Preschool—6th Grade
Young patrons from preschool through 6th grade, are invited to join us at the library this summer for the 2022 Summer Reading Program, “Ocean of Possibilities”. Registration begins on June 13th from 10 a.m. until noon with a sign up party. This fun underwater-themed sign up event will include a craft, a snack and other fun activities. You won’t want to miss the fun, but if you are unable to attend, registration will continue at the circulation desk. Upon enrolling, each participant will receive a book bag, bookmark, and rules for participating. They will also receive a Read ‘N Bead page with a registration sheet that will be turned in when each reader comes in to pick up their first prize.

A calendar of events will be distributed at registration, but some highlights are:
• Story Times for children are set for 1:30 p.m., Thursdays - June 16, June 23, July 7 and July 14th.
• Movie Mondays will be held at 1:30 p.m. on June 20th and July 18th. Popcorn and drinks will be served. A flyer with films and dates will be distributed at registration.

Join us for an afternoon of magical fun with a performance by the world-renowned Reed Sisters on Monday, July 11th at 1:00 p.m.

All participants are invited to join us as we wrap up our summer reading program with a celebration at the park. This picnic will be held at the Cass City Recreational Park on July 21st.

Teens
7th through 12th graders are invited to participate in “Oceans of Possibilities” our teen summer reading program. For every two hours you read you’ll be entered to win one of three $25 Amazon Gift Cards. Teen Time is scheduled for Tuesdays June 14, 21, 28 and July 5, 12, 19 from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Enjoy snacks, games, and crafts with your friends! It’s all free! Every time you attend you get to add your name into the drawing for the Amazon Gift Cards. The summer is full of fun possibilities! Sign ups begin Monday, June 13.

Adults
Each adult will take a bookmark and for every four hours read, you will be able to fill in a whale. Each whale will earn you an entry into a prize of your choice. The more bookmarks you complete, the more entries you will have. There will also be bonus ways to earn entries by completing different challenges. There will be six different prizes to choose from. Sign ups begin Monday, June 13th. Hope to see you there!
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**The Great Book Character Hunt**

Children’s Book Week is the annual celebration of children’s books and reading. Established in 1919, it is the longest-running national literacy initiative in the country. In honor of Children’s Book Week on May 2nd—8th, come join us at the library for The Great Book Character Hunt!

Hidden around inside Rawson Library are 10 pictures of book characters. Find each one, write their name on the entry form (these can be found at the circulation desk), and turn it in to a librarian. Correct guesses will win a small prize!

*All pictures can be found IN the library, in places accessible to everyone while the library is open (not in the bathrooms, Pinney room, study rooms etc.).

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**Knights of the Square Table Chess Club**

Starting Tuesday, September 20th Rawson Library will be hosting a chess club.

It will be held the third Tuesday of every month from 3:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Rawson Library will provide the chess sets.

Anyone is welcome.

No experience needed!

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**The Seed Library is open and ready to grow!** There are over 2,500 packets of free seeds waiting for you—including the ‘One Seed One State’ 2022 choice of National Pickling Cucumber donated by the Michigan Seed Library.

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**101 Things That Happened on the Mackinac Bridge**

by Mike Fornes.

**Tuesday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m.**

The Mackinac Bridge, an iconic symbol of Michigan, has sparked hundreds of stories—some myths, some truths.

Mike Fornes will unravel some of the mysteries and fables of the bridge in his presentation, “101 Things that Happened on the Mackinac Bridge.” Admission is free.

Fornes, a former reporter, has covered the Mackinac Bridge and the United States Coast Guard Cutter Mackinaw for 26 years via radio and television and The Cheboygan Daily Tribune. He will discuss the bridge’s history including strange crossings, tragedies and humorous events that have happened on the five-mile span.

Presented by: the Cass City Area Historical & Genealogy Society

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**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Friends of the Library Book Sale**

Thursday, August 4 - Saturday, August 6

During regular library hours—

Great selection at great prices!
Every month I have the pleasure of meeting with the Library Board who provide expertise and wisdom as they contemplate policies, fees, and programming - all with the goal of having the best library for our community. Two board members represent each of the townships in our district: Novesta, Elkland, Elmwood and the Village of Cass City and they are appointed for four-year terms and may be reappointed. Many thanks to Russ Biefer, Dale Churchill, Lyle Clarke, Linda Guza, Kathy Milligan, Mimi Nicol, Bunny Porter, and Steve Wright for their dedicated service as Rawson Library Board members. ~ Ruth

Artists and Collectors –
If you would like to share your artwork or collection with the library community please let us know! We have space in the lobby display case as well as in the library proper to showcase your art or collection. Contact Ruth to schedule a month for your display.

Easy Herbs
Wednesday, May 18 at 1:00 p.m.
Learn about 3 culinary herbs, recipes to use them in, the aromatherapy of each, and medicinal uses. Plants included while supplies last. Cost of class is $20. Presented by the Friends of the Library.

Looking for a job, but unsure where to start? On Wednesday, July 13 at 11 a.m. Rawson Library will be having a How to Write a Resume class. This class will help you create a resume for a career. Feel free to bring your current resume to have help updating it, or an electronic device to start a new one.

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.

- May: Chinese Five Spice
- June: Ground Mustard
- July: Basil

Color Me Calm
Color me calm is a ninety minute relaxation coloring program where you can come on in and wind down and listen to relaxing music while you color.

This is an older adult program.

May 11 at 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
Rawson library will provide coloring materials or you may bring your own.

Library Services—How can we help you?
- Copies & Scanning up to 11x17
- Fax—Send or Receive
- Notary
- Meeting Room
- eBooks & eAudiobooks
- Study Rooms
- Inter Library Loan—Home Delivery
- www.mel.org—Wireless Printing
- DVD & CD Cleaning
- Computer Work Stations
- Lamination
- Wi-Fi Hotspots & Laptops
- Seed Library

August 2
Voters to Consider Operating Millage Renewal
If you are a registered voter in Elmwood, Elkland, or Novesta Township, please plan on voting August 2. If you are going to be out of town or on vacation, please contact your Township Clerk and request an absentee ballot. Renewal of the library’s .35 operating millage will be on the ballot.

This is NOT new money. Library Board Trustees are only requesting that voters continue funding part of the library operations for the next four years. With penal fines always in flux, now more than ever, our millages are essential for library operations.

The revenue that millage monies generate support the general operation of the library and helps fund such things as: Children’s programs and services; Reference services; Homebound delivery; Utilities; and Programming like summer reading, story times, and 1,000 Books before Kindergarten; Seed Library, Book Club, and events for adults and teens.

In 2021, nearly 2,300 items were borrowed from other libraries at no cost to patrons. There are 49,508 items in our library collection plus over 23,000 ebooks and eaudio books available to Rawson Memorial Library residents in our service area. There are seven public computers and Wi-Fi for use inside and outside the facility which were used 1,500 times. This is your millage money at work!
Reed Sisters Magic Show

Monday, July 11, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of magical fun!

In this high energy act they combine illusions, comedy, drama, and dance to make it fun for all ages. Their deep love of the stage, high energy, charismatic stage presence, and inherent need to thrill their audience shines through in all of their performances making their act one not to be missed.

Upcoming Events

**MAY**
- 6 Friends of the Library Mtg, 10:00 a.m.
- 11 Color Me Calm, 1 p.m.
- 12 Lego Club, 3:15 - 4:30 p.m.
- 17 Library Board Mtg, 9:00 a.m.
- 18 Easy Herbs, 1:00 p.m.
- 21 Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
- 24 Lego Club, 3:15 - 4:30 p.m.
- 26 Ravenous Readers, 12:00 p.m.
- 30 Library Closed for Memorial Day

**JUNE**
- 3 Friends of the Library Mtg, 10:00 a.m.
- 7 Lego Club, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
- 8, 15, 22 & 29 Senior Movies, 1:00 p.m.
- 13 Summer Reading Signup, 10:00 a.m.
- 14, 21 & 28 Teen Time, 3:00 p.m.
- 16, 23 Story Time, 1:30 p.m.
- 18 Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
- 20 & 27 Movie Monday, 1:30 p.m.
- 21 Library Board Mtg, 9:00 a.m.

**JULY**
- 1 Friends of the Library Mtg, 10:00 a.m.
- 2 Library Closed, See us at the Freedom Festival Parade
- 4 Library Closed for Independence Day
- 5, 12 & 19 Teen Time, 3:00 p.m.
- 6, 13, 20 & 27 Senior Movies, 1:00 p.m.
- 7 & 14 Story Time, 1:30 p.m.
- 11 Reed Sisters Magician Show, 1:00 p.m.
- 13 How To-Resume, 11:00 a.m.
- 16 Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
- 19 Library Board Mtg, 9:00 a.m.
- 21 Summer Reading Picnic, 12:00 p.m.
- 26 Lego Club, 3:15 - 4:30 p.m.