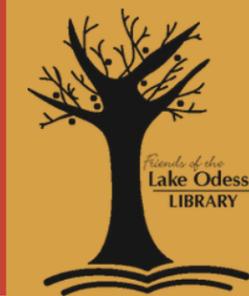


CHECK IT OUT!

Presented by the Friends of the Lake Odessa Community Library



AUTUMN 2024



SUMMER SUMMARY

What an eventful summer it has been at the Library! Where else could you experience encounters with snakes, jugglers, sewing machines, foam parties, free lunches, and enjoy Bursting Bubble Adventure Drinks? The theme for summer 2024 was "Adventure Begins at Your Library," and we certainly organized numerous exciting adventures this year.

- **233** readers signed up for Kindergarten-12th grade programs
- **35** registered for Preschool programs
- **41** adults joined the Reading Challenge
- **5,619** library items were checked out this summer



The Library hosted a total of **24** summer adventure programs with an impressive attendance of **849** participants!

The Gather2Grow lunches, in collaboration with Feeding America West Michigan and many private donors, were a hit. The Lake Odessa Community Library served **1,608** lunches this summer!

Mr. Mike made weekly visits to Jordan Lake Beach every Friday in July, engaging with **59** kids and **27** adults, teaching the science and art of skipping rocks, launching air rockets, and cooking with solar cookers.

Sewing classes were also popular with **241** projects completed and an average of **50** sewists diligently working every Tuesday in July.

While summer programs have wrapped up for 2024, the busyness isn't stopping. Check out the newsletter insert for autumn programs and watch the Library's website and facebook.



Puzzle sharing begins in November! Bring a jigsaw puzzle to share or grab one of our donated puzzles.

Stamp
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 for
Thanksgiving, November 28

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Return This Form to
Become a Friend Today!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip Code: _____

Please Check One:

____ Good Friend
(Any donation is appreciated)

____ Lifetime Friend
(\$100 Onetime donation
\$150 Effective January 1, 2025)

The Friends of the Lake Odessa
Community Library group is a 501(c)(3)
non-profit organization.

AUTUMN ACTIVITIES

Contact the Library to register
616.374.4591



September:

- 11th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30 AM
- 11th Balance Class w/ Rachel from Ionia County Commission on Aging @ 2:30 PM until 4:30 PM
- 17th Upward! - STEM w/ Mr. Mike for ages 11-16 @ 3:30 PM until 5:00 PM *registration appreciated*
- 18th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30 AM
- 19th Far-Fetched Stories - Home-Based Education for all students @ 1:00 PM *registration appreciated*
- 25th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30 AM
- 26th Inspired Readers Book Discussion @ 2:00 PM *One Tuesday Morning* by Karen Kingsbury

October:

- 1st Creature Making for ages 5-11 @ 4:00 PM *must pre-register*
- 2nd Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30 AM
- 8th Book Discussion @ 5:30 PM until 6:30 PM
- 9th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30 AM
- 15th Scrambled Eggs Anyone? - STEM w/ Mr. Mike for ages 11-16 @ 3:30 PM
- 16th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30 AM
- 17th Far-Fetched Stories - Home-Based Education for all students @ 1:00 PM *registration appreciated*
- 23rd Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30 AM
- 24th Inspired Readers Book Discussion @ 2:00 PM *Sensible Shoes* by Sharon Brown
- 29th Cookie Decorating with Jane Kostanko for ages 12+ *must pre-register, \$5 class fee*
- 30th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30 AM

November:

- 6th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30 AM
- 12th Open Book Discussion 5:30 PM until 6:30 PM
- 13th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30 AM
- 19th Spanelot - STEM w/ Mr. Mike for ages 11-16 @ 3:30 PM *registration appreciated*
- 20th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30 AM
- 21st Far-Fetched Stories - Home-Based Education for all students @ 1:00 PM *registration appreciated*
- 21st Inspired Readers book Discussion @ 2:00 PM *Out of Control* by Mary Connealy
- 27th Family Story Time @ 10:30 AM

December:

- 4th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30 AM
- 10th Open Book Discussion @ 5:30 PM until 6:30 PM
- 11th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30 AM
- 13th Santa at the Library immediately following the village parade
- 18th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30 AM
- 19th Inspired Readers Book Discussion @ 2:00 PM *All's Fair in Love & Christmas* by Sarah Monzon

Yoga with Linda
Saturdays through 2024
(Excluding 9/28 & 11/30)
9:08 AM



D&D/Chess Teen Game Night
Thursdays through 2024
(Excluding 11/28 & 12/26)
Ages 11-17
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

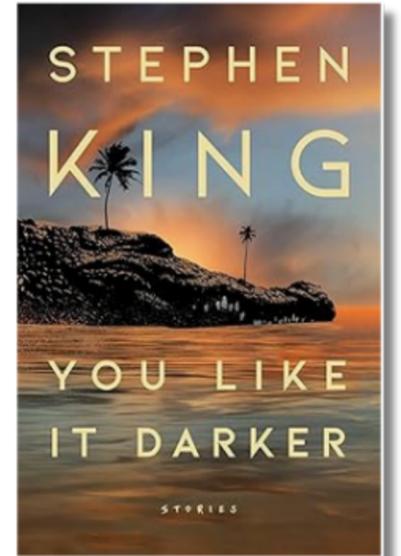


Recent Reads

Thoughtfully submitted by Anne-Marie Flannery
Contact the library to join a book club 616.374.4591

You Like It Darker by Stephen King

King's latest release is a gem of a book filled with both short stories and novellas. The works included are diverse and engrossing, captivating any true horror fan. Danny Coughlin's *Bad Dream* is about a man who tries to report a murder recounted during a psychic dream, only to become the main suspect. *On Slide Inn Road* is a southern gothic homage to Flannery O'Connor and recounts when a family drive goes wrong. One of the final tales is called *Rattlesnake*, about undead twins haunting Vic Trenton, a character first introduced in King's 1981 novel *Cujo*. King remains on top of his game with this new collection. His sense of suspense and terror is unmatched. (all formats available)



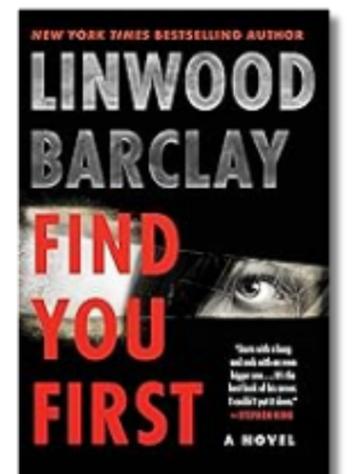
Wolf at the Table by Adam Rapp

This sizable book (over 400 pages) follows the Larkin family's five siblings through childhood in the 1950's until the early 2000's. The characters maintain a frightening proximity to violence as seen through close brushes with famous figures John Wayne Gacy and Richard Speck. Larkin brother, Alec harbors secrets of his own that prove to be as violent and grim as any exacted by those killers. Rapp does an excellent job of showing how the loyalty and love that bind family members together often blind them to the evil in their midst. (hardcover, eBook, audiobook)



Find You First by Linwood Barclay

Barclay's novel follows Miles, a tech billionaire suffering from a terminal illness. He begins a quest to find biological children he never knew he had via a sperm bank over 20 years ago. Hoping to locate these individuals and claim them as his heirs, Miles is joined in his journey by one of the children, Chloe. One by one the unwitting descendants are being killed and it is up to Miles and Chloe to find out who the killer is and why they are on this dark path. Barclay's book is fast paced and the twist toward the end will surprise you. (all formats available)



Friends of the Library UPDATES



LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS

The Friends group uses our newsletter to keep the community updated and engaged about the Library and Friends programs and events, and recap past ones. We also include a form on the back for those wanting to become Lifetime Friends Members or support our organization through a donation. Newsletters are printed and mailed several times each year and also may be sent via email. **We encourage you to receive our newsletters electronically** as postage increased to \$.73 in July 2024.



Lifetime Members are recognized on a beautiful display adjacent to the entrance to the meeting rooms. This display is updated annually in January with new lifetime members from the previous calendar year. The donation for Lifetime Memberships and Annual Memberships was set in 1986. Our Friends group recently voted to increase the one-time Lifetime Membership Donation to \$150 effective January 1, 2025. At the same time, Annual Memberships are being eliminated and a Donation line added to the newsletter form.

Please email the Friends at lakeofriends@gmail.com if you would like your newsletter emailed. We appreciate your support of our local library and our Friends group.

CHRISTMAS 'ROUND THE TOWN MAPS

For 32 years, Christmas 'Round the Town has been a festive shopping tradition in the Lake Odessa Community. Begin your adventure at the Library, **the exclusive spot for printed maps**, where you can savor apple cider and donuts provided by the Friends. Take some time to browse through our used book sale or explore the Library. Christmas 'Round the Town starts Friday, November 29th, from 9AM to 5PM, and continues Saturday, November 30th. While most stops close at 2PM on Saturday, the Library closes at noon.

SANTA AT THE LIBRARY

Join us at the Library on December 13th 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 all and books to the children.



Are you an expectant Mom or know someone who is?

The Ionia County Great Start Collaborative offers a special gift designed for expectant mothers!

Packed in a wonderfully soft zippered pouch, this goody bag is filled with various items to assist with early pregnancy symptoms. Visit the Library's circulation desk and request this essential kit!



COOKIE Decorating!

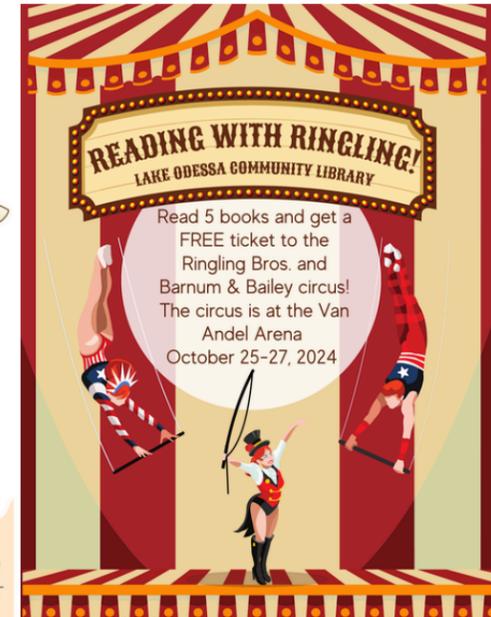
With Jane Kostanko

Tuesday, October 29th
5:00 PM or 6:00 PM
Cost: \$5 (due at registration)
Ages 12-112

Cookie queen, Jane Kostanko, is returning with a fall cookie class! You'll craft two delectable and beautiful cookies. Secure your spot with registration and prepayment.

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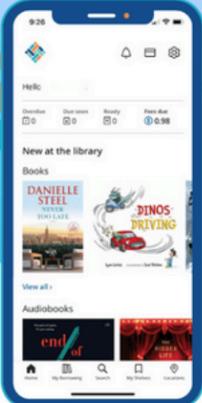
- If you live in Odessa Township or Sebewa Township, scan the QR Code to apply for a library barcode.
- You will be emailed an account number.
- Once you have your account number, you are now able to use the library app* to access your account, check out books, and request books.

If you live outside of Odessa Township or Sebewa Township, you can receive a non-resident card from the circulation desk!



*The Library app is found in your app store and is named Lakeland Library Cooperative.







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OUR NEW APP IS HERE!

Our brand new mobile app works with our catalog to provide you a seamless experience!



FIND ITEMS

Search our catalog to find items at your home library and other libraries in Lakeland.



PLACE HOLDS

Place holds on items you want to be sent to your library.



KEEP YOUR ACCOUNTS

Keep all your & your family's library accounts in one place!



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