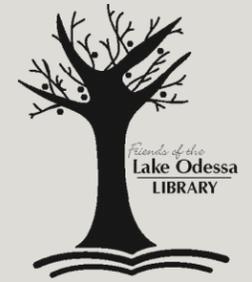
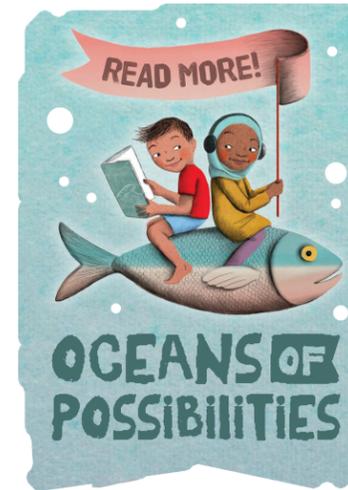


# CHECK IT OUT!

Presented by the Friends of the Lake Odessa Community Library



## SUMMER 2022



### OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES

If you've visited the Library recently, you'll notice right away how active and busy it is! Summer events are happening for all ages now through the end of July. Young readers, kindergarten through fifth grade, are picking up weekly 'Brag Tags' and attending Wednesday morning programs. Preschoolers are visiting on Thursday mornings for stories, activities, and crafts. Teens are picking up decals for their water bottles and having fun, educational programs Thursday afternoons. Adults have a summer reading challenge too! All Library visitors can find Nemo, the movie-famous clown fish for a special treat. Nemo hides in a new location every week. To date, **26** preschoolers, **231** kindergarten-12th graders, and **56** adults are registered for the summer programs.



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Place

Friends of the Lake Odessa Community Library  
1007 4th 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 Saturday,  
September 3rd in observance of  
Labor Day

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### FREE LUNCH @ THE LIBRARY

Partnering with Feeding America West Michigan, the Library is providing meals for kids via the Gather 2 Grow program. Lunch is available every Tuesday through Friday, noon to 1:00PM, until Friday, August 5th. Each lunch includes a shelf-stable, nutritious and delicious selection of food and a drink. Volunteers have signed up to assist the Library staff in handing out lunches. An average of 25 meals is handed out each day.



## GATHER 2 GROW

### PRINTS, COPIES, AND FAXES CONTINUE AT NO CHARGE

The Friends of the Lake Odessa Community Library has extended sponsorship of no-charge prints, copies, and faxes for all patrons through the end of the year. The Friends pay for up to ten each day for patrons. Since the launch of this sponsorship in January 2021, the Friends have covered **\$5,105** in print, copy, and fax costs.

### ACCESS MICHIGAN ACTIVITY PASS

The Michigan Activity Pass program is celebrating its 15th birthday in 2022! MAP passes are available for over 450 partner destinations across the state, from Monroe to Copper Harbor and everywhere in between! "Check out" Michigan with a Michigan Activity Pass today, available exclusively through your Michigan public library! Click the link on the Library's website to start your adventure.



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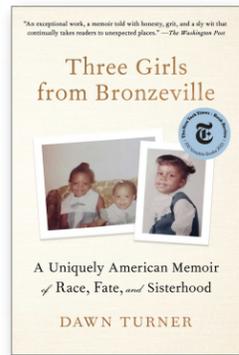
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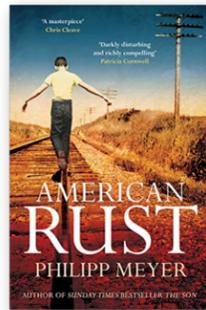
Thoughtfully submitted by Anne-Marie Flannery  
Contact the Library to join a book club 616.374.4591



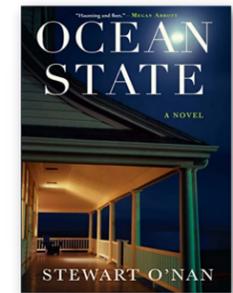
**"Three Girls from Bronzeville: A Uniquely American Story of Race"** by Dawn Turner  
Turner grew up in Chicago with a younger sister and a close friend in one of the city's housing projects. The memoir follows Turner and the other two girls as they grow and eventually take disparate paths into adulthood. One dies from drug and alcohol abuse, while another heads to prison for murder. How did Turner navigate this cycle so often followed by other African-Americans and what helped her to not only survive but thrive in the world? The author's writing is clear and unapologetic and clearly states that not even she knows the final answer. (downloadable audiobook)

## "American Rust" by Phillip Meyer

A small town sheriff must make hard decisions regarding a dead body and the suspected killer. The story takes place in rust-belt Pennsylvania, where crime often results from not only economic hardship but the frustration that stems from personal regret. The Showtime channel turned this novel into a series late last year. (Hoopla; eaudiobook)



## "Ocean State" by Stewart O'Nan



This book begins its first paragraph with the revelation that a girl has been murdered and the perpetrator (another teenage girl) is named. Told in alternating voices of the main female characters, the story is not a murder mystery but rather a slowly unfolding tragedy that no one, not even those living it, can foretell. O'Nan is a prolific writer whose previous books like Last Night At the Lobster and Emily Alone provided a studied glimpse into the emotional lives of everyday people. Ocean State is another example of O'Nan's deft handling of how his character's inner voices are often at odds with the louder, outside world. (hardcover)

## "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig

This year's OTSP selection dealt with the hard subjects of regret, self-harm, and depression in a way that sparked great observations and thoughtful discussions. OTSP, a yearly program sponsored by the Ionia County Library association, handed out 20 copies locally in April and invited patrons to a book chat and charcuterie in May. Jen VanBeek, LMFT, lead the engaging discussion. What parts of your life would you change? What regrets might be affecting your current daily life? Why was the midnight library so important to the main character? With a fastastical flavor, the book (and the discussion) brought up lots of great conversation and was an enjoyable read.

ON THE SAME PAGE  
in Ionia County



# Summer Library Events

Contact the Library to register  
616.374.4591



**PHYSICAL FITNESS WITH JAMES**

**AM**  
Always in Motion

**SATURDAYS AT THE LIBRARY**  
10:00-11:00AM  
NO COST!

**PERSONAL TRAINING**  
BRING A TOWEL & WATER

**Sew Fun!**

Tuesdays at  
2pm, 4pm, or 5:30pm  
Starting June 21st, 2022

Classes are for anyone 8+.  
No cost! Space is limited. 616-374-4591  
5 weeks/5 fun projects.  
Registration is required.

Promoting Literacy through Sewing @ the Library

This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library of Michigan.

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

Experience meditation in motion.

11:30AM Tuesdays  
Starting May 17, 2022  
All skill levels are welcome.  
Weekly registration helpful!

**FEEDING AMERICA West Michigan**

**GATHER 2 GROW**

SUMMER MEALS PROVIDED HERE

**TUESDAY-FRIDAY**  
JUNE 14 - AUG. 5  
NOON-1:00PM  
EAT @ THE LIBRARY OR GRAB N' GO!

Various meal options including vegetarian and nut free!

Free for all youth (18 and under) and disabled adults up to age 26

Feeding America West Michigan's Gather 2 Grow program aims to nourish kids' bodies and minds during the summer in partnership with local libraries.

This organization is an equal opportunity provider.

Interested in playing Bridge?

Are you looking for something fun to do?

Join the Bridge Group at the Lake Odessa Community Library!

Tuesdays, 9:15-11:15am  
Starts July 5, 2022, for 8 weeks.

Everyone is welcome!

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**Mr. Mike's Kid-Powered Program**  
AT Jordan Lake Public Beach  
Supported by the Lake Odessa Community Library!

Fridays in July 2:30-3:30pm  
All ages welcome!

July 1: Chalk Talk  
The sidewalk will be our canvas as we play games and create artistic dabbling's with chalk.

July 8: Here Comes the Sun  
Harness the Sun's power by making a solar cooker and baking a "Sweet Treat".

July 15: Croquet  
Grab a mallet, whack a wooden ball, and watch it go through a hoop in a spirited game of croquet.

July 22: Go Fly a Kite  
The sky's the limit as you run and launch your aerial creation and admire the way you kite soars.

July 29: Make Some Ripples  
Experience the "thrill of the throw" while learning the science and techniques for skipping stones.



**Check the Library's webpage and Facebook events for all the programs and latest news.**

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