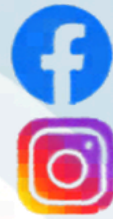




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This newsletter is
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NEWS & EVENTS

Summer Reading Program Wrap Up

What an incredible summer of stories, learning, and community we shared at Rawson Memorial Library! This year's Summer Reading Challenge brought 130+ readers of all ages together to log record-breaking minutes, discover new books, and earn fantastic prizes.

Our weekly events kept the library hopping, drawing a total of over 700 visitors over the entire summer. Kids packed the room for crafts and built creative designs at LEGO Club. Storytimes drew well over 150 attendees, and storyteller Paul Strickland delivered an unforgettable performance to a crowd of 75 eager listeners.

To celebrate these achievements, we wrapped up our season in style with our annual Summer Reading Picnic at the Lions Pavilion. Patrons enjoyed a wonderful community lunch alongside special guest Amber L. Hughey who put on a hands-on exciting Snake Showcase that had everyone on the edge of their seats. The picnic also served as the backdrop for our grand prize drawings, sending several lucky readers home with some final summer rewards.

We extend a massive thank you to every participant and to the dedicated **Friends of Rawson Library** volunteers. We are deeply grateful to our local sponsors—**Thumb Bank**, **The Cass Theatre**, **Cass City Parks and Recreation**, and **Cass City McDonald's**—whose incredible support made this year a resounding success!



Story Teller Paul
Strickland

The Story Teller was made possible
by the Friends of the Rawson
Library, in memory of former FoL
Chair Mary Keroson



Paul and FoL co - chair
Connie Iwankovitsch

Story Time

Thursday mornings 10:00–11:00

September, October, & November



Looking for a fun, free morning activity for your little ones?
Bring your family to the library and dive into a world of
imagination, learning, and fun!

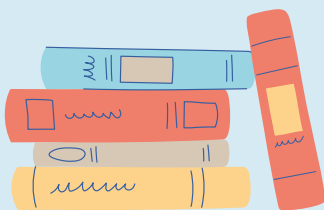
All ages welcome! (Perfect for kids ages 2–5 and their
caregivers)

Come make crafts, meet local families, and spark a lifelong
love for reading.

Friends of the Library Updates and Upcoming

Mark your calendars for two exciting upcoming FOL events:

The annual Big Book Sale will be
held in the Pinney Room and runs
**Wednesday, July 29 through
Saturday, August 1.** Plan to stop
by every day—you never know
what treasures you'll find!



Annual Online Auction. Following the
great success of last year's auction, the
FOL is excited to bring it back—and make
it an annual tradition. The FOL is seeking
donations for the auction such as gift
cards, event tickets and passes, themed
gift baskets, memorabilia, artisan-crafted
items, or locally significant items.
Donations are tax deductible, and the FOL
will happily promote business and
individual donors. If you have items to
contribute, please contact the library or a
FOL member.



September - December

TUESDAYS

3:30–4:30

Seed Library

The Seed Library has disbursed over 1,500 seed packets this
season!

We're thrilled that the patriotic seeds honoring America 250
sparked such strong interest. The red, white, and blue popcorns
and bachelor's buttons were a huge hit and disappeared in a burst
of patriotic spirit.

Patrons are invited to harvest seeds from their mature open-
pollinated vegetables and flowers, and return them to help sustain
and grow the Seed Library.

Check back this fall for milkweed seeds. Fall is the ideal time to
plant milkweed for next year's butterflies and pollinators!



The Friends of the Library (FOL) hosted a successful Tea Fundraiser
in May with over 60 attending enjoying a lovely afternoon of
fellowship and support for the library. Thank you to everyone who
attended and helped make it a success!

Your support helps fund library programs, events, and resources
that benefit the entire community. Thank you for being part of the
Friends of the Library!

Teens

Our teen group had an awesome time this summer with all sorts of fun activities. We had a scavenger hunt throughout the library, dinosaur-themed Olympic games, a pizza party, and we even made our own petroglyphs out of clay and paint. Besides our activities, we also had our two dino-riffic prize bundles which were given to two adamant readers who participated in our program. We hope that anyone who came to an event or even just logged reading time had a great summer of reading with us. We hope to see you next year, and be on the lookout for teen events throughout the school year. You never know what we might come up with.

Our summer LEGO clubs were a blast and for anyone who can't wait for more LEGO time, or anyone who might have missed out on the previous ones, you need not wait much longer. Our weekly LEGO Club will return Tuesday, September 8th, and will run EVERY Tuesday at 3:30. Come build with us, and have your creations displayed in our glass showcase. (LEGOs provided, please do not bring your own. LEGO Club is cancelled if Cass City Schools have a snow day. Ages 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.)



The 2026-2027 book list will be available soon! If you are already a book club attendee, the list will be mailed to you. The first book on the list is *James* by Percival Everett. This book is a reimagining of *Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain and has won the National Book Award for Fiction in 2024 & the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 2025.

The **Ravenous Readers Book Club** will also be changing their meeting time to the 1st Wednesday of each month @ noon, instead of the 4th Wednesday. If you are interested in participating, please stop by the circulation desk for more information or call the library at 989.872.2856.

Hope to see you on September 2nd!

New Staff Members at the Library

Max Morell is our new Library Assistant. Max hails from Clarkston, Michigan, graduated from Grand Valley State University, and has most recently worked as a substitute teacher at Cass City schools. Just about one year ago, Max and his wife moved to Cass City when Chelsea began working at Hills & Dales. They enjoy hiking/camping and spending time with their golden retriever, Rosey. Some other hobbies Max enjoys are strategic board, card, and role playing games, as well as miniature war gaming.



Welcome Max!

Reading is also a favorite pastime, especially sci-fi and fantasy. His favorite authors include Tolkien, Octavia Butler, and Brandon Sanderson. Max is also a member of the Friends of the Library and Cass City Rotary Club. You will most likely see Max working in the afternoon at the desk or processing MeL interlibrary loan material. Make sure to stop in and say "hi" to Max!

Jessica Culbert is our new Library Clerk. Jessica is a native of Caro, graduated from Saginaw Valley State University, and has most recently worked as a high school substitute teacher at Caro schools. Cass City became Jessica's home approximately 2 years ago, and she is busy planning for her upcoming fall wedding. Some of Jessica's favorite pastimes are reading, building large lego sets, and spending time with her 4 dogs, all Boston terrier pug mixes.

Her favorite authors are Freida McFadden (thriller), Elsie Silver (western romance), and Kristin Hannah (historical fiction). Jessica started working at Rawson June 1 and has been helping with our Summer Reading Program, especially the teen time and lego club. You will also see her working the desk in the afternoon. Make sure to stop in and say "hi" to Jessica!



Welcome Jessica!



August 10—*Seed to Plate; Soil to Sky*
by Lois Ellen Frank

September 14—*Kickoff Kitchen*
by Tim Lopez

October 12—*The Anti-Inflammatory Diet & Action Plans*
by Dorothy Calimeris & Sonni Bruner

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.

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Friday | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

FOL Big Book Sale

July 29th thru
August 1st



New Library Hours!

Starting August 10th the library hours will
be as follows:
Monday thru Thursday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.



You can now add the following library
on Libby:
Jackson District Library

That is in addition to the 14 other
libraries besides White Pine:

Bay County Library System

Download Destination

Genesee District Library

Great Lakes Digital Libraries

Lakeland Digital Library

Metro Net Library Consortium

Mideastern Michigan Library
Cooperative

Midwest Collaborative for Library
Services

Southwest Michigan Digital Library

St Clair County Library System

Suburban Library Cooperative

Traverse Area District Library

Up North Digital Collection

Woodlands Downloadable Library



August

- 4, 8 Eat Your Way to Health, 10:00 a.m.
- 6 Review: Eat Your Way to Health, 9:00 a.m.
- 7 Friends of the Library Mtg, 10:00 a.m.
- 10 Cookbook Club, 5:30 p.m.
- 13, 27 Bunco, 12:30 p.m.
- 17 Preserving MI Harvest, 6:00 p.m.
- 18 Library Board Mtg, 9:00 a.m.

September

- 1, 5 Eat Your Way to Health, 10:00 a.m.
- 2 Ravenous Readers, 12:00 p.m.
- 3, 10, 17 Story Time, 9:00 a.m.
- 4 Friends of the Library Mtg, 10:00 a.m.
- 5 Review: Eat Your Way to Health, 9:00 a.m.
- 7 Library Closed - Labor Day
- 8, 15, 22 Lego Club, 3:30 p.m.
- 10, 24 Bunco, 12:30 p.m.
- 14 Cookbook Club, 5:30 p.m.
- 15 Library Board Mtg, 9:00 a.m.
- 22 Preserving MI Harvest, 2:00 p.m.
- 25 thru 28 Friends of the Library Online Auction

October

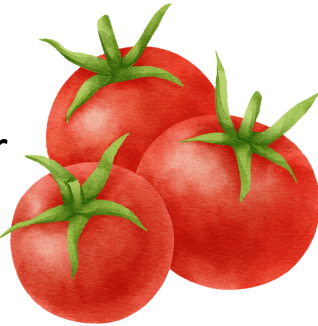
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Preserving MI Harvest Classes

August 17th at 6 p.m. and September 22nd at 2 p.m.

Are you interested in preserving food at home? We are excited to announce the Michigan State University Extension will be hosting 2 programs with us. Learn best practices for safe home food preservation and receive valuable resources to ensure the safety of your home preserved foods.

Join us August
17th at 6 p.m. for
'Tomatoes and
Salsas'.



Join us September 22 at
2 p.m. for 'Preserving What's
Left in the Garden'.





Apply to be a

KID LIBRARIAN!



Get your application at the circulation desk.

**September 14th-
November 23rd**

Kids Age 6-12



Become our next Kid Librarian! For two weeks, one lucky child will take over a special display behind the circulation desk to share their love of reading with the community. The display will feature the child's photograph, their favorite book recommendations from our shelves, original artwork, and fun facts about them. It is the perfect way to celebrate your young reader and inspire other kids in our community to discover new books.



4th of July Parade
group with the float