

CHECK IT OUT!

Presented by the Friends of the Lake Odessa Community Library

SUMMER 2023



ALL TOGETHER NOW

The Summer Library Program, All Together Now, starts June 6th with a fun concert full of music and puppets with Mrs Kate, folksinger, songwriter, storyteller, and entertainer extraordinaire! The concert starts at 5:30PM and is the beginning of seven weeks of programs, events, and learning challenges to keep young minds active in the summer months.

The Library has programs planned for all ages. Preschoolers are invited for weekly story time on Thursday mornings, kindergarten through fifth grade have Wednesday morning programs, including bowling at Buddy's, a traveling zoo, Stormy the Magician, Bubble Science, and visiting llamas. Teens meet on Thursday afternoons for a paint party, break-out room, BrainGames, and bowling.

The Summer Library Program wraps up at the end of July with a sweet treat and prize drawings.

Register for the Summer Library Program at the Mrs Kate concert or visit the Library any time.



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, 11:00AM to 1:00PM beginning June 6th through August 11th. Each lunch includes a shelf-stable, nutritious and delicious selection of food and a drink. Volunteers are needed to hand out lunches. Please call the Library to volunteer.



GATHER 2 GROW

LIBRARY OF THINGS NEWEST ADDITION

The Library now has Milwaukee power tools to check out with your library card! You can take home an impact drill, ratchet, work light, multi-tool with sanding pads or blade, levels, and various other tools to make DIY projects a little easier. The Friends of the Library sponsored the tool purchase after a social media post suggested power tools would be a good thing for the Library to lend. Other non-book items in the The Library of Things include a laminator, iron and ironing board, sewing machines, coding mice, mobile hotspots, reading magnifiers, and a cricut machine.



SUMMER LIBRARY EVENTS

Contact the library to register.

616.374.4591



June Events:

- 2nd Trivia Night for adults @ 6:30PM
- 6th Mrs Kate in Concert for all ages @ 5:30PM
- 8th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30AM
- 9th Tai Chi for all ages @ 10:30AM
- 14th Summer Library Program for kindergarten-fifth grade @ 10:30AM
- 15th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30AM
- 15th Teen Summer Program for ages 11-18 @ 2:00PM
- 16th Tai Chi for all ages @ 10:30AM
- 21st Summer Library Program for kindergarten-fifth grade @ 10:30AM
- 22nd Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30AM
- 22nd Teen Summer Program for ages 11-18 @ 2:00PM
- 23rd Tai Chi for all ages @ 10:30AM
- 23rd Book Discussion *Looking for Leroy* by Melody Carlson for adults @11:00AM
- 28th Summer Library Program for kindergarten-fifth grade @ 10:30AM
- 29th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30AM
- 29th Teen Summer Program for ages 11-18 @ 2:00PM
- 30th Tai Chi for all ages @ 10:30AM

July Events:

- 5th Summer Library Program for kindergarten-fifth grade @ 10:30AM
- 6th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30AM
- 6th Teen Summer Program for ages 11-18 @ 2:00PM
- 7th Tai Chi for all ages @ 10:30AM
- 11th Bridge Club for all ages @ 9:00AM
- 11th Sew Fun! for all ages @ noon, 2:00PM, 3:30PM, or 5:30PM
- 12th Summer Library Program for kindergarten-fifth grade @ 10:30AM
- 13th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30AM
- 13th Teen Summer Program for ages 11-18 @ 2:00PM
- 14th Tai Chi for all ages @ 10:30AM
- 18th Bridge Club for all ages @ 9:00AM
- 18th Sew Fun! for all ages @ noon, 2:00PM, 3:30PM, or 5:30PM
- 19th Summer Library Program for kindergarten-fifth grade @ 10:30AM
- 20th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30AM
- 20th Vision Screening with Lion's Club
- 20th Teen Summer Program for ages 11-18 @ 2:00PM
- 21st Tai Chi for all ages @ 10:30AM
- 25th Bridge Club for all ages @ 9:00AM
- 25th Sew Fun! for all ages @ noon, 2:00PM, 3:30PM, or 5:30PM
- 26th Summer Library Program for kindergarten-fifth grade @ 10:30AM Grand Finale
- 27th Story Time for preschoolers Lake Odessa Fairgrounds 10:00AM-Noon
- 28th Book Discussion *What Matters Most* by Courtney Walsh for adults @11:00AM

Mr. Mike @ the Beach!

Meet Mr. Mike for fun Kid-powered programs every Friday in July 2:30PM- 3:30PM!

July 7th Chalk Talk

July 14th Grab a Mallet and Play Croquet

July 21st Surprise Event

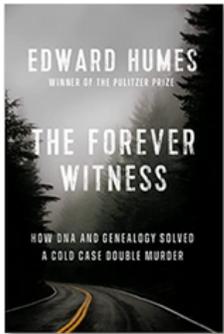
July 28th Stone Skipping

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

Recent Reads

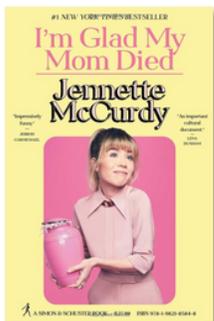
Thoughtfully submitted by Anne-Marie Flannery

Contact the library to join a book club 616.374.4591



Author and Pulitzer Prize Winning journalist Edward Humes has turned his considerable talent to writing the book, **The Forever Witness: How DNA and Genealogy Solved a Cold Case Double Murder**. In November 1987, teenagers Jay Cook and Tanya Van Cuylenborg, were found murdered in rural Washington state. The couple agreed to travel from their homes in British Columbia, Canada via van to purchase furnace parts for Cook's father in Seattle. They never arrived at the furnace store and never checked in with their parents. About a week later, Van Cuylenborg's body was found, followed a few days later by Cook's in a different area. The murders went unsolved for over 3 decades until a check of familial DNA websites (using residue left on Van Cuylenborg's body) led to the man suspected of the crimes. Hume's masterfully weaves the tale of law enforcement's refusal to give up on the case with the murders' tragic reverberations through the victims' families and community. Although many involved with the case have since died, (including Van Cuylenborg's father) Humes shows that even years later, justice can still be found and celebrated. (available as ebook)

Most of the public think they know the story of the British royal family and its members. Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex shows through his new book **Spare** there are always hidden misconceptions and falsehoods of public figures and their lives. **Spare** starts with the tragedy of 12-year old Harry losing his mother, Princess Diana in a 1997 Paris car crash and continues through the present day and the rift between Harry and his royal relatives. Throughout the memoir, Harry recounts how the paparazzi and media have stalked and harassed him all his life. He describes the fraught relationship with his father, King Charles and stepmother Camilla and most surprisingly, his intensely competitive bond with brother William, the Prince of Wales. Many will find it difficult to have sympathy for Harry, growing up in a life of wealth and privilege, but his book shows money and fame do not diminish a person's grief or unhappiness. (available as hardcover book, ebook, audiobook)



I'm Glad My Mom Died by Jennette McCurdy is a surprise from the title through the final reading. McCurdy, who found fame as a child on the Nickelodeon show *iCarly*, recounts the influence her mother had over her and her television career. In turns supportive and dismissive; caring and cruel, McCurdy's mother insisted Jennette follow her edicts into the teen years and beyond, regarding such things as food (which led to an eating disorder) to how often Jennette should bathe. The most difficult parts of the book to read outline the sexually abusive behavior of Mrs. McCurdy toward Jennette and one of her brothers. It is only upon the death of her mother in 2013 that Jennette finally breaks free of the control she experienced and forges ahead toward her own version of life. (available as hardcover book, ebook, audiobook)

Place
Stamp

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 on the
of 4th of July

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip Code: _____

Please Check One:

____ Good Friend
(\$10 Annual Fee)

____ Lifetime Friend
(\$100 Onetime Fee)

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Community Library group is a 501(c)(3)
non-profit organization.



Did you know?

The Lakeland Library Cooperative has partnered with *seven* other libraries to share digital collections.

This means more ebooks and audiobooks for you!

To access the shared digital collection, follow these steps:

Open your Libby app:



1. Tap the menu.
2. Scroll down and tap "Add Library" from the menu.
3. Search and add **Midwest Collaborative for Library Services, Suburban Library Cooperative, Great Lakes Digital Libraries, Download Destination, White Pine Library Cooperative, Up North Digital Consortium, and Woodlands Library Cooperative.**
4. When prompted, enter your library card number.
5. Browse the library collection and choose a title to check out.

GATHER 2 GROW

SUMMER MEALS PROVIDED HERE

TUESDAY-FRIDAY
JUNE 6 - AUG 11
11:00AM-1:00PM
EAT @ THE LIBRARY OR GRAB N' GO!

Various meal options including vegetarian and nut free!

TAI CHI FRIDAYS [AT] THE LIBRARY!

Experience meditation in motion.

Fridays ~ 10:30AM
Starting June 9, 2023
(7 weeks)
 All skill levels are welcome.

MICHIGAN ACTIVITY PASS

Presented by The Library Network

Your library card can get you access to Michigan's finest parks, museums, and activities throughout the state!

Get your pass at miactivitypass.org

Join us

Very Hungry Caterpillar Storyboard Walk

July 27, 2023
 10:00AM-noon
 @ the Lake Odessa Fairgrounds
 Partnering with Corewell Health and Ionia County Great Start Collaborative

Ages birth-5

Sew Fun!

Promoting Literacy through Sewing @ the Library

Tuesdays at
 noon, 2pm, 3:30pm, or 5:30pm
 July 11- August 8, 2023

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

Gerald R. Ford
 Presidential Library & Museum

Free Passes to the Gerald R. Ford Museum are available at the Library

LEARN 110+ LANGUAGES

with **Transparent Language** Online



Friends of the Library

UPDATES

LIFETIME MEMBER DISPLAY

This past December the Friends of the Library worked with Design Edge Sign Company to produce and install our Lifetime Member Display. Pictured are our Friends Co-chairs Heidi Reed and Dawn Deardorff who 'supervised' the installation. This project was spearheaded by former Friends Board Member Richard Stone before he moved out of state. The Friends had wanted to do a project like this to recognize lifetime members and Ric was able to get the momentum and design work moving forward. A few people wondered why their name was not included on the display. Virtually all of those that inquired had contributed to the Library directly or for the Library's Remodel and Expansion. To become a Lifetime Friend Member is a one-time \$100 donation made payable to the Friends of the Lake Odessa Community Library. This payment can be mailed or dropped off to the Library. Annual updates will be made to the Lifetime Member Display.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

Each year the Friends of the Library use donations and fundraising to support our public library. For the past year one of the ways we supported library patrons and the public was paying for printing, copies, and faxes — in our fiscal year that ended March 31, 2023, those costs amounted to **\$4,492.85**. Friends also volunteer and support the Library in other ways throughout the year. In the past year that meant:

- distributing lunches for the Feeding America program with bottled water purchased by the Friends,
- giving out maps for Christmas Round the Town, with donuts, cider, and coffee,
- decorating the inside of the Library for Christmas and paying for the outside Christmas garlands,
- helping Santa after the Christmas Parade with a variety of cookies for parade goers of all ages.

The Friends also set aside **\$5,000** each year to pay for programs at the Library. The Friends want our Library programming to come at no cost to children and adults, although a refundable deposit may sometimes be required to sign up for a class. Friends Board Members also volunteered to help with programs as needed throughout the year. If funding is available, the Friends also help the Library pay for additional expenses. In the past year that meant painting in the meeting rooms and window and carpet cleaning. Plus, purchasing more lighting for the basement, a new coffee maker for the meeting

rooms, a new drinking fountain station with bottled water filler, and a bag of power tools for checkout at the Library.



A successful, busy year for the Friends Board! If you are interested in volunteering with the Friends, drop us an email with your contact information to lakeofriends@gmail.com.

