Library Grand Re-Opening

All Booked Up and Ready to Grow Campaign a Success!

The Lake Odessa area has a beautiful remodeled and renovated downtown library. An Open House was held on May 3 to celebrate! Staff, Board Members, Friends, and the All Booked Up and Ready to Grow committee thank the community for their support. If you did not make it to the Open House, please feel free to stop in and visit. If you need a library card, ask the librarians for assistance.

Sharlene Goodamoot, Friends Board Secretary, and Kim Deardorff, Library Board President, relax in the adult reading area.

The Youth Area is expanded and teens now have their own computer area.
Summer Fundraising

The Friends of the Library used some of the proceeds from the Festival of Tables to pay for transition items needed for the Library. Purchases included a dehumidifier, a commercial vacuum cleaner, an electric mop, computer station pencils & pencil holders, flowers, and wastebaskets Even though the library has reopened, there are still some outstanding funding needs. Donations for wish list items can be dropped off or mailed to the Library.

Wish List Items

Meeting Room Divider
Security Cameras
Lounge Loveseat
Vestibule Benches
Metal Shelving
Portable Book Carts
Community Message Board
Meeting Room Cabinet
White Board

Friends of the Library will be selling watermelon slices and bottled water at Art in the Park on August 1st. Stop by our booth to support the Library. You can help us by volunteering for a two-hour work shift, please email lakeofriends@gmail.com if you are willing to help.

The Library will hold a book sale on Saturday morning, August 1st. Be sure to show off the updated Library to family and friends in town for Art in the Park and the Car Show.

A house without books is like a room without windows.
—Horace Mann

Summer Reading Program

The Summer Events listing on the cover page of the newsletter has the dates for this year’s summer reading program.

Children must have a valid library card to register for the program. Ask a librarian if your child does not have a library card. The books read must come from the Library to count towards any prizes.

Volunteers are needed on June 17th, 10-noon, to help with the Preschoolers. Call the Library if you are interested.

Adult Summer Program

July 16th

Dancing Crane
Soaps & Sundries

Rachel and Lynn Sadowski will help participants make bath salts, lip balm, and body salts that they can bring home. Cost is $10.00 per participant and registration is required by July 10th. Call the Library to register.
Springtime Festival Fun

The Friends held the 13th annual Festival of Tables in Lake Odessa on April 18th. This year’s event program featured Scott Stokes, co-owner of Southern Exposure Herb Farm, Battle Creek. Guests enjoyed learning how to use found objects to decorate their garden and lawn.

After the sandwich and salad luncheon, names were drawn for the door prize and raffle. Janet Pennington won the beautiful garden flower arrangement door prize from Kathy’s Flower Patch. Raffle prize winners were Kris Thelen, the Farmers Market Gift Basket donated by Denny’s Farm Market; Rachel Clark the Flowering Basket donated by Duwayne’s Marketplace; and Carole Heinze the Quilted Table Runner made and donated by Mary James. Congratulations to our winners and thanks to our prize donors!

Thank you also goes out to our 23 table sponsors, servers, and kitchen help for another successful Festival, raising over $3,200.

A Fun Group Sponsored a Table Promoting the June 11 Girls Night Out

I Love Lucy

Lisa Nelson loves to collect items that touch her heart. Lucy taught Lisa to laugh at herself and share laughter with everyone.

Play Ball!

Mary Dykhouse and Family members show their love for the Detroit Tigers with their “Take me Out to the Ballgame” table.

Disney Princesses

Barb Ackerson’s table mixes classic and contemporary films to highlight fairy tale royalty from Snow White to Cinderella to Anna and Elsa.