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Presented by the Friends of the Lake Odessa Community Library

June July August 2021

2021 Summer Library Program

Something for all ages! Pre-registration is required. Register at the Library any time June 8th through June 12th. Check out the prizes in the display cases! Join the fun!



Library Hours:

Tues. & Thurs.	9 a.m.-7 p.m.
Wed. & Fri.	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m.-Noon

Pre-school (ages 2-5) Storytime is on Thursdays @ 10:30 a.m. from June 10th—July 29th.

Kindergarten—5th Grade Program is on Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m. June 16th—July 28th.

Sixth—12th Grade Program is on Thursdays @ 2 p.m. At registration week of June 8, make a metal punching. June 17– Team Trivia Challenge; June 24– Painting with Becky Stafford; July 1– Bowling at Buddy’s; July 8—Scavenger Hunt with Phones; July 15—Solar Cooking and Shooting Pop Rockets; July 22– Hippity Hop Nerf War; July 29– Popping Wheelies Rover Race Party.

Closed Sundays & Mondays

Also closed:

Saturday, September 4
(Labor Day Weekend)

Contact Us:

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Library @ the Beach!

Join the Library Staff at 2 p.m. every Friday in July. Treats, giveaways, games, and other fun events at the Jordan Lake Public Beach.

Outgoing Friends Board Members

Two long-serving Friends Board Members stepped down from their roles this May. “Thank-You” is not enough praise to recognize Sharlene Goodemoot and Patti Cooreman for all they have done for the



Library over the years. Sharlene’s skill in handling secretarial duties, kitchen skills extraordinary, and encouraging others to join the Friends; Patti’s picks for newsletter book reviews



and always cheerful emceeing our Festival of Tables—you both will be missed!

Digital Friends Newsletter

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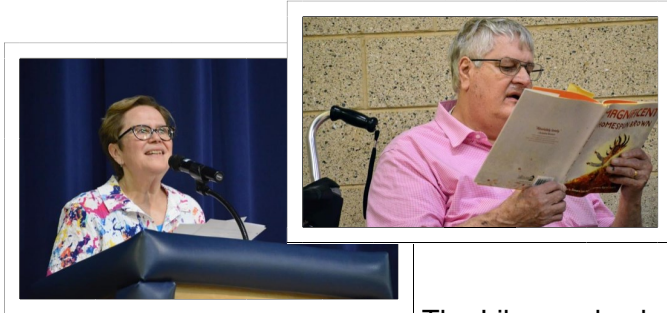


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Stories from America's Landscape

Libby and Jim Kinsey embarked on a project this past year to enrich the lives of local school children through books from diverse cultures and ethnicities. Through a fundraising campaign the Kinseys raised more than \$40,000 and placed over 5,000 books into Lakewood Public School libraries and classrooms. The Friends of the Lake Odessa Community Library asked themselves, "Does our Library need more diverse books?" We asked Libby to share her booklist with us and cross-checked the almost 600 book titles to see what was available in our Library. The result was less than a dozen on her list were in our collection.



That result does not mean our Library might not have other diverse books. However, the Friends felt it did reflect we need to improve our collection's offerings. The Library has a process to follow to add books to our collection and prefer hardcover editions. The Friends plan on following this process to make diverse book purchase recommendations and pick up the cost for adding these books to our local collection—both for children and adults.

The Library also has two wonderful Little Free Libraries (see related article below)—the world's largest book-sharing movement! **Read in Color** is the Little Free Library's Diverse Books Initiative. This initiative was announced on October 14, 2020. Little Free Library Executive Director, Grieg Metzger, said, "...a broader awareness of the diverse life experiences in America can break down barriers and nurture a deeper understanding of our society's inequities." Our local Friends group plans on purchasing diverse books for our two Little Free Libraries too.

Thank you Libby and Jim for spearheading this effort to help "children see the beauty in this world, be curious about others, see commonalities, be interested, and take delight in differences." Thank you also for supporting our local library. Pictured at right are Jim and Libby at the Scholastic Book Table, 2019 Festival of Tables.



Little Free Libraries

Our new Little Free Library is installed in the Village park, right off the circular drive. This new red box is made of low-maintenance, recycled plastic jugs. The beautiful hand-painted former Little Free Library is moving behind the Library in the alleyway area.

Little Free Libraries open up book access 24/7, expanding access for all. Why does book access matter? More than 30 million adults in the United States cannot read or write above the third-grade level. Two out of three children living in poverty have no books of their own. Studies show that if children have access to books near the home, the more likely they will love to read and improve our nation's literacy.

Mr. Mike is responsible for checking on these library additions and keeps them stocked with donations from our Friends group and the Library. The local community is also supportive of this resource, taking books to read and return (or keep) and donating books for persons of all ages, backgrounds, and reading levels to enjoy.

Some Summer Reading Books Suggestions for Kids

Moonwalk: Forever by Your Side by Meryl Davis; Dog Food is for Cats by Jason Kutasi; Cock-A-Doodle Don't You Dare by Ian McArthur; The Sea of Stars by Beth Costanzo; Sit, Stay, Love by Chalaine Kilduff; Mich & Moose by Vince Cleghorne; My Backyard Bird Book by Cheryl Johnson; and The Brave Little Crab by Beth Costanzo.

WHAT'S UP AT THE LIBRARY

Mr. Mike's Monarch Garden

Mr. Mike has been working hard on the Library's butterfly garden at the back entrance to the Library. He is preparing the area for planting new pollinator attractant plants, purchased a new mineral feeder, and will hand out seeds from last year's milkweed so you can plant your own Monarch safe-haven.

The Lake Odessa Community Library is now an official waystation for Monarch Butterflies! Mr. Mike hopes to curate and hatch many Monarchs this year, tag them with special stickers, and track their progress to Mexico this fall. Watch the Library's social media for updates.



Backpack Grant

The Library has added eight clear backpacks filled with a game and books to our collection. These fun-filled additions were awarded the Library through a grant from the Ionia Community Foundation, an affiliated fund of the Grand Rapids Community Foundation. Book selections include beginning reader, phonics, chapter, and non-fiction to encourage reading success in young readers for the new law, "Reading by 3rd Grade," as well opportunities for families to read aloud and play games together at home and outside. The games include Cheese Dip, My First Bananagrams, Guess in 10, Magnetic Fish Game, Sight Word Swat, Snap It, Spelling Puzzles, Snap It and Phonics Board Games. The backpacks check out just like a regular library book for three weeks. Watch for the backpacks to appear on our shelves shortly!

Free Print & Copy Service

In our ever-increasing digital world, there are still times when you need to print out a digital document or make paper copies of an important document. With many persons working from home and students online, the Friends realized that use of the Library's print services would be in demand in 2021 and money to pay for these services less available. So, beginning at the first of the year, the Friends decided to pay for up to 10 prints or copies per person per day through March and recently extended this benefit through the 2021 calendar year.



Summer Craft Item

The Library is in need of empty, clean, plastic frosting containers for a summer craft. If you have any to donate, please drop them off at the Library. Thank-you!

Inspired Readers Book Club

This summer the Inspired Readers will meet on Friday mornings at 11:00 a.m. In the fall, the book discussions will move back to Thursday afternoons. The summer schedule is as follows:

- Friday, June 18th: ***When the Tide Comes In***--by Cindy Woodsmall
- Friday, July 23rd : ***The Inn at Hidden Run***--by Olivia Newport
- Friday, August 27th: Book Club Pick

All our welcome!

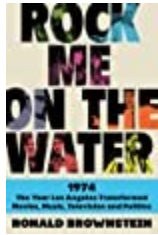


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Reading Matters

Book Reviews from Friends & Friends of Friends & Others



Rock Me on the Water: 1974-The Year Los Angeles Transformed Movies, Music, Television, and Politics by Ronald Brownstein is an exhaustively researched book about this apex year of culture, art and politics. Brownstein makes the argument that the world was in flux in 1974 and its epicenter could be found in Los Angeles. The Vietnam War recently ended and the nation was looking for a new path with new seers. Music and film reflected the recent changes. Young musicians Jackson Browne, The Eagles, and Linda Ronstadt burst onto the stage; baby-boom directors Steven Spielberg and Martin Scorsese painted their opinions on the big screen. The changing political landscape was being directed by the likes of Jerry Brown, Tom Hayden and Jane Fonda. Television was forever changed with the arrival of Archie Bunker, Mary Tyler Moore and the cast of *Mash*. The nascent women's movement fought for coverage in the news alongside controversial groups like the Black Panthers and Symbionese Liberation Army. Brownstein's work celebrates a time of historic upheaval and fading innocence; the changing landscape of not only California, but America. —Review by Anne-Marie Flannery (Can be obtained through the Co-op, Hoopla or Libby.)

Author Erica Armstrong Dunbar illuminates the life of a freedom fighter in **Never Caught: The Washingtons' Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge**. Born into enslavement in Mount Vernon, Virginia, Ona Judge moved with George and Martha Washington to Philadelphia, where, under Pennsylvania law, enslaved people were to be freed after six months—an edict Washington flouted. When Judge fled the Washington household, she became the center of a protracted search. Readers may view Washington in a new light after reading Dunbar's revealing narrative, which also explores social justice, gender and notions of heroism. —Review by Julie Hale in the Book Page, May 2021. (Can be obtained through the Co-op link on the Library's website.)



In Ruth Ware's **One By One** what begins as a corporate retreat in the snowy Alps for a London based tech company, quickly devolves into chaos. An unexpected avalanche further isolates the already fractious group and one by one, they begin to disappear or are murdered. Who has targeted this group and why? Is the killer watching them from the snowy forest or worse, is the killer among them? Ware has been called the "Agatha Christie of her generation and with good reason. Both authors excel at bringing together a group of often disparate people to an isolated setting where murder soon follows. Like Christie, Ware excels at building tension on each page and hiding clues in plain sight. In the end, the killer may be the person both the characters and the reader least expect. —Review by Anne-Marie Flannery (Book & downloadable audiobook can be found in the Library and on the website.)



Can an outsider ever truly understand the mysteries of their adopted homeland and its inhabitants? This is the question Tana French poses in her novel **The Searcher**. After a disappointing career and failed marriage, former Chicago police officer Cal Hooper retires to a small village on the west coast of Ireland. The locals although friendly enough, are also cautious about allowing Hooper into their fold. Events take a turn when a local child asks for Cal's help in finding his missing brother. Soon Hooper finds himself investigating not only the disappearance of a teenager, but the possible criminal acts of his neighbors. Old loyalties and simmering grudges surface as Hooper inches closer to the truths of the small town. *The Searcher* is French's 8th book of fiction. As in her previous works, she shows a singular talent for developing characters and suspenseful plots while incorporating the idiosyncrasies of Ireland as a common setting. This novel is an easy, satisfying read.—Review by Anne-Marie Flannery (Copy can be found in the Library.)



The Newcomer is another entertaining contemporary beach mystery by Mary Kay Andrews. After she discovers her sister Tanya dead on the floor of her fashionable New York City townhouse, Letty Carnahan is certain she knows who did it: Tanya's ex; sleazy real-estate entrepreneur Evan Wingfield. So Letty grabs her sister's Mercedes and hits the road with her wailing four-year-old niece Maya. Letty is determined to out-run Evan and the law. Tanya, a woman with a past shrouded in secrets, left behind a "go-bag" of cash and a big honking diamond ring—but only one clue: a faded magazine story about a sleepy mom-and-pop motel in a Florida beach town. She sheds her old life and checks into an uncertain future at The Murmuring Surf Motel. The Surf, as the regulars call it, is the winter home of a close-knit flock of retirees and snowbirds who regard this odd-duck newcomer with suspicion and down-right hostility. As Letty settles into the motel she tries to heal Maya's heartache and unravel the key to her sister's shady past, all while dodging the attention of the owner's dangerously attractive son Joe, who just happens to be a local police detective. Can Letty find romance as well as a room at the inn—or will Joe betray her secrets and put her behind bars? With danger closing in, it's a race to find the truth and right the wrongs of the past. —Amazon review. (Copy can be found in the Library.)

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Meets: 06/23, 07/28, & 08/25
@ 7 p.m. in the Library Meeting Rooms.
Public is welcome.

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Meets: 6/8, @ 3 p.m. in the Library
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needed. Everyone welcome.

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