

# NEWS & EVENTS

## Happy Retirement, Ruth!

After nearly 24 years of dedicated service at Rawson Memorial District Library, our Director, Ruth Steele, was honored at a retirement party on March 19, 2026. Speakers included Dale Churchill (Library Board Chairman), Kate Van Auken (former Rawson Director & current White Pine Library Cooperative Director), and Pam Wright (Rawson's new Director). Current and past board members and staff, other library directors from the Thumb, fellow Rotarians, and many more patrons and friends came to offer their congratulations and wish her well! Ruth was also presented with a special tribute from the Library of Michigan—a Certificate of Achievement from Interim State Librarian, Michelle Bradley.

Ruth began at Rawson as Special Programming Librarian in September 2002, and then became Assistant Director in 2008. In July 2019, Ruth became Director and stepped up to maintain the mission of the library and to enhance how we best serve our patrons. During her tenure as Director, Ruth has effectively led the library through the evolving needs of our community, starting with the pandemic all the way through our recent renovation. Many have commented on how warm and welcoming the library space is now, especially in the children's section. She was also responsible for events like our



Pictured above is Ruth with her Library of Michigan tribute

month-long quilt show, and was an active participant in the Freedom Festival parades and the Christmas in the Village parades for as long as we can remember. Ruth's work has positively impacted those whom she has served in Cass City, and she will truly be missed.



Pictured are 4 Rawson Library Directors (left to right):

Pam Wright (2026-), Barb Hutchinson (1971-2002), Ruth Steele (2019-2026), and Kate Van Auken (2002-2019).



# UNEARTH A STORY™

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM



**EXPLORE SOMETHING NEW THIS SUMMER WITH UNEARTH A STORY, OUR 2026 SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR ALL AGES. DISCOVER THE EXCITEMENT BY DIGGING INTO A GOOD BOOK!**

**TRACK YOUR READING, HIT YOUR GOALS, AND ENJOY FUN REWARDS AS YOU MAKE YOUR WAY THROUGH THE ADVENTURE.**

**Friends of Rawson Library**

**THUMB BANK & TRUST**

**THEATRE**

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR SPONSORS!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**SUMMER READING SIGN-UP EVENT**  
JUNE 8  
10:00-NOON

**STORY TIMES**  
JUNE 9 JUNE 23  
JULY 14

**KID CRAFT**  
**MUST PRE-REGISTER**  
JUNE 16 JULY 7 JULY 21

**SUMMER LEGO CLUB**  
JUNE 11 JUNE 25  
JULY 9 JULY 16



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## TEENS

We invite any and all teenagers to join us this summer for our 2026 Summer Reading Program: *Unearth a Story!* Take on this year's reading challenge and earn chances to win a prize bundle at the end of the summer. Come meet up with us 3:30pm on Wednesday each week of the program for our Teen Times with snacks, games, and fun mental and hands-on activities. This year's dinosaur theme is sure to appeal to any teen interested in prehistoric life, archaeology, reading, or just finding something fun to do out of the summer heat. Don't miss our sign up party on Monday, June 8 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. to pick up your goodie bag and information on the

summer's events at the library. (But if you do miss the sign up, don't worry, just come to the front desk any day of the program after the sign up and register there.) See you this summer!

Our weekly LEGO Club has been having such great turnouts that we've decided to fit them into our summer schedule as well! The last regularly scheduled weekly LEGO Club for the school year will be on May 19, but we will host dino-themed LEGO Clubs in conjunction with our *Unearth a Story* Summer Reading Program at 3:30 p.m. on June 11 & 25 and July 9 & 16. Weekly LEGO Club will return in September.



- May 11**—*Once Upon a Chef: Weeknight/Weekend*  
by Jennifer Segal
- June 8**—*The Island Plate*  
by Wanda A. Adams
- July 13**—*The Pioneer Woman Cooks: Dinner's Ready!*  
by Ree Drummond

The **Cookbook Club** meets the 2nd Monday evening each month @ 5:30 pm. If you are interested in participating, please stop by the circulation desk for more information or call the library at 989.872.2856.

### SAVE THE DATE:

Friends of the Library

**BIG Book Sale**

July 29 - August 1



### Crafty Creators

The **Crafty Creators** meets on Fridays from 1:30-3:30 pm. This spring's dates are:

May 8, 15, 22.

Stop in when you are able, and bring your current project to work on while you visit with other crafters.



**RMDL**

seed library

### The Seed Library is Open!

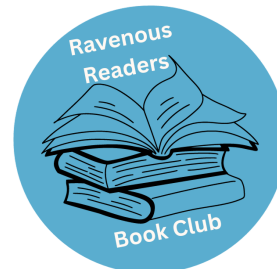
A big thank you to our generous community donors who keep the shelves stocked with rhubarb, milkweed, sunflowers, marigold, morning glory, dill, and so many more!

This year, the Michigan Seed

Library Network's "One Seed, One State" selection being shared with every seed library across Michigan is Calendula 'Pacific Beauty'.

We've also stocked up on beautiful open-pollinated varieties, including a festive Red, White & Blue collection to celebrate America 250! Stop by soon—supplies are limited!

Happy planting! Borrow, grow, and return those seeds. We can't wait to see what you'll grow this season.



### May 27—Choose Your Own Read & Potluck

The **Ravenous Readers Book Club** meets the 4th Wednesday of each month @ noon. If you are interested in participating, please stop by the circulation desk for more information or call the library at 989.872.2856.



**MAY**

- 1 Friends of the Library Mtg, 10:00 a.m.
- 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 27 Tai Chi II, 9:00 a.m.
- 5, 12, 19 Lego Club, 3:30 p.m.
- 5, 9 Eat Your Way to Health, 10:00 a.m.
- 7 Review Eat Your Way to Health, 10 a.m.
- 8, 15, 22 Crafty Creators, 1:30 p.m.
- 11 Cookbook Club, 5:30 p.m.
- 18 Teen Game Club, 3:30 p.m.
- 19 Library Board Mtg, 9:00 a.m.
- 25 Library Closed for Memorial Day
- 27 Ravenous Readers, 12:00 p.m.

**JUNE**

- 1, 3 Tai Chi II, 9:00 a.m.
- 2, 6 Eat Your Way to Health, 10:00 a.m.
- 4 Review Eat Your Way to Health, 10 a.m.
- 5 Friends of the Library Mtg, 10:00 a.m.
- 8 Summer Reading Signup, 10:00 a.m.
- 8 Cookbook Club, 5:30 p.m.
- 9, 23 Story Time, 1:30 p.m.
- 10, 17, 24 Teen Time, 3:30 p.m.
- 11, 25 Lego Club, 3:30 p.m.
- 16 Library Board Mtg, 9:00 a.m.
- Kid Craft, 12:30 p.m.
- 18 Storyteller Paul Strickland, 1:30 p.m.

**JULY**

- 3 Friends of the Library Mtg, 10:00 a.m.
- 4, 6 Library Closed for Independence Day
- 7, 11 Eat Your Way to Health, 10:00 a.m.
- 7, 21 Kid Craft, 12:30 p.m.
- 8, 15, 22 Teen Time, 3:30 p.m.
- 9 Review Eat Your Way to Health, 10 a.m.
- 9, 16 Lego Club, 3:30 p.m.
- 13 Cookbook Club, 5:30 p.m.
- 14 Story Time, 1:30 p.m.
- 21 Library Board Mtg, 9:00 a.m.
- 23 Summer Reading Picnic, 12:00 p.m.

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## Summer Reading Picnic

Please join us for lunch  
& special guest  
**Amber L. Hughey**



Event Begins @ Noon  
July 23rd

for an unforgettable snake showcase!



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### SUMMER READING PROGRAM SIGN UP!

**MONDAY JUNE 8TH**  
10:00-NOON

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Tuesday, Thursday | 9 a.m.—5:30 p.m.  
Saturday | 9 a.m.—4 p.m.



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