Memory Maker Kits

Thanks to a generous grant from the Pinney Foundation, Rawson Memorial Library is adding eight Memory Maker Kits for patrons to check out. Each kit has items that engage as many senses as possible and that encourage memories/remembering. These kits are geared toward patrons or their loved ones with dementia, autism, ADHD, or anxiety. They also may be used for those who have had strokes or other impairments to aid in increasing their sensory and fine motor skills.

The Memory Maker Kits provide opportunities for adults and those who care for them to reminisce which generates joy, comfort, and engagement, enhancing their quality of life. The kits give family members new and creative ways of interacting with their loved ones.

The kits cover eight topics: homemaking, handyman, the great outdoors, farms, and one for each season of the year. Each kit includes a puzzle, an I-Spy sensory bottle with a laminated card of items to find, a DVD plus activity/discussion cards, and a fidget blanket, and the items are contained in a labeled tote bag. Kits may be checked out for 2 weeks.

Summer Reading Program Wrap Up

The summer reading program was a smashing success! Over 90 participants turned in their registration forms. Participants logged their reading progress and exchanged beads. They also have earned a chance to be entered into a Lego grand prize drawing. Young patrons joined the Puppy Club and completed early literacy activities to earn prizes and their chance to win their own Lego grand prize.

Thursdays Story Times saw big turnouts. The first Story Time had 50 plus people in attendance. Working within the All Together Now, theme we shared our similarities and celebrated our differences. Each week we highlighted a different country and learned interesting facts, customs, and food people eat in different parts of the world.

At the Summer Reading Program wrap-up picnic we shared food, played games, and handed out prizes. Each participant received a free movie pass along with a book.

Embracing the All Together Now theme, different businesses in the community collaborated with the library. Special thanks go out to Petal N Bean for allowing us to host different special events there throughout the summer. Also to The Cass Theatre for awarding all our program participants with a free movie pass. Lastly, to The Friends of the Library, without your dedication and volunteer work these events couldn’t be the success they are.

MANHATTAN SHORT

Film Festival is coming to Cass City.

This Film Festival screens simultaneously across the world during a one-week period, where attendees vote for Best Film and Best Actor awards at each participating venue. Every short film selected will automatically become qualified for the Oscars of 2024. Not only do MANHATTAN SHORT filmgoers get the chance to watch the cream of the crop of this year’s international short films, every audience votes for their favorite film and actor. This year, The Cass Theater has graciously partnered with us so we can experience the film festival on the big screen! Showings at The Cass Theater are Friday, September 29, 7 pm; Saturday, September 30, 7 pm; Sunday, October 1, 4 pm. Invite your family and friends to join you at one of these showings.

ABOVE PHOTO: Contents of a Memory Maker Kit
In addition to MeL’s NovelList Plus, Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center, PebbleGo, and LearningExpress Library, another great eResource is Britannica School. This database is an interactive digital encyclopedia with information specifically geared towards school-age children grades 3-12 that allows you to choose elementary, middle, or high school reading levels.

Here you can find 130,000+ fact-checked articles, 100,000+ images and videos, and 1,100+ biographies in an engaging easy-to-use format. Additional content includes journals and magazines, related eBooks and primary sources, and editor recommended websites. Teachers also appreciate that this site includes Lexile ranges and aligns with the curricular standards for Michigan’s Department of Education. Students have the ability to choose the read-aloud function, or to translate the articles to over 80 languages as well. Another cool feature is that you can download the Google Chrome extension which enhances your web browsing by directing you to Britannica School if any information matches your searches.

How do you begin using Britannica School? Connect to MeL through our website (www.rawsonlibrary.org), open up the eResources tab, click on Britannica School, and begin your search. No need to create a username and password unless you want to save your favorites for future reference. You may also print, email, or use citations provided for your projects. We would be glad to help you at the library with any other information you need in the many subjects areas you are learning. Have a great school year!

Pam Wright, Assistant Library Director
Library Renovations

The Rawson Library Board 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 have 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. During the renovation process, it will be necessary to be closed because everything will be moved into the Pinney Room so that painting and carpeting can be completed. We are expecting this to take place in the later part of September, but the dates have not been finalized and depend on material delivery dates. As soon as we know the specific dates we’ll let you know. At that time we encourage all readers to take out LOTS of books to keep you well supplied while we are closed. Petal N Bean has graciously invited us to host our regular programs in the front room of their restaurant – we have great neighbors! So as you read through this newsletter regarding our upcoming events, please remember that we may need to change the location to Petal N Bean. We will post the information on our website, Facebook page, and electronic sign. We are sorry for this interruption in our regular services, but we think it will bring exciting improvements to our library. Feel free to contact me, Ruth Steele, with any questions or concerns at director@rawsonlibrary.org.

Bookmark Challenge

Draw a colorful bookmark inspired by your library, your love for reading, or your favorite book. Entry deadline Thursday, October 12 @ 5:30pm

There will be three age groups and a winner from each age group. The winning bookmarks will be professionally printed and distributed at the circulation desk in December. All entries will be showcased throughout the library.

- Kindergarten-6th grade
- 7th grade-12 grade
- Adult

Contest rules: bookmarks should measure 7.5 in by 2.25 inch. Only one entry per person. You can pick up a copy of the entry form and sample bookmark at the circulation desk.

Library Services

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

Pokémon Club

3:30pm-4:30pm.

Join us on the first Wednesday of each month from 3:30pm-4:30pm for Pokémon Club!

Learn how to play the card game and build your Pokémon deck, trade cards or just show off your collection!

All ages are welcome to attend this free event. Children ages 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult in order to stay and play. If an adult is not present, the parent/guardian of the child may be called to come and pick up their child(ren).

Lego Club

3:30pm-4:30pm.

All ages are welcome; 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Check calendar for upcoming dates.

Ravenous Readers Book Club

September 6: What Alice Forgot by Liane Moriarty

October 25: The Lost Apothecary by Sarah Penner

The Ravenous Readers meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at noon (with the exception of September due to the remodel).

The library will have two copies of each book. You are also welcome to interloan a copy of each book. The library will provide tea and coffee.

Bring your lunch and join us for some great book discussions!

If you are interested in joining this group, stop by the circulation desk for more information or call the library at 989.872.2856.
Upcoming Events

**Rawson Library’s Adult End of Summer Game Board**
During the month of August, stop in at the library to pick up an end of summer game board. Turn in your completed game board by August 31st to be entered into a drawing.

**Bring Your Own Craft**
Got a project you’re in the middle of, but can’t seem to find the time to finish it? Rawson Library invites you to come and relax while finishing your current project, or bring a fresh one to start. Thursday, August 10 @ 3 p.m.

**Bath Bombs**
Create your own bath bomb Wednesday, August 23 @ 4 p.m. Materials provided. This event is intended for persons 18 years or older. Registration is required by August 16.

*Return Service Requested*