

Rawson Memorial

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Library

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ART VIEW '22

Month-long art show featuring local artists!

February 2022



Rawson Memorial Library is excited to present 'Art View 2022' in February, an entire month devoted to art. The library will become a showcase of various art projects created by local artists. Projects such as paintings, sculptures, drawings, photography, and more will be displayed throughout the entire month. Stop in the library during regular business hours to enjoy the beautiful artwork.

Scottie Russell, who is the owner of the Community Art & Activity Center in Cass City, is hosting a fantasy painting class on Saturday, February 26, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. This class will teach the fantasy painting technique, which is painting with more than one color on your brush. Participants will then be able to paint their own design on a ceramic egg nest (an oval-shaped birdhouse approximately 9" h x 6" w). There is still time to sign up for this class, but hurry—deadline is February 5th! Registration can be done at the circulation desk or online at www.rawsonlibrary.org.

The winners will be announced February 25.

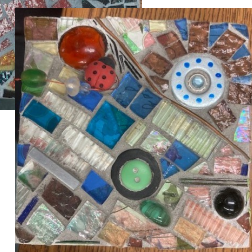
We'd love to see you for any or all these events, but especially make time to come in and simply enjoy the talent and creativity that so many of our Cass City residents have to offer!

During the month, we also have two art classes scheduled at the library.

Local artist, Mimi Nicol, is hosting a mosaics class on Saturday, February 12, from 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. This class will teach participants how to create a design on a tile with broken glass, then finish it with grout.

Also for Art View 2022, we are hosting a Tiny Art Challenge. Masterpieces 4" x 4" x 4" or smaller have been submitted and will be displayed in our showcase. Come

Art Class - Fantasy Painting



Art Class—
Mosaics

SMART START STORYTIMES



Your partner in education

Story Times are right around the corner! Join us as we read stories based on the theme:

Dinosaurs

Thursday mornings in April
10:00 —10:45 a.m.

Ages 2.5—5 welcome

Rawson Library's Smart Start Story Times teach creative expression, social skills, listening comprehension, and the foundations of reading through letter and number recognition and vocabulary building.

Sign your children up for this class at the circulation desk or on our website under the events tab. Limited space is available for this class.

Welcome Our Newest Staff Member



Mackenzie Woodall is the daughter of April & Jeremy, who is an Assistant Pastor at Cass City Missionary Church. She is the oldest of 5, with 3 younger brothers and 1 younger sister, and has lived in the Michigan thumb region her entire life.

Mackenzie is currently a sophomore at Deford Christian Academy where her favorite subjects include math and creative writing/poetry. Her hobbies include music (playing the guitar), volleyball, and of course, reading!

So far, Mackenzie thinks the library is a "nice, quiet place to work." She will be a second library page here at Rawson, working mostly evenings and weekends. When you see her at the desk, make sure to say hello!

What if?

What if you are in a serious car accident? How would first responders know who to contact? What if you are placed on 'life support'? Would your family know your wishes, and who would make medical decisions on your behalf?

Most people are unprepared for how to react to such traumatic situations. For simple tips on how to be prepared for unforeseen crises related to emergency medical care, you are invited to this free presentation by Kim Strunz, a local resident, who will share her experiences while serving as a hospital chaplain in the midst of Covid at a 400-bed Level 1 Trauma Center. The event is Wednesday, February 9 at 1:30 pm. Please call the library to reserve a seat before February 7.

GAME NIGHTS

Rawson Library invites you to join us for a fun night out! Light refreshments and snacks will be provided. Register by calling, stopping in or online (events tab). For ages 17+

DICE GAMES

Monday, February 28, 2022

5:45—7:30 p.m.

Play different dice games including: Liar's Dice, Farkle, Yahtzee, and Fill or Bust.

Please register by February 19th

TRIVIA NIGHT

Monday, March 28, 2022

5:45-7:30 p.m.

Calling all trivia fans! We will be hosting a trivia night.

Please register by March 19th
Teams limited to 10 people or less.

PLANNING AND PLANTING YOUR SEED GARDEN & SEED LIBRARY KICKOFF! Wednesday, March 30, 1 p.m.



Save the date for this fun event!

On Wednesday, March 30, 1 pm join us for our Seed Library Kickoff!

Our kickoff event features Bevin (Ben) Cohen, author, herbalist, seed saver. He is the owner of Small House Farm and the founder of Michigan Seed Library, a community seed sharing initiative that has worked to establish over 100 seed library programs in Michigan. Bevin offers workshops and lectures across the country on the benefits of living closer to the land through seeds, herbs, and locally grown food. He is a freelance writer whose work has appeared in numerous publications including *Mother Earth News*, *Hobby Farms Magazine*, and *The Baker Creek Heirloom Seed Company Catalog*. He is the author of four books, including *Saving Our Seeds*, *The Artisan Herbalist* and his highly anticipated new book, *The Complete Guide to Seed & Nut Oils*.

From maintaining biodiversity to ensuring future food security, the ancient practice of seed saving is just as valuable today. But to save a seed, you need to plant a seed!

In this lively, engaging session, we'll learn the practice of seed saving from planting through the harvest of good, clean food. With this boost of extra planning, you'll have a garden that provides a bountiful harvest of both produce and seeds. Whether you collect seeds from a variety of veggies or only a select few, you're sure to find satisfaction in being an active member of the seed-saving and seed-sharing community!

Bevin will explain seed sharing and collecting plus answer questions about gardening. Door prizes for the event include copies of his books plus other gardening goodies. Mark your calendar and plan to join us for this exciting start of our Seed Library.



BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK



During the entire month of February, you can head to Rawson Memorial Library and have a mysterious match up.

If you are up for a rendezvous, all you have to do is check out one of the books on display. They are all wrapped in paper, so you won't know the identity of your blind date until you get it home.

Sure, you might be disappointed but then again... you may end up having a great time with something you would otherwise never have ventured to read.

Inside the cover of each book is a "Rate Your Blind Date" slip. With each COMPLETED slip that you return, you will be entered into a drawing.

One lucky winner will earn dinner for two at Common Grounds. Stop by Rawson Memorial Library between February 3 and 29. You might get lucky; if not in love then perhaps in literature!



Egg Coloring

Rawson Library will be hosting an egg coloring event for all ages.

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 6pm-7:30pm

Please register by Saturday, April 9. Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

BOOK PLAYOFFS

Join in the fun of book playoffs in March! Every Monday through Friday, a vote will be held between two adult fiction books. Each day, one book will be eliminated and one will move on to the next round.

Voting for the first rounds begin on March 7. Ballots to vote will be available at the circulation desk, so be sure to stop in to cast your vote for your favorite book. At the end of each day, all ballots will be tallied and the winning titles will advance to the next round. The champion of the playoffs will earn a book seal to honor it as the 'winner of the adult fiction book playoffs 2022, voted by patrons of Rawson Library'.

SPICE OF THE MONTH 2022 AT RAWSON

Interested in experimenting with new flavors or finding new ways to use old flavors? For the year of 2022, we will be featuring a new spice each month in a take home kit. Kits will include information on the featured spice, two recipes to try and enough of the spice for the two provided recipes.

Kits will be available the first Monday of each month while supplies last. After using the featured spice, please share with us thoughts or photos via our Library Facebook page or email.

•February: Cinnamon

•March: Ginger

•April: Turmeric

MEMORIALS

To honor the memory of a friend or loved one is to extend the influence of that individual beyond his or her lifetime. At Rawson Memorial Library that influence can be accomplished by a donation to the book fund. If you wish, you may select a subject area based on your memory of the individual to be honored. We will purchase the book, placing in it a special book plate honoring them and identifying you as the donor. The library will notify the family of your gift.

In 2021 the following people were honored by memorials from family and friends:

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| *Gloria Bartnik | *Trent Milligan |
| *Tamara Bliss | *Dallas Nichols |
| *Lorraine Brooks | *Helen Peters |
| *Ann Craig | *Deanna Pickett |
| *Dixie Crosby | *Irene Picklo |
| *Craig Feebish | *LaVern Rutkoski |
| *Bonnie Hill | *Clare A. Schuette |
| *William Kolakowski | *Lois Sugden |
| *Cheryl Lester | *William (Bill) Tuckey |
| *Eva M. Lomerson | *Allen Witherspoon |
| *Karen (Osentoski) McIntosh | *Marilyn Young |

SEED LENDING LIBRARY

A new seed lending library collection will soon be available for patrons at Rawson.

What is a seed library? Basically, a seed library is just how it sounds - it loans seeds to gardeners. Gardeners borrow seeds at planting time and at the end of the season, they save seeds from the plants and return some to the library.

What if they don't return any seeds? That's OK! There is no pressure to return any seeds. We just ask that you enjoy the growing experience and return seeds if you are successful. If you want to learn about the seed saving process the library has resources available to share.

The seed library is starting with donations from these generous seed companies - Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds, Nature & Nurture Seeds, High Mowing Organic Seeds, Harris Seeds, Burpee and Seed Savers Exchange. The library has also purchased seeds. If you would like to donate seeds, whether saved or purchased, the library will gladly accept them. We are striving to maintain open pollinated and heirloom varieties in the collection.

There are many reasons to save seeds. Saving seeds provides food security, protects biodiversity, adapts plants to the local climate and conserves genetic material.

Thanks to Bevin (Ben) Cohen, a self-proclaimed seed enthusiast, author and founder of the Michigan Seed Library Network, Michigan now has over 100 seed libraries. Ben has graciously agreed to help Rawson Library launch its new seed lending library on Wednesday, March 30 at 1:00 p.m. with an exciting seed saving program - we hope to make you a seed enthusiast too!



Coming soon!
Seed Lending Library

Upcoming Events

RAWSON MEMORIAL DISTRICT LIBRARY

February

- 1-28 Art Show during library hours
- 4 Friends of the Library Mtg, 10:00 a.m.
- 7 Color Me Calm, 6 p.m.
- 10 Lego Club, 3:15 - 4:30 p.m.
- 12 Mosaics Class with Mimi, 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
- 15 Library Board Mtg, 9:00 a.m.
- 22 Lego Club, 3:15 - 4:30 p.m.
- 24 Ravenous Readers, 12:00 p.m.
- 26 Fantasy Painting with Scottie, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 28 Game Night— Dice Games, 5:45 p.m.

March

- 4 Friends of the Library Mtg, 10:00 a.m.
- 8 Lego Club, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
- 15 Library Board Mtg, 9:00 a.m.
- 24 Ravenous Readers, 12:00 p.m.
- Lego Club, 3:15 - 4:30 p.m.
- 28 Game Night—Trivia, 5:45 p.m.
- 30 Seed Saving Program, 1:00 p.m.

April

- 7, 14, 21, & 28 Storytimes, 10:00 a.m.
- 5 Lego Club, 3:15- 4:30 p.m.
- 15 Library Closed 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- 19 Library Board Mtg, 9:00 a.m.
- 21 Lego Club, 3:15 - 4:30 p.m.
- 28 Ravenous Readers, 12:00 p.m.

Library Services

Copies & Scanning up to 11x17

Notary

eBooks & eAudiobooks

Inter Library Loan—www.mel.org

Fax—Send or Receive

Meeting Room

Study Rooms

Home Delivery

Wireless Printing

DVD & CD Cleaning

Computer Work Stations

Lamination

Library Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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February is Art Month!

Month-long art show in February!

We look forward to your visit!

Please come view the art on display all month during normal

library hours.