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District Library

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This newsletter is brought to you by:

The Friends of Rawson Library

NEWS & EVENTS

March is Reading Month

Stop in during the month of March and try and guess the correct book title based on some lines from a book.

There will be two different jars, each with a different book.

Those who guess correctly will be placed in a drawing and the winner will receive a gift card. Good luck!!

Woodwork Show

Area residents who enjoy woodworking are invited to share their craft with the community at the Rawson Memorial Library Woodwork show in February. Articles for this show may include furniture pieces or small items. Items do not need to have been constructed recently. Residents with a family piece that was handmade are welcome to include it in the display. Because of space limitations, it may be necessary to limit the display to 3 or 4 pieces per person. Items for the show should be brought to the library beginning January 29. Be sure to stop by the library in February to view the items on display.

Cookbook Club

Calling all food enthusiasts and book lovers! Rawson is combining two of our favorite things—books & food—to start our first ever cookbook club!

When & Where? Starting February 12th, we will meet in the Pinney room of the library every 2nd Monday of each month from 5:30 - 6:30 pm.

How Will This Work? Each month a cookbook or theme will be chosen. During the month prior to the meeting, the chosen cookbook will be located at the circulation desk. Each participant will select a recipe, jot down their selection on a sign-up list (so we don't have repeats), then prepare the dish to share at our potluck on the day of our meeting. Plates, napkins, plasticware, and water will be provided. During our get-together we will then discuss the cookbook—both the “cooking” (making the recipes) & the “book” (author, recipe collection, etc.).

Why Participate?

- Try new cookbooks! Have you ever spent money for a cookbook only to find you only like very few of the recipes? The library has many different cookbooks to borrow, but participating in the cookbook club has the added benefit of trying multiple recipes at once, with only the cost and time spent on one.
- In a culinary rut? If cooking at home has become a chore, or you're not feeling creative, participating in the cookbook club can be just the spark needed to inspire you. You might even try out a new recipe or book you never would have tried on your own!
- It's a potluck of ideas! Cookbook club can be a great place to meet other cooks and foodies to share tips and ideas. Share the excitement together with friends, old & new!

February's Cookbook: *Magnolia Table* by Joanna Gaines

*Please note: if you happen to own one of the cookbooks we choose, please still sign-up so we know you are coming and what you are bringing.

Earning College Credits in High School: What Families Need to Know

On Monday, March 18, 6:30-7:30 pm join Joan Helwig, Career and College Prep Consultant for this program intended for 7th to 11th graders and their parents. Learn about all the ways you can earn college credits during high school. Find out about Michigan’s Dual Enrollment Program and how it can help you get a jump start on earning college credits in high school...saving both time and money.

FAFSA Drop-In Help

Joan Helwig, Career and College Prep Consultant will be available to help you with the new and updated FAFSA form during two drop-in sessions on Monday, January 29, and Wednesday, February 7 between 6-7:30 pm. These free sessions are open to all individuals who will be completing the 2024-2025 FAFSA.

Tax Forms

The Federal and State governments are encouraging taxpayers to file tax forms online and use online resources to print copies of forms. This year the library will be getting some print forms, and we are also able to assist you in downloading and printing forms for 15¢ a page. Members of the staff are happy to assist in locating forms, but cannot give help with tax questions. Federal tax forms are available at www.irs.gov/forms-instructions. Michigan forms are available at www.michigan.gov/taxes/iit-forms.

Library Showcase

The library has a wonderful showcase located in the foyer. It is often used to highlight library activities, but we also love to display collections belonging to people of the community. If you have a special collection that you would like displayed, please give us a call!

Lego Club

3:30pm-4:30pm.

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

Baby & Toddler Play Group



Join us for the 2nd Thursday of the month January through April at 10:00 a.m.–11:00a.m. Bring your baby or toddler in for an hour of play!

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Ages 0-3

Limited spacing available

Must be pre-registered

Register by phone, online, or at the circulation desk.



“Caching” Characters on Main

Join us at Rawson Library on April 27th from 10am-12:30pm for a fun geocaching event.

Learn the basics of geocaching-which is essentially a giant treasure hunt with a GPS device or compass.

Learn how to use the app on your smartphone to find all kinds of caches hidden near you!

Set out to find some geocaches placed specifically for this event and end back at the library for some refreshments and a time of Q&A

This program is free and great for all ages. No sign up is necessary.



Come in and see our new 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten display!

What is 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten?

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a self-guided, ongoing program for all children, from birth up until they start school, with the goal of encouraging every child to read at least 1,000 books before kindergarten.

Stop by the circulation desk today to register.

Smart Start Storytimes



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Story Times will be the 1st & 3rd Thursday mornings 10:00-10:45 from January through April!

Ages 2-5

Welcome

Rawson Library’s Smart Start Story Times teach listening comprehension, social skills, vocabulary building, and letter and number recognition.

Register today by phone, online, or at the circulation desk.

Memorial Gifts 2023

Memorials were made in memory of:

- Keith Brown
- Nicole Doerr
- Leo Feebish
- Glyn Parrott Hill
- Ed Knight
- Naomi Larocque
- Bonnie Benkleman McLemore
- Joanie Merchant
- Michelle Chard Powell
- Dorothy Ann Warner

Henna Program

Join us on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at 1 pm for a fascinating program about Henna. Our presenter, Anshu Varma, was born in north India and grew up in Calcutta and New Delhi. As a child she was fascinated by the tradition of meh'ndi, a paste of henna used to decorate the hands and feet with ornate patterns, resulting in a temporary tattoo. Adults ages 16 & up are invited to join Anshu Varma as she teaches how to create your own Henna tattoo. An all-natural ingredient Henna applicator, various traditional and contemporary designs are provided along with personalized instruction. Anshu will also talk about the traditional and cultural origins of henna and give a saree demonstration. Register for this event by Friday, April 12 at the circulation desk, via phone (989-872-2856), or online.



During the entire month of February, you can head to Rawson Memorial Library and have a mysterious match up.

All you have to do is check out one of the wrapped books on display.

Sure, you might be disappointed but then again... you may end up having a great time with something you would otherwise never have ventured to read.

Inside the cover of each book is a Rate Your Blind Date slip. With each COMPLETED slip that you return, you will be entered into a drawing.

One lucky winner will earn dinner for two at the Charmont. Stop by Rawson Memorial Library between February 1 and 28. You might get lucky; if not in love then perhaps in literature!



Pokémon Club

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

Learn how to play the card game, battle each other, build your own Pokémon deck, trade cards, or show off your collection.

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

All ages are welcome to attend this free event.

Ages 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Crafty Creators

Book Club

Starting this February

2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month

5:30pm-7:30pm

Bring your sewing, crocheting, knitting or any craft project you are currently working on. Listen to an audiobook while you work.

Come and go as you please during this time.



February 28: *Such a Quiet Place* by Megan Miranda

March 27: *A Rip Through Time* by Kelley Armstrong with a Q&A from the author.

April 24: *What was Mine* by Helen Klein Ross

The Ravenous Readers meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month @ noon.

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.

Library Services

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

Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY

- 1-29 Woodwork Show
- 1, 15 Storytime, 10:00 a.m.
- 2 Friends of the Library Mtg, 10:00 a.m.
- 7 Pokémon Club, 3:30 p.m.
- FAFSA Drop-In, 6:00 p.m.
- 8 Baby & Toddler Play Group, 10:00 a.m.
- 12 Cookbook Club, 5:30 p.m.
- 13, 22 Lego Club, 3:30 p.m.
- 14, 28 Crafty Creators Book Club, 5:30 p.m.
- 20 Library Board Mtg, 9:00 a.m.
- 28 Ravenous Readers, 12:00 p.m.

MARCH

- 1 Friends of the Library Mtg, 10:00 a.m.
- 6 Pokémon Club, 3:30 p.m.
- 7, 21 Storytime, 10:00 a.m.
- 11 Cookbook Club, 5:30 p.m.
- 12, 28 Lego Club, 3:30 p.m.
- 13, 27 Crafty Creators Book Club, 5:30 p.m.
- 14 Baby & Toddler Play Group, 10:00 a.m.
- 18 Earning College Credits, 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Library Board Mtg, 9:00 a.m.
- 20 Rock Painting, 1:00 p.m.
- 27 Ravenous Readers, 12:00 p.m.
- 29 Closed 12-3 p.m. for Good Friday

APRIL

- 3 Pokémon Club, 3:30 p.m.
- 4, 18 Storytime, 10:00 a.m.
- 5 Friends of the Library Mtg, 10:00 a.m.
- 8 Cookbook Club, 5:30 p.m.
- 9, 25 Lego Club, 3:30 p.m.
- 10, 24 Crafty Creators Book Club, 5:30 p.m.
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- 13 Henna Program, 1:00 p.m.
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Join us on March 20th @ 1:00pm
and paint your own rock creation.
Supplies provided; space limited
This program is intended for adults 18+



The Kindness Rock Project started as a way to spread kindness within your community.

Rock Painting @ Rawson Library

During normal business hours.

FEBRUARY WOODWORK SHOW

Monday, Wednesday, Friday | 9 a.m.—8 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday | 9 a.m.—5:30 p.m.
Saturday | 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

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