

CHECK IT OUT!

Presented by the Friends of the Lake Odessa Community Library

SPRING/SUMMER 2025



Local Author Event May 3rd

RJ Erskine is a retired veterinarian who served for 30 years on the faculty at Michigan State University. In his suspense novels, he relies on personal experiences and events while practicing within an Amish community in Pennsylvania during the 1980s. His stories describe how a singular, rural community responds to crises brought about by both natural forces and human corruption. The author currently lives in Michigan with his wife and assorted pets. His fourth novel is set to be released in early summer of 2025. As a new veterinarian whose clients were predominately Amish, RJ Erskine's life took a dark, chaotic twist when a rabies outbreak descended upon the community. In his novel, *Casting Demons Into Swine*, the author relied on actual events and personal experiences during his early years in practice. He blends history with fiction — seasoned with a touch of the supernatural — to write stories of suspense, set in a deceptively serene valley within the mountains of Pennsylvania.

Join RJ Erskine and the Friends at 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 3rd. Light refreshments will be provided.

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

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

The library will be closed Saturday
before Memorial Day, May 24th as well
as Friday, July 4th

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COLOR OUR WORLD
Spring Break Fun at the library!

TUE 08	BOOK DISCUSSION Iceberg by Jennifer Nielsen All readers, 12:30 PM RSVP
WED 09	FAMILY STORY TIME All ages 10:30 AM
THUR 10	DIAMOND PAINTING Ages 6-16 10:30 AM Registration w/ refundable \$4 deposit
FRI 11	FAMILY MOVIE & POPCORN Inside Out 2 2:00 PM



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IN IONIA
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Upcoming Activities

Contact the Library to register
616.374.4591



April:

8th *Iceberg* by Jennifer Nielsen Book Discussion for all readers @ 12:30 PM *registration appreciated*
8th An Open Book Reading Club Discussion @ 5:30 PM
9th Family Story Time for all ages @ 10:30 AM
10th Diamond Painting for ages 6-16 *registration & \$4 deposit*
11th Inside Out 2 Movie & Popcorn for the whole family
15th *Real Americans* by Rachel Khone - On the Same Page Book Give Away until gone
15th Sidewalk Stroll - 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 *Resurrection in May* by Lisa Samson

30th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30 AM

May:

3rd Author Event! 10:00 AM- Noon (no yoga)

7th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30 AM

14th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30 AM

14th On the Same Page, *Real Americans*, Discuss with Desserts, adults after hours @ 5:00 PM

20th 4th Annual STEM Quiz Bowl - STEM w/ Mr. Mike ages 11-16 @ 3:30 PM *registration appreciated*

21st Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30 AM

22nd Inspired Readers Book Discussion @ 2:00 PM *The Music of the Bees* by Eileen Garvin

24th Closed for the holiday weekend

28th Final 2024/2025 Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30 AM

June:

6th Corewell Advanced Planning Program @ 9:30 AM

20th Library sponsored event at the Fair!

27th Inspired Readers book Discussion @ 11:00 AM *Just for the Summer* by Melody Carlson

July:

8th Pre-Sewing Class, call the library to register

11th Mr. Mike's Kid-Powered Fun @ the Jordan Lake Beach Pavilion @ 2:30 PM

15th Sewing Classes, call the library to register

18th Mr. Mike's Kid-Powered Fun @ the Jordan Lake Beach Pavilion @ 2:30 PM

22nd Sewing Classes, call the library to register

25th Inspired Readers Book Discussion @ 11:00 AM *Ladies of the Lake* by Cathy Gohlke

25th Mr. Mike's Kid-Powered Fun @ the Jordan Lake Beach Pavilion @ 2:30 PM

29th Sewing Classes, call the library to register

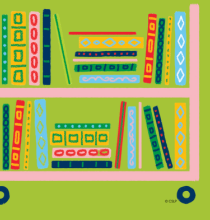
Yoga with Linda
Saturdays
@
9:08 AM



Recent Reads

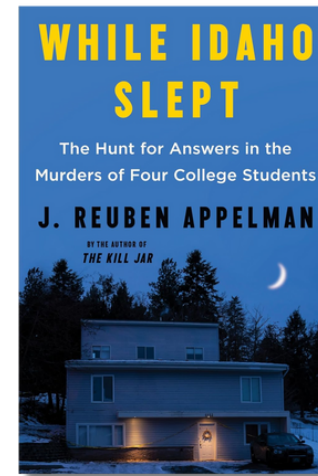
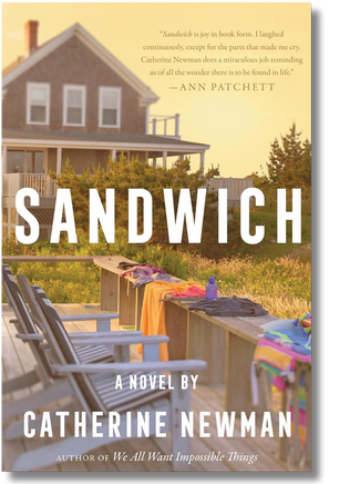
Thoughtfully submitted by Anne-Marie Flannery

Contact the library to join a book club 616.374.4591



Sandwich by Catherine Newman

Newman's latest release follows the narrator Rocky and her family over the span of a week while vacationing in Cape Cod. Rocky navigates her family's expectations of her and the multiple roles of wife, daughter and mother. During the vacation a long-buried secret is revealed and Rocky must decide how it affects not only her marriage but her own self-image. The title of the book references Rocky's often precarious place between her adult children and her aging parents, as well as the sandwiches she lovingly makes for her family's many trips to the local beach.



While Idaho Slept by Reuben Applebaum

The murders of four college students in November 2022 stunned the college community of Moscow, Idaho. Applebaum's book follows the case from the discovery of the bodies to the arrest of the suspect, Bryan Kohberger. The author explains the police procedures used to investigate, locate and charge Kohberger. He also introduces the reader to the four victims and the lives they were leading up until that fateful night. Currently the case is awaiting trial.

The Friday Afternoon Club by Griffin Dunne

Actor, producer and writer Dunne recounts his life in Los Angeles and New York amid Hollywood glamour and East Coast temptations. Born into a privileged family (his aunt was Joan Didion), Dunne's childhood was filled with famous names (friendships with JFK's nephew Peter Lawford and actress Carrie Fischer) and youthful indiscretions (at 14 years old he spent hours at a Beverly Hills party waiting impatiently for Janis Joplin to arrive.) In 1982 Dunne's younger sister, actress Dominique (Poltergeist), was murdered by a jealous ex-boyfriend. The family survived the trial only to see the murderer sentenced to a scant 3.5 years in prison. Dunne's father Dominick (formerly a television producer) found solace in writing and reinvented himself as a crime reporter at Vanity Fair magazine. Dunne himself went on to star in and produce films (An American Werewolf in London, After Hours, Dallas Buyers Club.) He speaks of his family and those he met along his journey with both an objective eye and unwavering affection.



What's New?

NOTEWORTHY UPDATES



LIFETIME MEMBER DISPLAY

The Friends of the Lake Odessa Community Library update our Lifetime Member Display annually with new members added the previous calendar year. Lifetime memberships are \$150. Your lifetime membership donation must be postmarked by December 31st to add your name to the display the following year. Just fill out this form and mail with your check or drop off the check or cash at the Library.

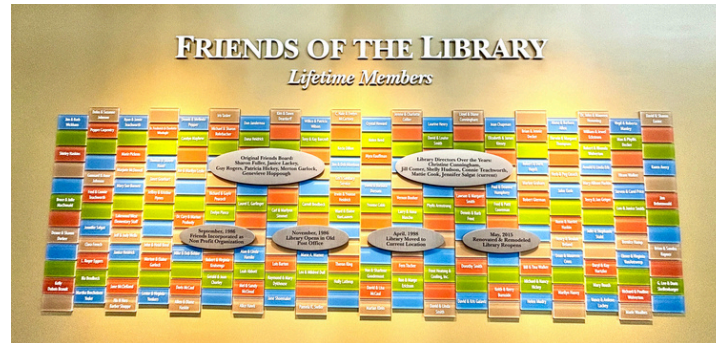
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Programs & Classes

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**GATHER
2 GROW**

**Summer Lunches provided at the library
Tuesday - Friday
June 3 - Aug 29
11 AM - 1 PM**

Eat @ the library or grab n' go!

Volunteers are essential for distributing the lunches.
Contact the Library if you would like to volunteer.

Sewing Classes begin
IN JULY!



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are now
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WELCOME TO THE 2025 SUMMER PROGRAM, COLOR OUR WORLD!

Libraries nationwide adopted this theme in 2021, recognizing that art has the ability to transform, uplift, and connect us. It enables us to view the world through various perspectives, nurturing empathy and understanding. Our 2025 theme, "Color Our World," invites everyone to appreciate the beauty of art in all its forms, weaving a vibrant tapestry of experiences for all.

This summer, our programs will feature painting and drawing, dance and music, as well as fiber and 3D art for individuals of all ages! The staff at Lake Odessa Community Library has been diligently planning an engaging and educational summer program designed to inspire creativity, promote reading, and encourage physical activity.

Registration will open the week of June 17th (Tuesday through Saturday) for participants from toddlers to adults. Each week leading up to the end of July will bring a variety of activities and exciting incentives to keep your world colorful.

Stay tuned for more details on the Library's website and social media channels.

COLOR OUR WORLD™

Summer Library Programs

Story Time
Registration required
Perfect for ages 2-5
Thursdays @ 10:30 AM
June 19 - July 31



K - 5th Grade
Registration June 17-21
Programs Wednesdays
@ 10:30 AM
June 25 - July 30



Teen Program
6th - 12th Grade
Registration June 17-21
Programs Thursdays
@ 2 PM
June 26 - July 31

