

# CHECK IT OUT!

Presented by the Friends of the Lake Odessa Community Library



## SPRING 2024

### BIRDHOUSE EXPERT TO SPEAK

Make your reservation now as space will be limited. The early bird gets the worm! On April 27th the Friends are featuring a program by Bill Stovall, founder and creator of Stovall Wood Products – located in Delton, Michigan. The program will start at 10 a.m. and will last about an hour. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. Library staff member, Julie Stahl has a fun bird-related craft for those age 6 and older who wish to display their creative side. A \$5 fully-refundable fee for the craft helps us know how many supplies to order.

Mr. Stovall, affectionately known as the Birdman, makes bird houses and feeders that are sold through some area shops and many online retailers. His knowledge of technical things about feeders can help you help the birds to thrive in your backyard. One house style does not fit all species. Join the Friends to learn more and attract birds to your yard. His enthusiasm for birds is infectious!

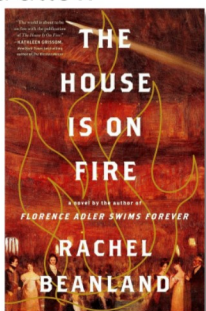
#### Advice from a Bluebird

- Rise early
- Spread a little happiness
- Keep a song in your heart
- Think spring
- Be colorful
- Feather your nest with friendships
- The sky's the limit!



### ON THE SAME PAGE

Ionia County Library Association has chosen Wednesday, March 13, to kick-off 2024's On the Same Page in Ionia County event. This year's selection, narrowed down from 15 titles, is ***The House Is On Fire*** written by Rachel Beanland. Each library in Ionia County has purchased extra copies of the book, in multiple formats, for circulating and giving away. Programs will be announced to complement the book and allow patrons to enhance their experience of ***The House Is On Fire***. Watch for updates on county-wide programs and local book discussions!



### NEW LIBRARY APP COMING SOON



LAKELAND LIBRARY  
COOPERATIVE  
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The upcoming Library App is set to launch in March 2024! This enhanced app offers more interactivity and customization than the previous app. In addition to tracking your borrowed items and due dates, you may request and borrow items. The app offers

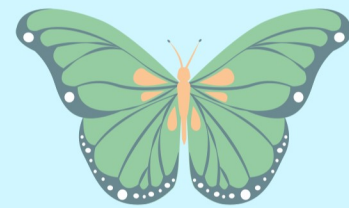
the option to curate lists of books you've read, liked, disliked, and plan to read.

The app serves all 42 libraries in the Lakeland Cooperative, reducing costs for each library and enabling inter-library requests. Notably, the app allows merging family members into a single account and provides a barcode for easy access without carrying a physical library card.



# Recent Reads

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



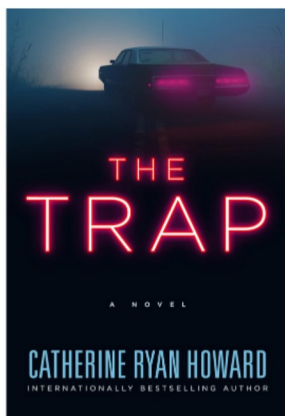
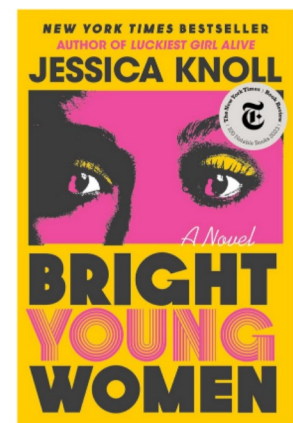
## **Holly** by Stephen King

King once again masterfully draws in the reader with his latest tale of suspense and horror. The character of Holly Gibney was first introduced in King's Mr. Mercedes trilogy as a reluctant but determined private investigator. In this latest work, Gibney now owns her own PI firm and is hired to locate a young woman who has disappeared in a quiet college town. Her investigation finds other individuals who have also gone missing in recent years. The trail of evidence leads to an elderly married couple, retired professors from the local university. The couple's basement has turned into an abattoir of fear and death. King is at his best when showing that evil exists in the banality of everyday life and

everyday people. Who better to fool society (and police) than a harmless old couple? This book is worth the read not only for King's narrative but for the return of the character of Gibney. (Hardcover, ebook, audiobook, book on CD)

## **Bright Young Women** by Jessica Knoll

This is a fictionalized account of Ted Bundy's attack on the Chi Omega sorority house in 1978. The narrator is one of the surviving sorority sisters who recounts Bundy's murder of her friends. The book details how Bundy was romanticized by authorities and the press during his killing spree in the 1970's. He was portrayed as an intelligent and capable man even after being suspected of murder and rape. His victims however, remained nameless and often were blamed for placing themselves in his murderous path. Knoll's work is an indictment of sexism and misogyny that existed not only in the 70's but still today. (ebook, audiobook)



## **The Trap** by Catherine Ryan Howard

This book is based on a series of unsolved disappearances of missing women in Ireland during the 1990's. The reader is witness to the attempts by a policewoman and a sister to find a missing woman. Fearful the young woman is the new victim of an unknown abductor it is a race against time to locate her. Told in alternating voices, including the male kidnapper, the novel has twists and turns not anticipated until the very end. Reading this book may also inspire you (as it did me) to further research the real-life disappearances in Ireland. (Libby audiobook)

# Spring Library Events

Contact the library to register.

616.374.4591

## February Events:

- 15th Home-Based Education for all students @ 1:00 PM
- 15th Crochet for Beginners @ 5:30PM *must pre-register*
- 17th Yoga for all ages @ 9:08AM
- 21st Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30AM
- 22nd Book Discussion @ 2:00PM *The Story of Love* by Beth Wiseman
- 22nd Crochet for Beginners @ 5:30PM *must pre-register*
- 24th Yoga for all ages @ 9:08AM
- 27th Look Out Below! STEM for ages 11-15 @ 3:30PM
- 28th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30AM
- 29th Leap Day Activities for all ages all day
- 29th Crochet for Beginners @ 5:30PM *must pre-register*

## March Events:

- 2nd Yoga for all ages @ 9:08AM
- 6th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30AM
- 7th Chip, Chip, Hooray! Program for ages 5-11 @ 4:00PM
- 9th Yoga for all ages @ 9:08AM
- 13th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30AM
- 13th OTSP Title Release! Same book given at all 7 Ionia County Libraries! Watch for programs
- 14th Best Spuds Program for ages 9-14 @ 4:00PM
- 16th Yoga for all ages @ 9:08AM
- 20th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30AM
- 21st Home-Based Education for all students @ 1:00 PM
- 23rd Yoga for all ages @ 9:08AM
- 26th Table It! STEM for ages 11-15 @ 3:30PM
- 27th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30AM
- 28th Book Discussion @ 2:00PM *The Year of Jubilee* by Cindy Morgan
- 30th Yoga for all ages @ 9:08AM

## April Events:

- 2nd-4th Spring Break Week! Watch for Special Programs!
- 6th Yoga for all ages @ 9:08AM
- 10th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30AM
- 11th Barbie Party for ages 4+ @ 5:30PM *tickets required*
- 13th Yoga for all ages @ 9:08AM
- 17th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30AM
- 18th Home-Based Education for all students @ 1:00 PM
- 18th Walk on the Wild Side Party for ages 4+ @ 5:30PM *tickets required*
- 20th Yoga for all ages @ 9:08AM
- 23rd Fling Thing STEM for ages 11-15 @ 3:30PM
- 24th Story Time for preschoolers @ 10:30AM
- 25th Book Discussion @ 2:00PM *Windswept Way* by Irene Hannon
- 27th Special Family Program with Mr Bill Stovall @ 9:30AM



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

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

### Friends of the Library

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Library Director: Jennifer Salgat  
Library Staff Members: Deb Morrison, Julie Stahl, Mike Forton, Kecia Dillon,  
Tess Allarding, & Anthony Brandt

Return this form with a check  
made payable to the  
Friends of the Lake Odessa  
Community Library.  
Become a Friend Today!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check One:

\_\_\_\_ Good Friend  
(\$10 Annual Fee)

\_\_\_\_ Lifetime Friend  
(\$100 Onetime Fee)

The Friends of the Lake Odessa  
Community Library group is a 501(c)(3)  
non-profit organization.

# HELLO SPRING

## LIBRARY FACTS 2023 Stats

22,371

Items Checked-out

22,732

Items Checked-in

2,109

Hoopla Downloads

3,684

Libby Downloads

1,426

Items Borrowed from Other Libraries

4,461

Items Loaned to Other Libraries

1,378,054

Items Available from the Lake Odessa Community Library



LAKE ODESSA  
COMMUNITY  
LIBRARY

2,001

Hours Open to the Public

209

Programs in 2023

4,387

Attendance at Programs

4,180

Population Served

208

New Library Cards in 2023

978

Current Active Patrons Living in Odessa TWP

450

Current Active Patrons Living outside Odessa TWP

14,021

WiFi Logins

83,300

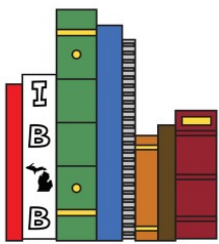
Minutes on Public Computers

2,821

Sessions on Public Computers

SIGN UP BEGINS JANUARY 2

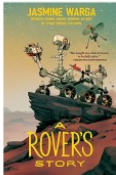
REGISTRATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 29TH



Ionia County  
Battle of the Books

4th & 5th  
Grade

Compete on  
a team of 4 or  
sign up as an  
individual!



Saranac Clarksville District Library • Portland District Library  
Alvah N. Belding Library • Ionia Community Library  
Lyons Township District Library • Lake Odessa Community Library

**Barbie Party!**  
April 11, 2024 @ 5:30 PM  
Feminine Fun for Ages 4+

**Walk on the Wild Side!**  
Boisterous Boyish Fun for Ages 4+

Wild Creatures and Wild Fun!

**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](http://miactivitypass.org)

**LiFi**  
Your library mobile hotspot

Lake Odessa Community Library  
now offering WiFi Hotspots!  
Check one out today from the Circulation Desk!!

Solar eclipse glasses will be available at the Library March 1st



## FREE COPIES VERY POPULAR

For the past several years the Friends have covered the cost of up to 10 copies a day for library patrons – both color and black-and-white. If more than 10 copies needed the charge per page is 50 cents for color and 15 cents for black-and-white. In 2023 the Friends reimbursed the Library **\$4,656.10** for copies. The Friends Board voted to continue this popular service for the 2024 calendar year.

Also, the Library Board of Trustees voted to discontinue charging for faxes. Faxing is now free of charge. The Library also offers other services for nominal charges, like document lamination. Charges for lamination vary based on the size of the document.

## WELCOME TO HOOPLA!

Hoopla lets you borrow audiobooks, ebooks, comics, movies, TV shows, magazines, and music. Up to 8 borrows a month are currently supported by our Library – and often hoopla offers weekly binge specials too! It's all FREE thanks to our Library. All you need is your library card. With hoopla you can stream titles immediately or when you are in the mood – anywhere you have a screen. Your computer, tablet, phone, even your TV! If you are not already using hoopla and want to get started ask a staff member for help. If you are interested in learning more about digital platforms our Library offers, let a staff member know.

## FAMILY RESTROOMS AT THE LIBRARY

With a couple of new signs and some added locking mechanisms, the public bathrooms at the Library will soon be family restrooms instead of men's and women's restrooms. The Library staff believes it will be an asset to families and caregivers to use universal washrooms because this provides privacy and accessibility solutions.

We've got **THINGS** for you!

- Code&Go Robot Mouse
- Cricut Expression System
- Crochet Hooks Set, DVD Player
- GoPro, Iron, Ironing Board
- Laminator, Level, Magnifiers
- Ozobots, Sewing Machines
- Tools, wifi HotSpots

**Lake Odessa Community Library**  
of THINGS!

Check one out today!



**Technology is useful but it can also bring frustration.**

*We can help!*

Bring in your tablets, phones, lap tops, or other devices. *We can help!*

Setting up email or social media?

Downloading books?

Creating online accounts?

*We can help!*

**Appointments required 616.374.4591**