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Presented by the Friends of the Lake Odessa Community Library

January-February-March-April 2016



New Addition: The Clock

By *Connie Teachworth*

The Library has a new clock that you can't miss when you step inside! The 42-inch round clock hangs above the circulation desk and is suspended from the ceiling on a steel support beam. The clock is double-faced and illuminated with a soft yellow light, visible at night from the outside. Donors Jim and Wendy Behrenwald approached the Library with a desire to support the project in some way that would benefit the entire community. "We were just beginning the talk about a large clock, so the timing was perfect," commented Library Director Connie Teachworth. The Behrenwalds were also honorary co-chairs for the capital campaign to expand the Library and have shown their support throughout the project. A Grand Rapids company, Lumichron, supplied the clock and a GPS antenna keeps the time accurate to the second. Thank you Jim, Wendy and family for this wonderful addition to our Community Library!

Library Hours:

Tues. & Thurs. 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Wed. & Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Closed Sundays & Mondays

Also Closed:

Easter Weekend March 25 & 26
Festival of Tables April 16

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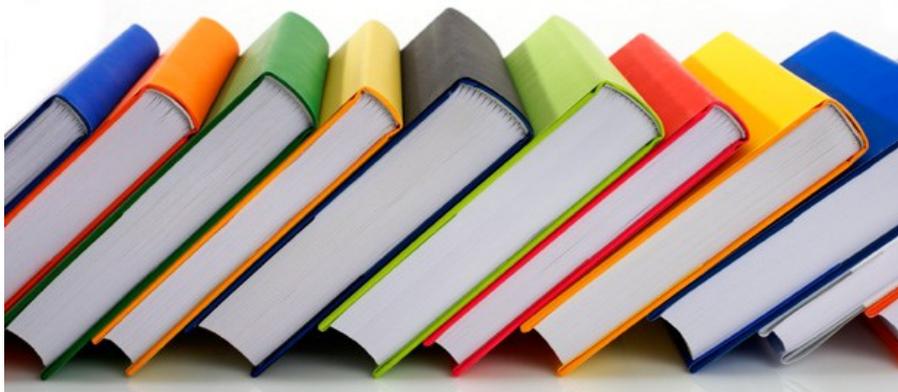
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Issue Highlights

- New Clock
- Calendar of Events
- "On the Same Page"
- Community Wall
- Patti's Picks
- Festival of Tables
- Book Gifts



Mark Your Calendars!

January

- 13: 10:00 a.m. **Preschool Story Time**
- 14: 10:30 a.m. **Preschool Story Time**
4:15 p.m. **Ages 11+ Play Wacky Ping Pong**
- 16: Noon-1:00 p.m. **Basic Computer Class (RSVP Required)**
- 19: 11:00-Noon **Color Me Happy; Adult Coloring Class**
5:30 p.m. **Ladies Craft Night: Valentines Day Cards (\$5, Ages 15+)**
- 20: 10:00 a.m. **Preschool Story Time**
- 21: 10:30 a.m. **Preschool Story Time**
1:00 p.m. **Jeopardy for Home-schooled Students**
- 23: Noon-1:00pm **Basic Computer Class (RSVP Required)**
- 26: 11:00-Noon **Color Me Happy; Adult Coloring Class**
1:00 p.m. **Books in Action—*Dragonspell* by Donika Paul (Ages 11-18)**
- 27: 10:00 a.m. **Preschool Story Time**
- 28: 10:30 a.m. **Preschool Story Time**
4:15 p.m. **Video Game Club (Ages 8-15)**
- 30: Noon-1:00 p.m. **Basic Computer Class RSVP Required**

February

- 03: 10:00 a.m. **Preschool Story Time**
- 04: 10:30 a.m. **Preschool Story Time**
4:15 p.m. **After School Fun for Ages 5-11**
- 10: 10:00 a.m. **Preschool Story Time**
- 11: 10:30 a.m. **Preschool Story Time**
- 16: 5:30 p.m. **Ladies Craft Night: Essential Oil Skin Care (\$5, Ages 15+)**
- 17: 10:00 a.m. **Preschool Story Time**
- 18: 10:30 a.m. **Preschool Story Time**
1:00 p.m. **Home School Group**
- 20: 9:30 a.m. **Video Game Club (Ages 8-15)**
- 24: 10:00 a.m. **Preschool Story Time**
- 25: 10:30 a.m. **Preschool Story Time**
4:00 p.m. **Teen Program (Ages 11-18)**

March

- 02: 9:45 a.m. **Toddler Time**
10:30 a.m. **Preschool Story Time**
- 03: 10:30 a.m. **Preschool Story Time**
4:15 p.m. **After School Fun for Ages 5-11**
- 09: 9:45 a.m. **Toddler Time**
10:30 a.m. **Preschool Story Time**
- 10: 10:30 a.m. **Preschool Story Time**
6:30 p.m. **Battle of the Books at the Ionia County ISD**
- 15: 5:30 p.m. **Ladies Craft Night: Painting Fun! (\$5, Ages 15+)**
- 16: 9:45 a.m. **Toddler Time**
10:30 a.m. **Preschool Story Time**
- 17: 10:30 a.m. **Preschool Story Time**
1:00 p.m. **Home School Group**
- 23: 9:45 a.m. **Toddler Time**
10:30 a.m. **Preschool Story Time**
- 24: 10:30 a.m. **Preschool Story Time**
4:00 p.m. **Teen Program (Ages 11-18)**
- 30: 9:45 a.m. **Toddler Time**
10:30 a.m. **Preschool Story Time**
- 31: 10:30 a.m. **Preschool Story Time**

April

Festival of Tables
Saturday, April 16
11 a.m.— 2 p.m.

Look for more upcoming
April events on our
website calendar!

[http://
www.lakeodessalibrary.
org/news-events/lib-cal](http://www.lakeodessalibrary.org/news-events/lib-cal)

Ionia County “On the Same Page”

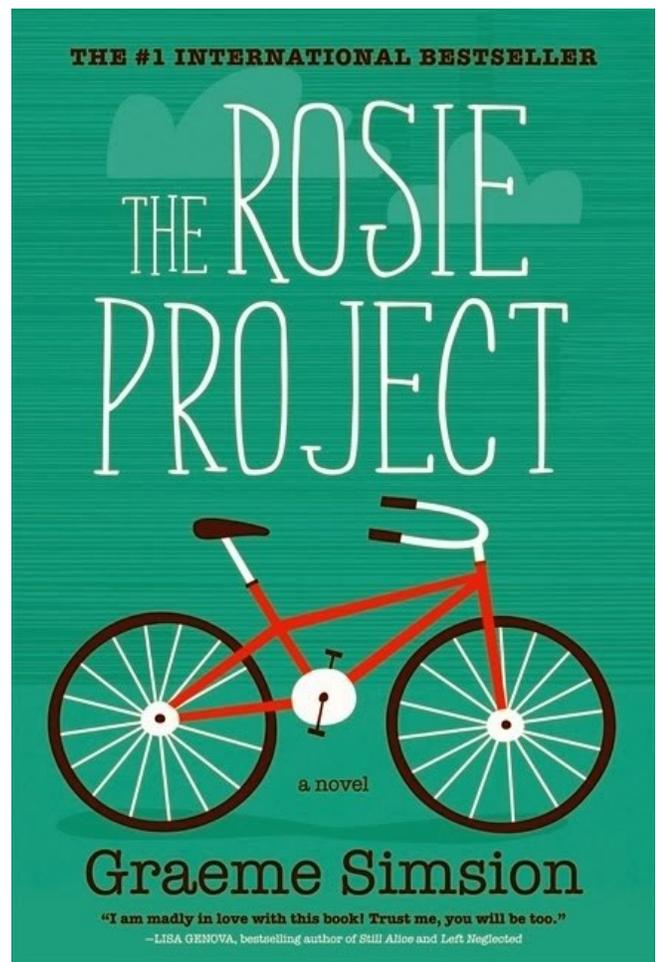
The Ionia County libraries have once again selected the “*On the Same Page in Ionia County*” book for February and March. The title chosen is *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion. “This book is a bit more uplifting than some we’ve chosen in the past,” remarked Library Director Connie Teachworth. What follows is a brief description off the Amazon site.

The art of love is never a science: Meet Don Tillman, a brilliant yet socially inept professor of genetics, who’s decided it’s time he found a wife. In the orderly, evidence-based manner with which Don approaches all things, he designs the Wife Project to find his perfect partner: a sixteen-page, scientifically valid survey to filter out the drinkers, the smokers, the late arrivers.

Rosie Jarman possesses all these qualities. Don easily disqualifies her as a candidate for The Wife Project (even if she is “quite intelligent for a barmaid”). But Don is intrigued by Rosie’s own quest to identify her biological father. When an unlikely relationship develops as they collaborate on The Father Project, Don is forced to confront the spontaneous whirlwind that is Rosie—and the realization that, despite your best scientific efforts, you don’t find love, it finds you.

Arrestingly endearing and entirely unconventional, Graeme Simsion’s distinctive debut “navigates the choppy waters of adult relationships, both romantic and platonic, with a fresh take (*USA TODAY*). “Filled with humor and plenty of heart, *The Rosie Project* is a delightful reminder that all of us, no matter how we’re wired, just want to fit in.” (*Chicago Tribune*)

The kick off date for OTSP is Saturday, February 13th, 2016. Each Ionia County library has 20 copies to hand out free on a first-come, first-serve basis. One per family please.



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Have you noticed the Library’s Community Wall?

By: Sharlene Goodmoot

Just past the circulation desk on the south side by the adult computers is the Community Wall. Local artists, ranging anywhere from professional to amateur, can display their paintings, photography, or other varieties of works. January 2016 features Saranac High School art teacher Beth Kelly’s oil paintings. February showcases Lakewood Elementary art. In March, Faith Christian Junior High Schoolers’ art is featured. The April display comes from Homeschoolers. And, in May Faith Christian High School student art fills the wall.

The Lake Odessa Community Library needs your help to spread the word that we are looking for potential people and organizations who might like to use this new venue to share their creations or community improvement information with others. Please stop by to check out the current display and share any suggestions you may have for future presenters.

Beth Kelly’s Oil Paintings on the Community Wall





**ANNOUNCING
THE 14TH ANNUAL
FESTIVAL OF TABLES
APRIL 16, 2016
11:00 A.M.— 2 P.M.**

The Friends are seeking volunteers to sponsor tables at *Festival*.

Please call the Library at 616.374.4591, or email lakeofriends@gmail.com, if you are interested in sponsoring a table. Tickets for the general public go on sale March 1st and cost \$20. Table sponsors receive a free ticket to the event.

Please check out the Library's Website & Facebook Page for pictures of past *Festivals*.



Tea Time at the Library

Tea Time returned the first weekend in November and raised over \$300. Thanks to all who attended and to Vicki Goethals who presented the program on essential oils! Mark your calendars for the same weekend in 2016 (November 5).



Backyard Bliss from Festival 2012

Book Gifts to the Library

Our last newsletter reminded patrons of the opportunity to select a book to donate to the Library with a nameplate of their choice. These books were on display and are now available for checkout to cardholders. Thanks to the supporters below our book collection continues to grow!

Sharon Dahms donated two *Big Dog and Little Dog* books honoring her mother, Nancy Cooper, for reading to her as a child.

Kim & Dawn Deardorff honored their granddaughter, Layla, with *The Nonsense Show* by Eric Carle.

Deb Leak wants Wyatt, Cohen, and Colt to enjoy reading *The Turnip* by Jan Brett.

Bree & Mara Ludema send Christmas 2015 wishes with *Birnbaum's 2016 Walt Disney World*.

Levi & Cavin Ludema send Christmas 2015 wishes with *Dinosaur Dinners* by Lee Davis.

John & Heidi Reed honor grandchild, Laney, with *The Tea Party in the Woods* by Akiko Miyakashi and grandchild, Shea, with *Click, Clack, Ho! Ho! Ho!* by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin.

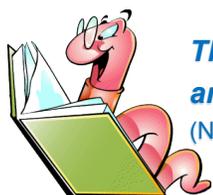


Patti's Picks

Book Recommendations by Patti Cooreman

Many of you may already know that I grew up in the Metro Detroit area during the 50s and 60s. I'm a fierce Detroit Tigers fan and some of my earliest memories of the Motor City include listening to Ernie Harwell give the play-by-play on WJR 760 featuring Al Kaline, Rocky Colivito and Norm Cash. Hockeytown memories go back to watching Gordie Howe score goals live at Olympia Stadium. We were proud to be a blue-color family as my Dad and brother worked in tool and die and maintenance for Chrysler in Hamtramck. Somewhere along the line my proud heritage city lost its appeal. We all know that story! But, just like David Maraniss, I, too, was watching commercials during the 2011 Super Bowl when flashes of Detroit came on the TV screen featuring the Joe Louis fist, smokestacks, abandoned factories, the Fox Theatre (where I saw *The Sound of Music* in 1965) and Eminem finished the 30-second message saying, "This is the Motor City. This is what we do." My heart skipped a beat and I was choked up. I longed for the old Detroit I once knew at that moment. It moved David Maraniss, an associate editor at *The Washington Post* and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist to go back to his roots as well and write about a time in Detroit's history when it was running on all engines. The result is the urban biography **Once in a Great City, A Detroit Story**, covering an eighteen-month moment in time from the fall of 1962 to the spring of 1964. I had tears running down my face as I read this book. It touched parts of me I had long forgotten and rekindled my love for Detroit I thought I lost long ago. I'm quite proud of Detroit's many recent accomplishments, particularly with the news that it is now operating in the black once again. One more note: I first met Santa Claus when he stopped at the world famous Ford Rotunda and my sister and I with big eyes and knocking knees, sat on his lap and quietly each asked for a dolly. I'm so glad David Maraniss wrote this wonderful book!

Have you had a chance to check out the many new items there are at the library? It's like Christmas morning! I have had a chance to read two of the latest novels, **Early Warning** by Jane Smiley which is the second of her 100-year trilogy, and **The Lake House** by Kate Morton. I recommend both as I am a fan of each author. I have also immensely enjoyed last year's Pulitzer Prize winner, **All the Light We Cannot See** by Anthony Doerr. WOW! What a read! It starts with Zero. As in Chapter Zero. I've never read a book that starts that way. Sure, there's Prologues, Introductions, or Author's Notes. But a Chapter Zero is a first in my book, and that should tell you something about what is to come. You won't be able to stop reading as the story takes you from Paris to Berlin and on to the walled city Saint-Malo during WWII and ending in 2014. You will become entwined in the lives of two young people, one growing up in Paris, the other in Berlin. One is blind by the age of six, the other a poor orphan. The inevitable meeting of these two is gripping. The descriptions, metaphors, and detail that make up this novel will impress you. It will give you much to think about such as coping with blindness when your city is being bombed, or trying to find the good in people when all you see is evil everywhere. **All the Light We Cannot See** is by far the best writing I have read since **The Thirteenth Tale** by Diane Setterfield.



The single most significant factor influencing a child's early educational success is an introduction to books and being read to at home prior to beginning school.

(National Commission on Reading) ioniaisd.org/dpil

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