Library
July 18	10:00 a.m.- Noon	Lions Club Project Kidsight
July 24	10:30 a.m.	Jordan Lake Trail— <i>Space Walk &amp; Read</i>
July 31	10:30 a.m.	Summer Reading Program Finale— <i>Reach for the Stars!</i>

## August — A Bounty of Beginnings

August 31	Library Closed
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**Check out the Library's Facebook page and website for additional summer programming.**

## Millennials Still Read—Just Differently!

According to the Pew Research Center [5/18/18], **millennials** (born 1981-1986) prefer to read, not watch their news—more so than their elders, actually. But unlike older generations, the majority (81%) prefer reading digital text to print.



Did you know the Lake Odessa Community Library provides access to **thousands of digital materials**? The Library has multiple sources to download digital magazines, books, and newspapers to your personal devices. Links to RBDigital (books and magazines), Libby (ebooks and audio books), MeL (newspapers), and ABDO (ebooks) are all available on the Library's website [www.LakeOdessaLibrary.org](http://www.LakeOdessaLibrary.org). If you would like assistance downloading, stop in and ask a staff member.



## How should we contact you?



### Email

Add your email address to your library account and our automated system will send you notices of items to pick up at the library and



### Call

If you prefer a phone call, our automated system can call you regarding items to pick up at the library and overdue items. (Caller ID will show the call is from Lakeland Co-op)

You may also call **616-453-2575** (24-hours a day) to renew your



### Text

Text the word **SIGNUP** to **616-432-2161**.

You will receive advanced notices of items due, items overdue, and have the ability to renew items via text. Please have your barcode and PIN ready.

## Read Now, Read Forever

Children's Book Week is celebrating its 100th anniversary, April 29-May 5, 2019. It is the longest running national literacy initiative. A love of reading helps prepare children to succeed in school and life.

Diving into a book can reduce stress levels by 68%. Reading regularly helps sharpen minds, fend off dementia, and foster empathy. [Better Homes & Gardens, March 2019]



When I got my library card,  
that's when my life began.

—Rita Mae Brown

## New at the Library

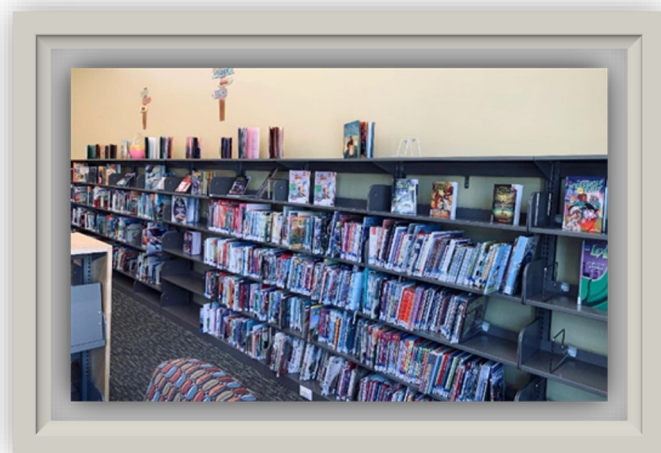


**Ozobots** are available for check out! Ozobots are small robots that teach coding skills in a fun, engaging way. Using markers, graph paper, and a set pattern of color codes, you can program Ozobots to follow a path, perform tricks, and play games. The Library has six Ozobots available to take home at no extra charge. They were purchased with a federal grant through the Institute of Museum and Library Services last summer and used in multiple Summer Reading Programs.



During the cold and flu season, the Library went through many bottles of **hand sanitizer** placed at all computer stations and throughout the Library. When another order of hand sanitizer was necessary, Director Jen decided it was time to upgrade to large, battery-operated sanitizer units.

They are now located throughout the Library. Can you find all four locations?



**JE books** are now easier to find at our Library! JE books are beginning reader chapter books that contain colorful pictures and larger fonts. A step up from E (easy readers/ picture books), and not-quite J (chapter books). The JE section is now located on the north wall of the children's section. JE books are separated into fiction and non-fiction sections.

The Friends of the Lake Odessa Community Library purchased a **coat rack** and

hangers for the Library in March. The coat rack will be very useful and is conveniently located near the west entrance of the Library, across from the meeting rooms.

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## Automatic Renewal

Library patrons with valid, active library cards (excluding non-resident cards) can now enjoy books a little longer. Introducing **Automatic Renewal!** Books will automatically renew up to two more cycles giving patrons up to nine weeks to finish reading their books before accumulating late fees. This feature only applies to books that have not been placed on a *hold* for another patron. Patrons with non-resident cards can call the Library to extend their due dates. "Books may not be returned as quickly so we encourage patrons to utilize the Request Hold System whenever there is a title they are interested in or looking for," recommends Director Salgat. Patrons can easily request titles online or call the Library during open hours. DVDs, Hotspots, Ozobots, and Magazines are **not** part of Automatic Renewal.

## Friends Newsletter Available Electronically

If you are reading a paper copy of this newsletter and would like to switch to an electronic copy, please email the Friends at [lakeofriends@gmail.com](mailto:lakeofriends@gmail.com), with "Newsletter" as the subject matter. That way, you will receive a copy of the newsletter in your in-box quarterly and save the Friends printing and postage costs.



## Friends of the Library

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Contact the Friends at:  
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Meets 5/14 @ 3 p.m. w/Annual Meeting immediately following in the Library Meeting Rooms. No summer meetings planned.

## Board of Trustees

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Meets: 5/22, 6/26, 7/24, 8/28 @ 7 p.m. in the Library Meeting Rooms. Public is welcome.

## Return This Form to Become a Friend Today!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Please Check One:

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(\$10 Annual Fee)

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(\$100 Onetime Fee)

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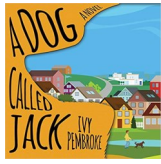
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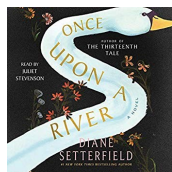
# Patti's Summer Picks

Book Recommendations by Patti Cooreman



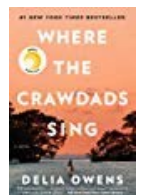
***A Dog Called Jack*** by Ivy Pembroke: Widower Sam leaves America and returns to his neighborhood home on Christmas street in London with his eight-year old son Teddy. They notice an abandoned dog called *Jack* who happily trots between terraced houses receiving treats and toys at every stop. Sam sees Jack as the unofficial welcoming committee. For Teddy, Jack is more than just a small, scruffy street dog. He is his only friend, a sort of confidante. Sam loves adventures, so in order to help make friends, he decides to host a backyard barbecue. Sam, Teddy and *Jack* hand-deliver invitations to their neighbors that have lived side-by-side for years hardly ever interacting—a crotchety old man named Bill, who remembers when everyone knew and looked out for each other; an artist Max and his husband Arthur; Anna and Marcel, who thinks it's absurd to hold a barbecue; and the Basak family from India who doesn't want to go but will so they won't be bothered again. *Jack* inherently knows these neighbors would be happier if they only took the time to connect with one another. It rains the day of the barbecue but Sam holds it anyway. Find out who ends up attending and how it all works out. I first listened to the Library's audio version of this story but I had a bit of aversion to the happy, sing-song voice of the narrator. After reading a chapter, I went back to the audio with new appreciation because the narrator of ***A Dog Called Jack*** truly had its essence nailed.

***The Night Agent*** by Matthew Quirk. This book is nonstop excitement about Peter Sutherland an FBI agent stationed in the Situation Room of the White House. His only task is to manage a hotline that never rings but when it does all hell breaks loose. Peter meets Rose Larkin through work and together they are on a mission to stay alive and outfox an unknown Russian White House mole who is part of a massive conspiratorial undertaking that was years in the planning and could bring down our country. I am recommending this book because it is so timely, well-written and thrilling.



***Once Upon A River*** by Diane Setterfield. Picture this: A dark midwinter's night at *The Swann*, an ancient inn on the Thames. The regulars are entertaining themselves telling stories by the fire when suddenly the door bursts open on an injured stranger. In his arms is the drowned corpse of a little child. Hours later the dead girl takes a breath and comes back to life. How did that happen? Magic? Miracle? Can science explain it? ***Once Upon a River*** is a mystery full of folklore, gripping suspense and romance. Like Diane Setterfield's first novel ***The Thirteenth Tale***, it is best listening to the mesmerizing audio version as I did this past winter during my three-days-a-week trip to cardiac rehabilitation in Grand Rapids. It is a beautiful story with a plethora of fascinating characters, and told like a fairytale with almost magical realism. I didn't want it to end, and you may feel the same way. "*Now dear reader, the story is over. It is time for you to cross the bridge once more and return to the world you came from. This river, which is and is not the Thames, must continue flowing without you. You have haunted here long enough, and besides, you surely have rivers of your own to attend to?*"

***Where the Crawdads Sing*** by Delia Owens. The prologue opens in 1969 and teases us with the mysterious death of Chase Andrews and the locals instantly suspect the Marsh Girl. The story then moves back in time to 1952 where we become acquainted with the Marsh Girl. Thus begins the engrossing tale of six-year old Kya and her determination to survive after her family leaves her. Kya's only shelter is a shack surrounded by a marsh near the ocean along the North Carolina coastline. She has a little food and no money, but she does have a small motor boat with a bit of gas. Digging for mussels, she figures she has enough gas to make it to a local marina owned and run by an old black man named Jumpin' who just might buy some of her mussels. The story moves around in time as Chase's death is investigated and Kya grows up. All I want to say more about this book is that it is a phenomenal account of loss, desperation, hope, love, strength, prejudice and resiliency. "*There are some who can live without wild things and some who cannot.*" ***Where the Crawdad's Sing*** is one of the best books I have ever read. Thank you Sharlene Goodemoot for recommending it to me!



# A **SUMMER PROGRAMS** **UNIVERSE** *of Stories*

## FAMILY STORYTIME

June 6th — August 1st @ 10:30a.m.

~ Thursdays

~ Registration Required, starting June



## KINDERGARTEN — 8TH GRADE

June 12th — July 31st @ 10:30a.m.

~ Wednesdays

~ Register anytime June 5th-12th

~ Kick-off is June 12th, Binder Park Zoo Visiting



## TEEN PROGRAM

June 13th — July 25th @ 2:00p.m.

~ Thursdays

~ Register anytime June 5th-13th

~ Ages 11-18

~ S\*P\*A\*C\*E trivia @ 2:00pm on June 13th