

# CHECK IT OUT!

Presented by the Friends of the Lake Odessa Community Library



## AUTUMN 2023



November 11th is a day set aside each year to honor those who have served and continue to serve our nation. Not to be confused with Memorial Day, the day we pay tribute to fallen service members. While there might be more creative ways to express gratitude to those who have served in the military, wishing them a happy Veterans Day is more than okay.

As a civilian, saluting soldiers is not a recommended way to honor a current or former member of the military. Even members of the Armed Forces who are out of uniform do not salute one another. A salute is part of an official protocol that active soldiers follow, and outside official duties, the military salute is rarely displayed. With that in mind, a salute from a civilian may feel uncomfortable or awkward. So, instead of saluting, most soldiers would agree that a simple wave or "thank you for your service" is appreciated - and welcomed.

Check out books in Call Numbers in the 940s through 970s in the Library for topics related to the military.

### LAKWOOD ELEMENTARY VISITS

Lakewood students trekked to the Library in October, some classes enjoying sunshine and summer-like weather and some classes wearing raincoats and bringing umbrellas to accept the semi-annual invitation to experience the Library in a fun and interactive way. Each class listened to **Chompy Has a Friend for Lunch** by Mark Satterthwaite and Pedro Eboli, engaged in parachute play, had a Jenga showdown, and located hidden items inside a large container of corn. Library staff look forward to class visits and the chance to connect with almost 525 students and staff.



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Place

Friends of the Lake Odessa Community Library  
1007 Fourth Avenue  
Lake Odessa, MI 48849

### Library Hours

Tuesday 9:00AM-7:00PM  
Wednesday 9:00AM-5:00PM  
Thursday 9:00AM-7:00PM  
Friday 9:00AM-5:00PM  
Saturday 9:00AM-Noon  
Closed Sunday & Monday

The library will be closed  
Thanksgiving, November 23

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Community Library group is a 501(c)(3)  
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# LIBRARY EVENTS

Contact the Library to register.

616.374.4591



## November

1st Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30AM

2nd "It's Time" Program for ages 5-10 years @ 4:00PM

4th Yoga for all ages @ 9:08AM

8th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30AM

9th "The Roll of the Dice" Program for ages 9-14 years @ 4:00PM

11th Yoga for all ages @ 9:08AM

14th Tai Chi for all ages @ 1:00PM

15th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30AM

16th Home-Based Education Program "Mind-Bending Tales" for all students @ 1:00PM

16th Inspired Readers Book Discussion *Missing Issac* by Valerie Fraser Luesse for adults @ 2:00PM

18th Yoga for all ages @ 9:08AM

21st Tai Chi for all ages @ 1:00PM

22nd Thanksgiving Story Time for all ages @ 10:30AM

24th Book Sale, Christmas 'Round the Town Maps, Donuts & Cider 9:00AM-5:00PM

25th Book Sale, Christmas 'Round the Town Maps, Donuts & Cider 9:00AM-Noon

28th Tai Chi for all ages @ 1:00PM

28th STEM with Mr Mike for ages 11-16 @ 3:30PM

29th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30AM

30th Adult Painting for ages 12+ @ start between 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM *please register* 616.374.4591

## December

2nd Yoga for all ages @ 9:08AM

5th Tai Chi for all ages @ 1:00PM

6th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30AM

7th Christmas Craft Program for ages 5-10 years start any time between 3:30- 4:30PM *please register* 616.374.4591

8th Santa at the Library! Santa will visit with children after the Village Christmas parade

9th Yoga for all ages @ 9:08AM

12th Tai Chi for all ages @ 1:00PM

13th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30AM

14th Gingerbread Houses! for ages 9-18 years any time between @ 4:00PM

16th Yoga for all ages @ 9:08AM

19th Tai Chi for all ages @ 1:00PM

20th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30AM

21st Home-Based Education Program "Mind-Bending Tales" for all students @ 1:00PM

28th Magic Show for all ages @ 10:30AM

28th Inspired Readers Book Discussion *The Christmas Remedy* by Cindy Woodsmall for adults @2:00PM

30th Yoga for all ages @ 9:08AM

**January** (many more to come!)

2nd Tai Chi for all ages @ 1:00PM

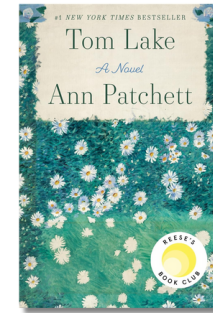
4th "It's All About Snow" Program for ages 5-10 years @ 4:00PM

6th Yoga for all ages @ 9:08AM

11th "Sound of Silence" Program for ages 9-14 @ 4:00 PM

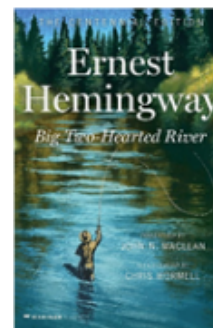
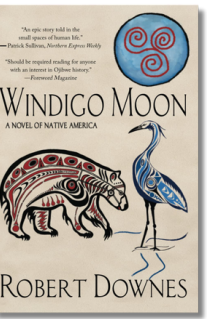
# Recent Reads

All the books selected for the autumn newsletter take place in Michigan and range from the classic to current best-seller. Reviews are edited summaries from Amazon.



In the spring of 2020, Lara's three daughters return to the family's orchard in Northern Michigan. While picking cherries, they beg their mother to tell them the story of Peter Duke, a famous actor with whom she shared both a stage and a romance years before at a theater company called Tom Lake. **Tom Lake** is a meditation on youthful love, married love, and the lives parents have led before their children were born. Both hopeful and elegiac, it explores what it means to be happy even when the world is falling apart. [Book, eBook, Large Print, Audiobook CD, & Audiobook.]

The great love of Blue Heron and Red Bear sustain an Ojibwe clan as it struggles to survive war, famine, and the coming of foreign explorers bearing deadly diseases. Beginning in 1588 and spanning twenty-five years, **Windigo Moon** encompasses warring tribes of the Upper Great Lakes and the onset of the Little Ice Age of the 1600s. Warfare, vengeance, supernatural monsters, and strange spirits all claw at the edges of this love triangle, but the power of the clan and the love of family and tradition helps sustain a culture on the verge of harrowing times. [Book]



A century since its publication in the collection In Our Time, **Big Two-Hearted River** has helped shape language and literature in America and across the globe, and its magnetic pull continues to draw readers, writers, and critics. The story is the best early example of Ernest Hemingway's now-familiar writing style: short sentences, punchy nouns and verbs, few adjectives and adverbs, and a seductive cadence. The story matter has inspired generations of writers to believe that fly fishing can be literature. A gorgeous new centennial edition (2023) of Ernest Hemingway's landmark short story of returning veteran Nick Adams's solo fishing trip in Michigan's rugged Upper Peninsula, illustrated with specially commissioned artwork by master engraver Chris Wormell and featuring a revelatory foreword by John N. Maclean is coming soon to the Lake Odessa Community Library! [Book, Audiobook CD, eBook, Downloadable eBook under The Nick Adams Stories.]

For most of her eighty years, Mary Jackson has endured the steady invasion of tourists, influencers and real estate developers who have discovered the lakeside charm of Good Hart, MI, waiting patiently for the arrival of a stranger she's believed since childhood would one day carry on her legacy — the Very Cherry General Store. Cherry Mary, as she's known locally, runs the community hub — part post office, bakery and sandwich shop — and had almost given up hope that the mysterious prediction she'd been told as a girl would come true and the store would have to pass to...a man.

Becky Thatcher came to Good Hart to forget that she's just turned forty with nothing to show for it. Ending up at the general store with Mary is admittedly not the beach vacation she expected, but as she works under Mary's wing for the summer and finds she fits into this quirky community of locals, she starts to believe that destiny could be real, and that it might have something very special in mind for Becky...[Book]



Check the library's webpage and Facebook events for all the programs and news.

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# Friends of the Library UPDATES



## GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

Children's books are available to purchase and give back to our Library this holiday season. These books, chosen by staff, are on display in the display case across from the Circulation Desk. Nameplates in memory or in honor of your chosen loved one will be printed inside the cover.

Seeking respite from the deluge of missives? Let a whisper of magic flutter into your life. With a mere text, you can unlock secrets of the library's treasures. Send forth the word SIGNUP to the ethereal number (844)225-9466, and the magic shall unveil. Henceforth, the arcane shall whisper advanced notices of due dates and overdue treasures, and the gift of renewal shall be yours, all with the whisper of a text. Thus, arm thyself with your barcode and PIN, and embrace the enchantment.

## LIFETIME MEMBER DISPLAY

It's time to update our display with new members. Lifetime memberships are \$100 and six new members will have their names added to the display this year. It's not too late if you want to join! Your membership donation must be received by November 22nd to add your name to the display. Just fill out the form on the back of this newsletter and mail or drop off with your check or cash to the Library. Checks should be made out to the Friends of the Lake Odessa Community Library.



## SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 27, 2024—10 AM-NOON



No, it's not Festival of Tables! It's a program at the Library for all ages. Look for announcements in early 2024. Space is limited so reservations will be required.

### TAI CHI TUESDAYS [AT] THE LIBRARY!

Experience meditation in motion.

Tuesdays - 1 PM  
Starting November 14, 2023  
(10 weeks, NOT December 26th)  
All skill levels are welcome.  
Registration with phone number is appreciated!

Sponsored by Ionia County Commission on Aging

## CHRISTMAS 'ROUND THE TOWN MAPS

Christmas 'Round the Town has been a shopping adventure in the Lake Odessa Community for 31 years. This year, begin your experience at the Library, **the only place to get printed maps**, and enjoy apple cider and donuts, courtesy of the Friends. Spend a few minutes shopping at our used book sale or exploring the Library. Christmas 'Round the Town begins Friday, November 24th, 9AM-5PM, and continues Saturday, November 25th. Most of the Christmas 'Round the Town stops stay open until 2PM on Saturday, while the Library closes at noon.

## SANTA AT THE LIBRARY

Join us at the Library on December 8th after the Christmas in the Village Parade, and get a chance to meet Santa! Our event will feature activities, popcorn, and a movie to keep the kids entertained while they wait to see Santa. And of course, the Friends of the Library will be Santa's special helpers again this year, passing out yummy cookies to the adults and books to the children.



### YOGA WITH LINDA KIMMEL

BEGINS OCTOBER 14TH

SATURDAYS @ 9:08 AM  
AT THE LAKE ODESSA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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