

# Rawson Memorial

District Library

# NEWS & EVENTS

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## 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.



## 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.



ABOVE PHOTO: Contents of a Memory Maker Kit

## 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.



## Use MeL's eResources as you go Back To School!

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](http://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

## New Staff Member at Rawson Library

Marisa Stanko is our new Children's Programming Librarian. She joined the staff at the end of February and has been very busy planning and implementing Story Times, First Grade Tours, and Summer Reading activities. She brings enthusiasm and creativity to all she does, and she's a great asset to our library team. Please welcome Marisa next time you visit the library.



ABOVE PHOTO FROM LEFT: Mackenzie, Lukas, Blake, Pam, Ruth, Marisa and Averi with the Rawson Library parade float.

## Woodwork Show Planned

In February 2024, Rawson Memorial Library is hosting an exhibit of woodwork projects by local artists. Submissions of various kinds of woodwork are solicited. Examples include but are not limited to carvings, turnings, pyrography, scroll saw work, marquetry, and furniture (smaller pieces). Each artist may enter up to 5 pieces and these items may be dropped off at the library January 29-31, 2024. The items will remain on display throughout February 2024. Also, if you are willing to teach a class about woodworking, please contact Ruth at the library ([director@rawsonlibrary.org](mailto:director@rawsonlibrary.org)). It'll be a great month of beauty, creativity and inspiration! We hope you'll plan to participate.

<h1>Smart Start Storytimes</h1>		
	<b>· your partner in education ·</b>	

**Rawson Library invites you to join us for stories, singing, and crafts**

**Thursday mornings in October from 10:00 a.m.—10:45 a.m.**

**Ages 2-5 welcome.**

**Our October Theme is Falling for Fall**

Rawson's Smart Start Story Times help develop children's early literacy skills. Developing these literacy skills can have lifelong benefits, such as building confidence and self-esteem, encouraging independent learning, improving attention span, and enriching communication skills.

**Please be sure to register for Story Times at the circulation desk, online, or by phone (989) 872-2856. Limited Space Available**

## 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](mailto:director@rawsonlibrary.org).

## Clubs @Rawson

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



**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 internloan 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.



**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.

## Bookmark Challenge

Draw a colorful bookmark inspired by your library, your love for reading, or you 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



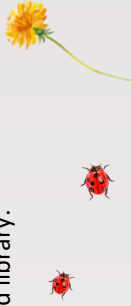
## Library Services

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



**Seed Library**

Seed Cleaning Kits available to clean your saved seeds! Look for the kits next to the seed library.



## Upcoming Events

**AUGUST**

- 3, 4, 5 Book Sale, during library hours
- 10 Bring your own craft, 3:00 p.m.
- 15 Library Board Mtg, 9:00 a.m.
- 19 Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
- 23 Self Care Bath Bombs, 4:00 p.m.

**SEPTEMBER**

- 1 Friends of the Library Mtg, 10:00 a.m.
- 4 Library closed for holiday
- 6 Ravenouse Readers, 12:00 p.m.  
Pokémon Club, 3:30 p.m.
- 12, 28 Lego Club, 3:30 p.m.
- 19 Library Board Mtg, 9:00 a.m.
- 29, 30 Manhattan Short @ Cass Theatre, 7:00 p.m.

**OCTOBER**

- 1 Manhattan Short @ Cass Theatre, 4:00 p.m.
- 4 Pokémon Club, 3:30 p.m.
- 6 Friends of the Library Mtg, 10:00 a.m.
- 10, 26 Lego Club, 3:30 p.m.
- 21 Bingo, 12:30 p.m.



We'll see you soon at the library!



## AUGUST

Don't Miss—Happening Soon

**RAWSON LIBRARY'S ADULT END OF SUMMER GAME BOARD**

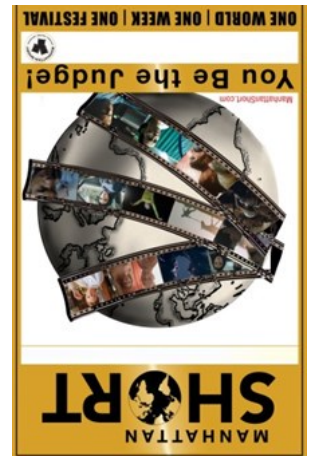
During the month of August, stop in at the library to pick up an end of summer game board. Turn in your completed game board by August 31st to be entered into a drawing.

**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.



*At the Cass Theatre!*  
 Friday, 9/29 at 7:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, 9/30 at 7:00 p.m.  
 Sunday, 10/1 at 4:00 p.m.

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

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