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NEWS & EVENTS

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Author Coming to Rawson Memorial District Library

Join author Helen Bigelow at Rawson Memorial District Library on Wednesday, February 8, 4-5:30 pm, as she discusses her book, *Our Heroes Next Door: World War II Memories Revealed by Veterans*. Helen is a retired school teacher and counselor from North Branch, Michigan. Her first book, *Coffee Grounds and Potato-Peeling Pancakes*, included interviews and stories from survivors of the Holocaust.

Our Heroes Next Door is a collection of true memories and stories from veterans of World War II. The book includes tales of the struggle and sacrifices they made to preserve freedom back at home. Helen will discuss the individuals she interviewed for the book and share photos and other details of their stories. Light refreshments will be served at this free event.

NEW! Career and College Resources

In case you haven't noticed, we've added some new resources to the library's website. With the assistance of Joan Helwig, a lifelong community member and former school counselor, we now have a **Career and College Resources** section on our website. This section includes a variety of online resources focusing on the areas of: Career and College Information, High School Course Planning, Paying for College, Scholarship Information, Homework Help, and Job Search.

If you're a parent/guardian or a grandparent of a teenager, a junior high or high school student, or an adult looking for information about careers and college, we encourage you to check out these informative and up-to-date resources. In addition to making these online resources available, we plan to offer a variety of free and low-cost career and college focused events and programs throughout the year.

In order to provide programs and services that address the needs of our community, we would like to receive your input on a short survey. A link to the survey can be found [HERE](#) (if you receive the newsletter electronically) and on the main page of the website. A paper copy is included in this newsletter and at the library. Please complete and/or return the survey by **March 1**, so we can start planning.

As always, we value your input and look forward to expanding the library services.



That All May Read

The **Braille and Talking Book Library (BTBL)** service is available to anyone with a visual, physical or reading disability that makes reading standard print uncomfortable. Do you or someone you know read large print books, but even the larger font has started to prove difficult? Do you or someone you know

suffer from tremors or Parkinson's? Do you or someone you know utilize a mobility aid? Did you or someone you know recently have a stroke or debilitating health event? If so, visit www.michigan.gov/btbl to gain free access to more than 100,000 books in audio and braille, delivered to your door or by download. Fill out an application at the website, or call 1-800-992-9012 for more information.



Jesika Struve Begins a New Chapter

Sometimes opportunities come along that one can't pass up and that's what happened to Jesika. In December she was offered a position in her field of study, one that she always hoped to pursue. So we regretfully say good bye to Jesika who served for 13 years as our Special Programming Librarian and, later, as Assistant Director. We thank her for all of her creative energy, fun children's programming, and inspiring book talks. We wish her well in all her future endeavors, and hope to see her often at the library.

Seed Library

NEW!

Seed of the Month!

Hello gardeners,

Did you know that January was Basil month at the Rawson Seed Library?

The seed library is starting something new this year—Seed of the Month. Each month the seed library will highlight a different open pollinated seed. There will be seed packets and information



available for you to grow and save seeds to help maintain our seed library.

In January the seed 'Genovese Basil' was highlighted. February will bring us an annual poppy, March will highlight lettuce and April will be a fun surprise that is sure to pop! Can you guess what it might be?

Please stop in at the library to check out the seed selection and many books the library has on gardening and seed saving. We hope this inspires you to plan your seed garden. Happy gardening!

Historical Society

Showing the

2014 Elkland Cemetery Walk

Monday, February 13 at 2:00 p.m.

Featuring:

Arthur Holmberg.....Dave McArthur

Frederick Klump.....Tom Montgomery

Lucy Lee.....Barb Graff

Jacob Maier.....Dennis Meck

Dr. F.L. Morris.....Eric Brown

Elizabeth Pinney.....Cindy Carr

Helen Stevens.....Dotty Scollon

Milo Warner.....David Boots

Lucile Bauer.....Michelle Leeson

MeL Has Resources for Children Too!



Michigan eLibrary
Supporting Michigan Libraries

In this edition, we are focusing on MeL's eResource, *PebbleGo* by Capstone—a great resource for children Pre-K to 3rd grade. This free database offers children non-fiction, user-friendly articles that can be used for individual use or school research. This database also supports early readers by providing read-along audio and definitions for highlighted words. Each article is conveniently broken down in 5 separate slides with plenty of colorful pictures.

All articles available in this database are found under two main categories: Animals & Social Studies. Under the Animals category, children can easily navigate and open articles about all

sorts of different animals grouped under each of their classifications (reptile, mammal, fish, etc.) or browse subcategories such as animal behavior, habitats, dinosaurs and more. Under the Social Studies category, children can find articles on topics such as money, being a good citizen, holidays, jobs in the community and more (including facts on all 50 states). Subject areas outlined by the Michigan Academic Standards for K-2nd grade are all found under the Social Studies category on this database. With over 500 articles on different animals and over 350 articles under the Social Studies category, most will be able to

easily find what they are looking for.

How do you begin using *PebbleGo*? Connect to MeL through our website, open up the eResources tab, click on *PebbleGo*, and create a username and password to start the fun. It is also worthwhile to note that you can find a great variety of games to enjoy. Also, for each article there is an activity sheet available to download, a video to watch, and other suggested articles. This database is a must for teachers, families with young children, and anyone wanting to enhance any child's learning experience!

Pam Wright, Assistant Library Director

A New Year, A New Look

The Rawson Library Board recently decided that it is time to spruce up the library with an interior update. Our facility was last renovated in 1997 and has weathered time well, but daily use and wear and tear has begun to show. We are working with Library Design Associates, a company with over 40 years of experience specializing in libraries, to redecorate the library. The Board voted to use funds from our savings to have the building painted, carpeted, and a few modifications made to the layout. One such modification is to move the

children’s area away from the busy area by the main doors to the area that currently houses the adult non-fiction, magazines, and large print books. The adult materials will be moved to the south side of the building, and the Young Adult area will be located near the new children’s area. Updates will also be made to the staff work area. It’s all very exciting and will take place in 2023. It is our goal to keep library services as normal as possible during this time, but we know that there will be some disruption. We will keep you posted when any necessary adjustments must be made, and when it’s all done we’ll have a big celebration!

Library Services—How can we help?

Copies & Scanning up to 11x17	Home Delivery
Notary	Wireless Printing
eBooks & eAudiobooks	DVD & CD Cleaning
Inter Library Loan	Computer Work Stations
Wi-Fi	Lamination
Fax—Send or Receive	Hotspots & Laptops
Meeting Room	Seed Library
Study Rooms	

CASS CITY LITERACY COUNCIL

Available services for all ages:

- English as a second language (ESL)
 - Tutoring in reading and math
 - GED Prep
- High School Credit Recovery Assistance
 - Head Start literacy bags
- Reading assistance for those with learning issues, including dyslexia.

**For those who would like to tutor or be tutored, please contact the library or visit our website to fill out a form!*

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 the Charmont. Stop by Rawson Memorial Library between February 3 and 28. You might get lucky; if not in love then perhaps in literature!

Clubs & Activities @ Rawson

Please check the calendar of events on the website or follow us on Facebook for the most up-to-date information.

Lego Club

3:15pm-4:30pm.

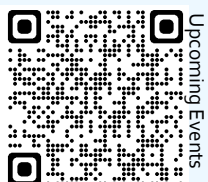
Meets twice a month.

All ages are welcome; 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Chess Club

3:15pm-4:30pm.

Meets on the third Tuesday of each month. Chess sets provided. All ages are welcome; 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult. No experience needed.



Upcoming Events

Ravenous Readers

Book Club

February 22

The Reading List by Sara Nisha Adams

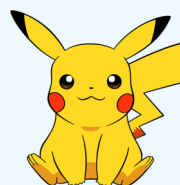
March 22

The Night Shift by Alex Finlay

April 26

A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini

Meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month. If you are interested in joining this group, stop by the circulation desk or call the library at 872-2856 and ask for Danielle.



Pokémon Club

3:15pm-4:30pm.

Meets on the first Wednesday of each month. All ages are welcome; 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Learn how to play the card game, battle each other, build your own Pokémon deck, trade cards, or show off your collection.

Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY

- 1 Pokémon Club, 3:15 p.m.
- 3 Friends of the Library Mtg, 10:00 a.m.
- 7 & 23 Lego Club, 3:15 p.m.
- 8 Author Helen Bigelow, 4:00 p.m.
- 13 Historical Society program, 2:00 p.m.
- 18 Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
- 21 Library Board Mtg, 9:00 a.m.
- Chess Club, 3:15 p.m.
- 22 Ravenous Readers Book Club, 12:00 p.m.

MARCH

- 1 Pokémon Club, 3:15 p.m.
- 3 Friends of the Library Mtg, 10:00 a.m.
- 14 & 30 Lego Club, 3:15 p.m.
- 18 Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
- 21 Library Board Mtg, 9:00 a.m.
- Chess Club, 3:15 p.m.
- 22 Ravenous Readers Book Club, 12:00 p.m.

APRIL

- 5 Pokémon Club, 3:15 p.m.
- 7 Friends of the Library Mtg, 10:00 a.m.
- Library closing from noon-3:00 p.m.
- 11 & 27 Lego Club, 3:15 p.m.
- 15 Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
- 18 Library Board Mtg, 9:00 a.m.
- Chess Club, 3:15 p.m.
- 26 Ravenous Readers Book Club, 12:00 p.m.



We'll see you soon at the library!



March is Reading Month
 During the month of March,
 Rawson Library invites you to join the
 Iditaroad Challenge and follow the Iditarod race.

AT THE LIBRARY
2023
BINGO WITH THE FRIENDS
SATURDAYS
 Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 18, April 15, May 13, June 17, July 15, Aug. 19, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18
 Doors Open 12:00 Games Start 12:30

Author visit with Helen Bigelow
 Wednesday, February 8
 at 4:00 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday | 9 a.m.—8 p.m.
 Tuesday, Thursday | 9 a.m.—5:30 p.m.
 Saturday | 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

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