

CHECK IT OUT!



Presented by the Friends of the Lake Odessa Community Library

September October November December 2017

Summer Reading Program

It was another successful and fun summer at the Library. As you can see from the numbers below we had great participation too.

TEENS

-15 kids average attendance (they were fun and enthusiastic!)

-50 signed up

Tickets turned in for completing reading goals:

-40 completed 1 week

-36 completed 2 weeks

-34 completed 3 weeks

-30 completed 4 weeks

-25 completed all 5 weeks

JUNIORS

-75 kids average attendance (plus many adults)

-162 signed up

Tickets turned in for completing reading goals:

-121 completed 1 week

-116 completed 2 weeks

-113 completed 3 weeks

-110 completed 4 weeks

-94 completed all 5 weeks

Fri-YAY Fun Program (every Friday in July) averaged 11 kids in attendance.

Stormy the Magician



Bowling at Buddy's on the Beach

50 Kids turned in a *Brick Card*, solving the summer-long mystery of the fictitious construction company commissioned to repair the Statue of Liberty.

Hunter Gostnell won the Kindle Fire, donated by Friends of the Library. Makayla Schafer won the grand prize, a Faux Pro Camera.

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Tues. & Thurs. 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Wed. & Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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Also Closed:

Saturday, September 2

Thanksgiving Weekend:

November 23, 24, & 25

Christmas & New Year:

December 23, 26, & 30

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Issue Highlights

- Successful Summer Programming
- Calendar of Events
- Patti's Pals Picks
- Tea Time at the Library
- Author Talks
- Little Free Library in the Park

QUARTERLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September — School Days, School Days, Golden Rule Days

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| September 2 | Library Closed |
| Wednesdays | 10:30 a.m. Storytime (Ages 2-5) (Beginning September 6) |
| Thursdays | 10:30 a.m. Storytime (Ages 2-5) (Beginning September 7) |
| September 7 | 4 p.m. After School Program (Ages 5+) "Rocking in a New School Year" |
| Tuesdays | 1 - 3 p.m. Knitting Group (beginning September 12 – thru November 14) |
| September 12 | 5:30 p.m. Author Talks , Tracy Groot, "The Maggie Bright" |
| September 14 | 4 p.m. After School Program (Ages 11+) "Back to School Bash" |
| September 21 | 1 p.m. Homeschool Program "7 Wonders (Natural, Ancient, & New)" |
| September 21 | 5:30 p.m. Henna Class (Ages 11+) \$5 fee |
| September 26 | 3 p.m. Books in Action (Ages 10+) "The Great Brain" by John D. Fitzgerald |
| September 28 | 2 p.m. Inspirational Book Discussion |
| September 28 | 4 –5:30 p.m. Mike's STEM Program (Ages 14-18) "Microscope Madness" |

October — A Haunting We Will Go

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| Wednesdays | 10:30 a.m. Storytime (Ages 2-5) |
| Wednesdays | 1 -1:45 p.m. Tai Chi Exercise Class (Ages 60+) \$2 suggested donation (Beginning Oct 11) |
| Thursdays | 10:30 a.m. Storytime (Ages 2-5) |
| Tuesdays | 1 - 3 p.m. Knitting Group |
| October 5 | 4 p.m. After School Program (Ages 5+) |
| October 12 | 4 p.m. After School Program (Ages 11+) |
| October 14 | 10-11:30 a.m. Legos/Straw Building Party (Ages 4+) |
| October 17 | 5:30 p.m. Ladies Craft Night |
| October 19 | 1 p.m. Homeschool Program |
| October 24 | 3 p.m. Books in Action (Ages 10+) |
| October 26 | 2 p.m. Inspirational Book Discussion |
| October 26 | 4 - 5:30 p.m. Mike's STEM Program (Ages 14-18) "Egg Drop Challenge" |

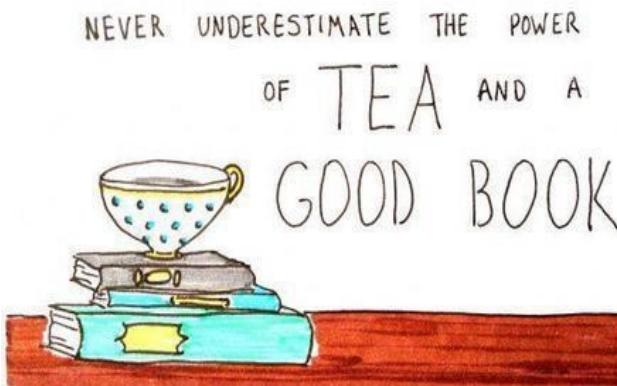
November — Grateful Today and Every Day

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| Wednesdays | 10:30 a.m. Storytime (Ages 2-5) |
| Thursdays | 10:30 a.m. Storytime (Ages 2-5) |
| November 2 | 4 p.m. After School Program (Ages 5+) |
| November 7 | 1 - 3 p.m. Knitting Group |
| November 9 | 4 p.m. After School Program (Ages 11+) |
| November 11 | 1 p.m. Tea Time at the Library |
| November 16 | 1 p.m. Homeschool Program |
| November 21 | 5 p.m. Ladies Craft Night |
| November 22 | 10:30 a.m. Special Family Storytime & Craft |
| November 23, 24, 25 | Library Closed |
| November 28 | 3 p.m. Books in Action (Ages 10+) |
| November 30 | 4 –5:30 p.m. Mike's STEM Program (Ages 14-18) "Bridge Building Contest" |

December — Wear Mittens, Read a Good Book, Go Sledding

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| Wednesdays | 10:30 a.m. Storytime (Ages 2-5) |
| Thursdays | 10:30 a.m. Storytime (Ages 2-5) |
| December 6 | 1 -1:45 p.m. Tai Chi Exercise Class (Ages 60+) Ends |
| December 7 | 3:30-5:30 p.m. After School Program (Ages 5+) Christmas Projects Make & Take |
| December 14 | 4 p.m. After School Program (Ages 11+) |
| December 21 | 1 p.m. Homeschool Program |
| December 23, 26 , 30 | Library Closed |

Tea Time at the Library



Join the Friends for our annual **Tea Time at the Library** fundraiser on Saturday, November 11, at 1 p.m. Enjoy a light lunch of finger sandwiches and treats, along with our custom brew of “library tea” (a 50/50 blend of Madagascar Vanilla Rooibos and Blood Orange Herbal Tea from Chocolatea in Portage Michigan).

Tickets cost \$10 and go on sale at the Library the first week in October. Reserve your seat ahead of that week by calling the Library and pay prior to the event.

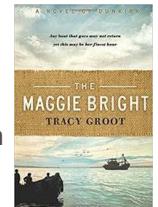


Author Talks

The final installment of the summer Author Talks series at Lake Odessa Community Library will feature two-time Christy Award winning author Tracy Groot, who will be sharing her work, *The Maggie Bright: A Novel of Dunkirk*.

The free event begins at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 12 at Lake Odessa Community Library.

Light refreshments will be served. Registration is requested for the event. Please call the library to register or for more information.



A 2016 Christian Book Award finalist, *Maggie Bright* tells the story of Clare Childs, a woman who inherits a yacht in 1940s England. When a stranger arrives in hopes of finding documents hidden aboard the ship, Clare gets involved with a Scotland Yard investigation and responds to Churchill's call for recruiting civilian watercraft to help rescue the British army in the beaches of Dunkirk.

Three of Groot's works, *The Maggie Bright*, *The Sentinels of Andersonville* (a 2015 Christy Award winner and 2015 Christian Book Award finalist), and *Flame of Resistance* are available to checkout at the Lake Odessa Community Library.



Little Free Library

Thanks to a \$500 grant from the Ionia Community Foundation, the Lake Odessa Community Library has been afforded an opportunity to establish a Little Free Library in the community.

Little Free Libraries provide a wide variety of reading material to the public at no cost – much like a traditional library, with the exception of being constantly accessible and not requiring a card or membership to enjoy its benefits.

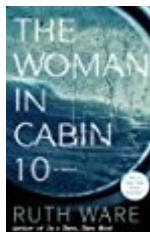
Lake Odessa Community Library's Little Free Library will be located at the Village Park on 4th Avenue. The Little Free Library is expected to arrive in September, and with assistance from the Village's Public Works Department, will be open and ready to use this fall. The community will be responsible for helping to make the Little Free Library a successful component of our community – just as users will be able to take and keep a free book, we hope they will consider leaving a free book as a gift to fellow readers.

Lake Odessa Community Library will help keep the Little Free Library stocked full of books for readers of all ages and interests. The Little Free Library will be light green and made of sturdy Amish construction. It also has a weatherproof SuperDeck roof to help keep the books clean and dry.

If you have any questions about the Little Free Library program, please feel free to contact Lake Odessa Community Library Director Mattie Cook at 616-374-4591.

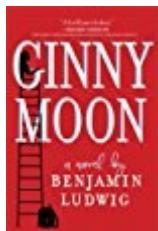
PATTI'S PALS PICKS by Patti Cooreman's friends

The Woman in Cabin 10 by Ruth Ware is a dream novel for mystery enthusiasts.

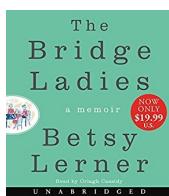


British journalist, Laura "Lo" Blacklock, is headed to sea on the decadent cruise liner, the Aurora, owned by wealthy Richard Bullmer. She's filling in for her boss and needs the diversion after being attacked in her apartment. Lo finds herself in the presence of other journalists and Richard's wife, Anne, who is clearly struggling with the last stages of cancer but happy to be on this maiden voyage. The 32-year-old journalist is a mess from her attack, relying heavily on alcohol and meds to dull her fear and memories. She falls into a deep sleep, but she's awakened in the middle of the night by a scream and then a splash. Laura rushes to her veranda, sees blood on the outside door of Cabin 10, and KNOWS that a murder has occurred.

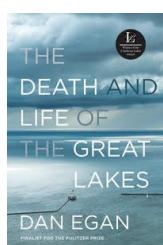
Someone has been thrown overboard. She calls an alarm. The nighttime steward and she head next-door to the room where a young woman in a Pink Floyd t-shirt had reluctantly and quickly loaned Laura some mascara in preparation for the first dinner. Not only is the woman not there, but there is no sign that anyone was ever in Cabin 10 at all. NOT A SIGN. Cabin 10 was slated as empty. As adamant as she is, Laura is less than believable with her drunkenness and reliance on pills. She might have imagined the scream and the splash, but the mascara? She has it in her possession!!!! And then she doesn't! Where did it go? Oh, the mystery begins. It's not a huge boat, only 10 cabins, a small crew, a limited number of guests. Where is that young woman if no one was sent to the sharks? Lo doesn't know who she can really trust even though she knows some of the folks on the ship. She's had no contact with her boyfriend or boss because WI-FI connections have been nonexistent. Her concern intensifies with each day out of contact. Laura knows what she heard, what she held in her hand, though, and she is not alone. That's why she finds herself very possibly the next victim. Meanwhile, Laura's family and friends are given concrete reasons to believe that she has mysteriously died at sea. Wow! Folks who love plot and mystery galore, this is for you! Thanks Libby Polzin Kinsey for this review from *Libby's Literary Corner* group on Facebook.



Ginny Moon by Benjamin Ludwig--Ginny is a 14-year old autistic teen who comes from an abusive background and wants a *forever home* while still feeling the pull of her previous life. The author has a child with autism and tries to show what goes on in Ginny's brain as she navigates the world around her. It's a novel and no one knows what goes on inside someone's head, but I enjoyed the story and felt the portrayal was plausible. Heidi Reed says read it and see what you think!



The Bridge Ladies is a memoir by Betsy Lerner. I am a bridge player who belongs to a bridge club that has been around over 50 years, so that similarity was the original draw for me to listen to this audiobook that is also available in hard cover. The story is a personal journey for the author as she learns a little about the game of bridge and more about her mother and that generation. The events take place on the east coast in New Haven, Connecticut, and Manhattan, New York, more formal locations than Lake Odessa but the mother/daughter relationships revealed exist in both geographical locations. You don't have to be a bridge player to enjoy this memoir. Reviewed by Heidi Reed



The Death and Life of the Great Lakes by Dan Egan is a must-read, particularly for those with an interest in the Great Lakes ecosystems. Egan, twice a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, maps out the fascinating history of the Great Lakes as a story, rather than a lecture. Before the late 1800s, the Great Lakes were naturally separated from the Atlantic Ocean and the Mississippi River basin. Following numerous engineering feats, such as the creation of shipping channels, which were seen as ways to tackle illness and bolster business throughout the region, the Great Lakes opened up to the rest of the country – and its threats can (and have) spread. A few of the unforeseen consequences of those actions have included the devastation of native species due to invasive species and biological dead zones. The Great Lakes contain 20-percent of the world's surface fresh water supply and an abundance of recreational and economic opportunities – in a time where the importance of fresh water is clearer than ever, Egan's book provides a well-written, comprehensive look at the past, present, and future of this precious resource.

Review by Library Director, Mattie Cook

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