

CHECK IT OUT!



Presented by the Friends of the Lake Odessa Community Library

January · February · March · April 2020

Old Storage Entry



Under Construction



New Friends Quiet Room

Our library can get quite noisy—that's a good thing! However, sometimes a quiet area is needed for work, tutoring, or a private conversation. Because of requests for such an area, the Library

Board decided to turn the back storage room into a quiet space. Construction on this space is almost complete. The Lakewood Area Lions Club donated \$300 toward the project as they use library space for testing children's eyesight.



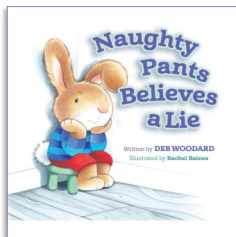
A quiet place to study.

The Friends of the Library provided the balance of over \$5,000 to complete the remodel and additional funds to equip the room. If you are interested in using the *Friends Quiet Room*, please see a staff member at the circulation desk. Reservations are accepted and encouraged.

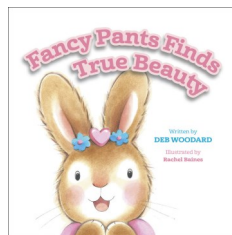
18th Annual Festival of Tables: The Power of Story

On April 25th, the Friends will host the 18th Annual Festival of Tables at St. Edward's Family Center. Table sponsors are needed. A table sponsor decorates a table to the theme of their choice and sells the table seats at their table. Monetary sponsors to cover site rental, food, and program costs are also welcomed. Sponsors can begin signup anytime. Please call the Library or email the Friends (lakeofriends@gmail.com).

Open seating tickets go on sale March 10. You may call the Library at anytime and reserve a ticket.



Our program features Deb Woodard—author, speaker, and storyteller. Deb Woodard, has been animating stories for over thirty years. She believes in the power of the written word and the ability of books to ignite readers' imaginations. Deb is enthusiastic, dynamic, and uses words to paint her stories to readers and listeners. Her stories and performances are described as powerful, captivating, adorable, and humorous. Her children's books will be on sale after the event.



The Friends will also draw raffle winners at Festival. Raffle tickets go on sale from Friends Board Members for \$1 each on January 28th. Raffle prizes include a queen-sized quilt (donated by Patti Cooreman), Capture Photography mini-photo session, and Carl's Market gift certificate [Michigan gaming license # R56369]. Need not be present to win raffle items.

Automatic Renewal Extended to Non-Residents!

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:

Tuesday & Wednesday

April 14 & 15

(Rural Library Conference)

Contact Us:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January — “Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary.” Jim Rohn

Tuesdays	11:30 a.m.—12:15 p.m.	Tai Chi with Ionia County Commission on Aging
Tuesdays	1:00—3:00 p.m.	Knitting Group: Needles & Hooks with Naomi Wilson
Wednesdays	10:30 a.m.	Family Storytime (Ideal for Ages 2-5)
Thursdays	10:30 a.m.	Family Storytime (Ideal for Ages 2-5)
Saturdays	9:00 a.m.	Yoga with Linda (donations accepted)
January 14	6:00 p.m.	“An Open Book” Non-Fiction, Real-Life Events Book Club
January 16	1:00 p.m.	Home School Group: Celebrating Our National Parks
January 23	2:00 p.m.	Inspirational Book Discussion
January 28	3:00—6:00 p.m.*	Special Plate Craft (pre-register by 1/25; *start anytime during hours indicated)
January 30	3:30—5:30 p.m.	Mr. Mike’s STEM Program: Exploration “WOW” (Ages 11-16)

February — “The more you read, the more things you will know.” Dr. Seuss

Tuesdays	11:30 a.m.—12:15 p.m.	Tai Chi with Ionia County Commission on Aging
Tuesdays	1:00—3:00 p.m.	Knitting Group: Needles & Hooks with Naomi Wilson
Wednesdays	10:30 a.m.	Family Storytime (Ideal for Ages 2-5)
Thursdays	10:30 a.m.	Family Storytime (Ideal for Ages 2-5)
Saturdays	9:00 a.m.	Yoga with Linda (donations accepted)
February 6	4:00 p.m.	Donut Party (Round/Circle Games for Ages 5-11)
February 11	6:00 p.m.	“An Open Book” Non-Fiction, Real-Life Events Book Club
February 13	4:00 p.m.	Spoon-Mania (Ages 11-18)
February 20	1:00 p.m.	Home School Group: Celebrating Our National Parks
February 27	2:00 p.m.	Inspirational Book Discussion
February 27	3:30—5:30 p.m.	Mr. Mike’s STEM Program (Ages 11-16)

March — “Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.” Margaret Fuller

Tuesdays	11:30 a.m.—12:15 p.m.	Tai Chi with Ionia County Commission on Aging
Tuesdays	1:00—3:00 p.m.	Knitting Group: Needles & Hooks with Naomi Wilson
Wednesdays	10:30 a.m.	Family Storytime (Ideal for Ages 2-5)
Thursdays	10:30 a.m.	Family Storytime (Ideal for Ages 2-5)
Saturdays	9:00 a.m.	Yoga with Linda (donations accepted)
March 10	6:00 p.m.	“An Open Book” Non-Fiction, Real-Life Events Book Club
March 19	1:00 p.m.	Home School Group: Celebrating Our National Parks
March 24	6:00 p.m.	Author Talks: Ann MacKenzie, “From Scarlet to Snow”
March 26	2:00 p.m.	Inspirational Book Discussion
March 26	3:30—5:30 p.m.	Mr. Mike’s STEM Program: Batty for Bats! (Ages 11-16)

April — “There is more treasure in books than in all the pirates’ loot on Treasure Island.” Walt Disney

Tuesdays	1:00—3:00 p.m.	Knitting Group: Needles & Hooks with Naomi Wilson
Wednesdays	10:30 a.m.	Family Storytime (Ideal for Ages 2-5)
Thursdays	10:30 a.m.	Family Storytime (Ideal for Ages 2-5)
Saturdays	9:00 a.m.	Yoga with Linda (donations accepted)
April 8	10:30 a.m.	Special Family Storytime: Bunny Brunch
April 14	Library Closed	Rural Library Conference
April 15	Library Closed	Rural Library Conference
April 16	1:00 p.m.	Home School Group: Celebrating Our National Parks
April 23	2:00 p.m.	Inspirational Book Discussion
April 23	3:30—5:30 p.m.	Mr. Mike’s STEM Program: Catapults! Catapults! Catapults! (Ages 11-16)
April 25	11:00 a.m.—1 p.m.	18th Annual Festival of Tables (St. Edwards Family Center)

Check out the Library’s Facebook page and website for additional programming!

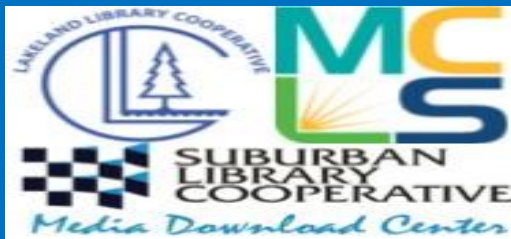
Our Digital Selection is bigger than you think!

The Lakeland Library Cooperative, the Midwest Collaborative for Library Services, and the Suburban Library Cooperative have partnered to share their Overdrive collections. Meaning more e-books and audiobooks for you!

To access the shared Overdrive collection, follow the steps below.

Find collections on the Overdrive website:

From lakeland.overdrive.com, click on the “Partner Libraries” tab near the top right corner and take your pick from Midwest Collaborative for Library Services, or Suburban Library Cooperative.



Add a library on the Libby App:

1. Tap the Libby menu icon in the top right corner.
2. Tap the “Add a Library” option from the menu.
3. Search for Midwest Collaborative or Suburban Library Cooperative.
4. Browse the library collection and choose a title you want to check out.
5. If prompted, enter your library card number.
6. Enjoy your e-book or audiobook.

No Worries, It's Renewed!

Starting January 1, 2020, auto-renewal is now for **all** patrons (residents of Odessa township as well as non-residents) and the ability to renew online. Please remember auto-renewal does not apply for DVDs, mobile hotspots, Ozobots, magazines, and digital content. Books will automatically be renewed for an additional three weeks from the original due date. This new feature allows two automatic renewals. Reminder notices will be sent three days before items are due.

A Healthy Resolution for 2020

Find the time to read, it can add years to your life! Researchers from Yale School of Public Health found that people who read 30 minutes a day over several years lived an average of two years longer than people who did not read at all.

Friends of the Library

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Contact the Friends at:
lakeofriends@gmail.com

Meets: 1/14, 02/11, 03/03, & 04/02
@ 3 p.m. in the Library Meeting Rooms.
Everyone welcome.

Board of Trustees

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Meets: 01/22, 02/19, 03/25, & 04/22
@ 7 p.m. in the Library Meeting Rooms.
Public is welcome.

Return This Form to Become a Friend Today!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip Code: _____

Please Check One:

Good Friend
(\$10 Annual Fee)

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(\$100 Onetime Fee)

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

Lake Odessa Community Library Staff Members:

**Jennifer Salgat, Library Director; Deb Morrison; Julie Stahl; Kecia Dillon;
Mike Forton; & Allison Fenlong. Student Assistants: Lauren Haag;
Jaqulyn Daniels; & Savannah Stoepker.**

The Library is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Friends of the Lake Odessa Community Library

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Lake Odessa, MI 48849

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Patti's Winter Picks

Book Recommendations by Patti Cooreman & Friends



Careful What You Wish For by Hallie Ephron is about a professional organizer who helps people declutter their lives. Her name is Emily Harlow. She's married to Frank, a lawyer with a hobby of attending yard sales and collecting finds that verges on hoarding! Emily has two clients, Mrs. Murphy who wants Emily to clear out a storage unit her late husband had rented out. The unit is full of old books, maps, and memorabilia but due to the failure of the storage unit's climate control, the items could be damaged beyond repair. The second client, is Quinn Newell. She wants Emily to clear out her garage. Sounds pretty straight forward, right? Well, it's not! Thanks to a bit of girl-chat about disgruntled marriages, fueled by one too many glasses of Prosecco and not trusting ones instincts, Emily keeps on getting in deeper and deeper in a mess. Soon she finds herself a possible suspect in a coverup of a murder. I enjoyed this book mostly because I empathize with Emily. I am married to a man who can't drive past a yard sale without stopping, and I like a good mystery.

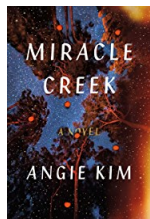
Mary Flannery recommends **Shamed** by Linda Castillo, a well-written, stand alone book that is easy to read. Prepare to be hooked right away if you like suspenseful fiction. **Shamed**, the eleventh Kate Burkholder novel, opens with the murder of a well-respected Amish grandmother and the kidnapping of her 7-year-old granddaughter. Kate who is the chief of police in peaceful Painters Mill, Ohio, directs the investigation of her team into this brutal murder and kidnapping. As the investigation gets deeper into the crime, Kate and her team dig up the past of a tortured Amish family. Chief Burkholder, who herself is a former Amish member, knows both the inter-workings of the Amish and the English. Award-winning author Castillo is known for her accurate portrayal of the Amish and small town police procedure.



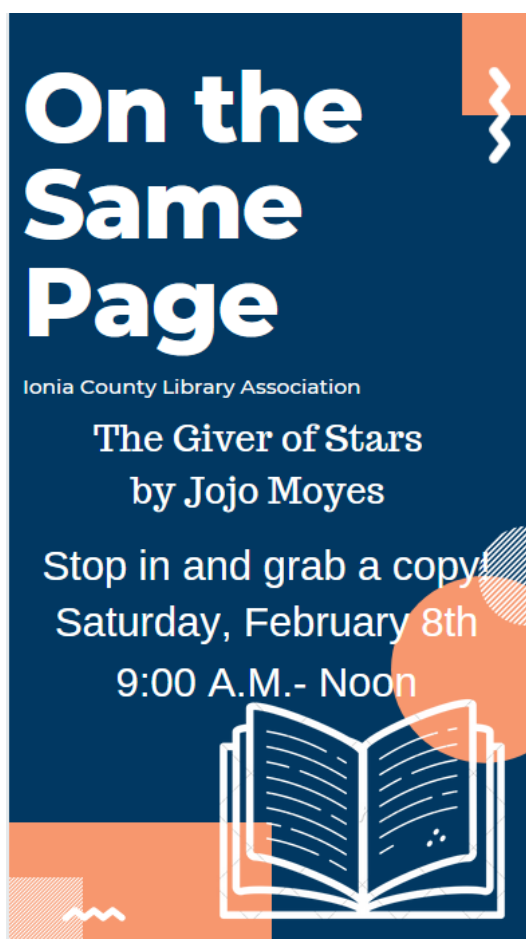
Recommendations from Libby Kinsey: The first is **Nanaville** by Anna Quindlen: Here's my raw honest truth. The recent country music documentary series on PBS took a toll on my husband Jim, moving him to tears and leaving him somewhat melancholy. **Nanaville** by Anna Quindlen did the same for me! Grandparenting has been one of the "grandest" experiences of my life. Quindlen is just beginning that journey. Her insights, humor, self-scolding, absolute delight and personal growth speak to me as my heavily-highlighted e-book copy proves. This is MY story (except for the parts that are uniquely hers, of course). Quindlen has such a way with words and metaphors! Being a grandparent is wonderful because there aren't all the expectations, no parent performance demands in order to raise children to be good people (Job well done, by the way Libby!). On the downside, there's the humbling reality of not being in the lead or even in supporting roles of raising children; we're more like those minor credits mentioned at the end of the movie. We're not the main course, nor even side dishes. We're DESSERT! Now dessert isn't really necessary, but who doesn't love it? Stepping back to watch your kids as they parent, being in awe at how well they do. Boy, can I relate! By the end of the book, Anna Quindlen is preparing to welcome her second grandchild, a girl, into the family, and she knows experience number two will not be the same as number one, but every bit as amazing.



Miracle Creek by Angie Kim is also recommended by Libby as one she could not stop reading. What an amazing story about the lengths some might go to move their kids toward normalcy, to heal what is broken, the stories we tell that are far from the truth, but can be made to sound like the Gospel, the length we will go to protect those we love, and the intricacies and challenges of every day living with children who have special needs. This is a court case, a trial of a mother accused of causing her son's death and the death of another mother by lighting a fire. This page-turner is told in several voices through the four-day trial. Pak, Young, and Mary are the Korean family who ran the facility and who stand to gain 1.3 million dollars in insurance money. Matt and Janine are a couple who suffered great personal loss in the fire, and their already rocky marriage spirals even faster when painful truths are revealed. Then there's Elizabeth, the one on trial for murder, the model aggressive mother and advocate whose young Henry paid the ultimate price, his life. Did she really say she wished he were dead and that no one liked him? Is she the only single mother of a special-needs child who has ever lamented her fate or stooped in frustration to shameful behavior? Okay, certainly not mother-of-the-year material, BUT DID SHE SET THE FIRE? Who else might have had motive and opportunity? How will this mystery unravel, and how many lives will be ruined before the full truth is uncovered? Oh, WOW. Just, OH, WOW!!! Best book in awhile. I think it's a perfect book club find, so much fodder for conversation AND riveting to boot!



IONIA COUNTYWIDE BOOK READ



The 2020 choice for On the Same Page in Ionia County is ***The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes.**

Each of the six Ionia County libraries will have multiple copies available for patrons to take home and enjoy (and keep or pass on to friends and family).

Watch for correlating programs on Lake Odessa Community Library's Facebook page and website.

Below is a review of this book done by Friends of the Library Director, Patti Cooreman.

The Giver of Stars is set in the mountains of rural Kentucky and is based on Eleanor Roosevelt's Pack Horse Library Initiative, a bookmobile of sorts that was designed to aid women and children in the hard hit coal country during the Great Depression. The Packhorse Librarians of Kentucky were real people, and their stories are riveting. JoJo Moyes has woven an extraordinary historical fiction account of five women as close to nonfiction as can be to help us become familiar with and appreciate their contributions. We are first introduced to Alice Wright, a new bride from England, whose husband and father-in-law run one of the coal mines. Alice felt suffocated by her British family and quickly realized she would fare no better in rural Kentucky being newly married to a man who actually loves someone else and a clueless overbearing father-in-law. Without support, she volunteers during the first call for a traveling librarian. She meets and soon has an ally in the leader of the pack, Margery, a single, self-sufficient and smart woman who has never asked a man's permission for anything. Margery and Alice along with three other heroic women face unforgettable challenges of loyalty, dangers, compassion while refusing to be intimidated by men or protocol. The landscape is written in full technicolor. Both beautiful and utterly frightening. Despite everything, these women never disappoint because they are 100% committed to bringing people books that will change their lives. I laughed and I cried all throughout my Kentucky journey, as I know you will as well.